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"Is life worth living?" Ask of him

So dear unto his sight. "Is life worth living?" Ask of her Who, crowned with widow's weeds, Doth find supremest happiness In kind and noble deeds.

"Is life worth living?" Ask again Of those whose highest sim
Is to assist their fellow man,
Without one thought of fame. "Is life worth Hving?" Ah! dear friend,

Let these good people tell:

A better question far is this—
Is life worth living well?

— Columbus Dispatch. A BRAVE LADY.

How "Her Royal Highness" Fought for Her Life.

can realize the excitement caused by the heroine she was, in mid-charge, witnessing a hand-to-hand conflict beand seen a python crush the life out of dog?" And I could find no answer, a calf in South America, but never save words of praise for the noble creatgazed on a more thrilling episode than ure that lay dead before us. Too much platform hidden among the clustered eaves, from which hiding place it was camp fully satisfied with our day's onvenient to shoot any animals that night come to the pool to drink during the night. Thither repaired one evenng soon after sundown, Maccovoy and myself, accompanied by his Arab servant, a young man named Asilla, who extremely troublesome to swarm. How-ever, with the help of Mac and Asilla, I managed it and secured a comfortable and at once made the guns ready.

dlent than a still night in the desert. these vast oceans of sand, there is no sweet and clear water comes through nsect life, and for several hours after very dirty earth.' he moon rose absolute silence reigned. The other memento is of a different We did not speak. There was no character. It is a bullet, covered with wind. It seemed as if there was a thick coating of rust. At the battle no living thing in that wide- of Brandywine General Lafayette was -pread expanse of country. 1 shot, and fell.
was beginning to feel sleepy and nod "General, I am wounded." he said to ounded close at hand. In an instant we were wide awake and grasped our guns nervously. At the next instant the roar was answered from a location mmediately beneath us. On looking lown we saw a lioness, lying on her Brownsville, Or. belly, her head between her paws, and at the other side. No surgeon came

fro. She looked like a huge cat enjoying some pleasurable sensation. Almost ustantly a third "woof! woof!" ounded at our backs, "Gad, Doc!" breathed Mac, "we are in for a bag tonight!" and a moment later two magafficent males stepped slowly and maestically into view. The female connued to purr and wave her tail gently. As soon as the two lions spied each and carefully they neared each other, the lioness meanwhile watching them as a cat does a mouse. Closer and closer they drew, while we, spellbound, reserved our fire to witness the terri-

ble duel that was impending. And now they crouch and with mutual roars of rage spring at each other, and, meeting, in midleap, fall, biting and tenring, to the earth. We can hear their bones crush between their nan's boot-heel. The lioness, maintaining her tranquil attitude, watched eyes, with a devilish smile on her face. filled the air, mingled with their fran- second, requisite to carry them beyond swered. "Why, they would only go wherein lies the secret of the inventor, tic roaring and the movement of their bodies as they thrashed through the whirling sand. By this time my nerves were so wrought up that I could stand the terrific spectacle no longer, and, taking deliberate aim at the lioness, behind her shoulder the smooth-bore sounded the shriek of the lioness as the heavy ball crashed into her vitals. The two duelists at once ceased their encounter, and as one of them turned he received Maccovov's rifle bullet in the head, the missile piercing the hollow over the eye, where the skull is weak, and entering the brain; death was almost instantaneous. "woof!" gave a mighty spring and landed half way up the tree trunk, nearly shaking us from our perch. Asilla hastily discharged one of the the darkness toward where the moans Times. and fainter every moment.

and cries of the lioness grew fainter The moon being on the wane, after all sounds had ceased we returned to take the place of velocipedes and other camp, with many promises to each vehicles for children. It is propelled by other to take up the spoor of our a crank and is far more durable and wounded enemies in the morning and track them to their death. Accordingly at daybreak, with a party of fifty Arab beaters we returned to the "stand" and were soon on the spoor of the wounded lioness. The sand was of level of all places over which it passes, torn up for quite a space, as if the animal had suffered terrible agony, and following the trail for at least nine miles in a southeasterly direction, the dogs gave tongue at a tamerisk brake, that extended on three sides of quite a body of brackish water. Some four or five of the dogs, of better blood than enough. But my duties require fre- president.—Congregationalist. the average Arab cur, dashed into the Guaranteed tangle, and the next instant we had the satisfaction of seeing the mangled remains of one flung up in the air, from about the center of the patch. A mire all the new babies."—Omaha and 596,459 portions of single gospels, book worm. What kind of a worm am chorus of yelps and snarlings now World. set in, and one disconsolate cur limped painfully out, his ribs buryport, by his will, divides the residue of flesh where the lioness' paw due of all his property among the Protestant communities in Spain with limped painfully out, his ribs

"If the tamarisk is only dry enough," quoth Mac, "we can soon smoke her

out;" and he galloped round through the beaters and a volley of flaming torches rained into the brake. This fetched her. She made a gallant charge out and almost up to us, before we gave her all four barrels. It stopped her, and for a moment the noble beast seemed stunned. Then, as the smoke cleared away, we saw her return to the

and four times did the desperate lionness charge us dauntlessly, and receive our fire, before finally biting the dust.
She had eleven bullet holes in hor. beside the smashed shoulder I had given her the night before. With that bullet in her, (which had passed through her and lay against her ribs on the opposite side to that it had entered) she had traveled nearly nine miles, had made five determined rushes, killed Only those who have experienced it and disabled four dogs, and died like

shelter. More torches were thrown in,

tween two savage, untamed beasts. I "Doctor, do you still hold to the opinhave witnessed bull fights in Mexico, ion that a lion is no better than a big on one hot Algerian night at a water time had elapsed for us to track the oool about two hundred miles in the in- other lion successfully, the spoor haverior. Beside the pool were several ing been obliterated by the feet of other game. But two lions out of three one of which had been placed a small wasn't such bad work for twenty-four hours, after all, and we returned to

Three Curlous Mementoes of Revolutionar Days Preserved in a Delaware Town. One is a silver strainer, which Benja min Franklin had made out of his first of this nature. It is difficult for me, in other is a worn prayer book, which my cooler moments, to climb a tree, also belonged to Franklin. In it is und the smooth, straight stem proved written the name of Betty Parker, a

"Go to church constantly, whoever perch. They followed with great fa- preaches. The act of devotion is your ility, being both slight, active men, principal business there, and if properly attended to, will do more towards The moon rose gradually, and I had mending the heart than sermons genergood opportunity to study perfect si- ally can do. Yet I do not mean that ence. Nothing can be more deeply you should despise sermons, even if you dislike the preacher, for the discours As there is little or no vegetation in is often much better than the man, as

frequently, when a prolonged roar Washington, as he was carried past the

"I am sorry for it," was the reply. "Sir, I am not sorry!" the young Frenchman answered, quickly.

The bullet had passed through the leg and could be felt under the skin er long tail waiving luxuriously to and to dress the wound. A woman named Bell McClosky cut out the bullet with her seissors and bandaged the leg so skilfully that when the surgeon exunined it nothing more was needed. This woman was the wife of a poor soldier who followed her husband to every battle-field, and gave what help she could to the wounded and dying. When Lafayette returned to this country in 1824, he visited Delaware, and reother they prepared for action. Slowly ceived a splendid welcome, civil and military. But he did not forget the woman who had come to his help. Bell McClosky was brought to Wilmington and presented to him. She had preserved the bullet and it is cherished by her descendants as the memento of a

## brave man and a good woman. - Youth's

Meteor Showers. powerful jaws like egg-shels beneath a that most of the meteor streams with board cities, who had, in front of his within the torpedo. The speed attained which the earth comes in contact are desk, a long row of pigeon-holes, all of is about 25 miles per hour for a distance derived from the earth itself; that is, them marked "unanswered letters," of 450 yards. The torpedo is divided inhe conflict, as it seemed to my excited thrown off by volcanic action at a time when the internal forces of our planet Over and over they rolled, while the were sufficiently active to give the sickening sound of champing bones initial velocity, some twelve miles a the earth's attraction. Comets, which and write to me again." he regards as the parents of the meteor streams, he thinks may have originated outside our solar system. Most of the an open grate, with his elbows on his comets whose orbits belong to our sys- knees and his chin on his hands, watch- and steering machinery. It is designed tem, he thinks originated in the larger giving birth frequently to comets which probably pass beyond the limits of its attraction.—Scientific American.

"I am," said the lawyer.

"I am," said the lawyer. blade, I let fly. Above the rumble of giving birth frequently to comets which

-It is likely that to the Assyrians belongs the honor of first having made a seeding machine-more than five 500 letters burning in the grate, years before the Christian era. An opener and a mould-board, made from The other male with a thundering were attached handles and a tongue, dition of a bowl-shaped hopper fastened spare guns, slap-bang into his face, but passed from the hopper through the follow than this: "See that all your probably the charge only grazed him, standard to the furrow and was covered letters are promptly and politely anfor falling back he disappeared into by the earth falling back on it. - Troy swered, by somebody in your employ.

-One of the most recent of inventions is the chirocycle, a machine designed to useful, it is said, than the bicycle. A factory for its manufacture has recently endorses the appointment. been established at Oxford, Mass. The topographometer, which records auto- has given \$40,000 for a new building said that a 49er quailed before the be-

-Faithful Pastor-"A minister's life is a very hard one." Parishioner- of Wheaton Seminary, Norton, resid-"Why, there are only two sermons a ing in and about New York, have week to write and -" "O, I don't formed an alumnæ association, with small Detroit boy of his mother last mind sermon-writing; that's easy Mrs. Kate Upson Clark, of Brooklyn, for Sunday. quent visits to the homes of every member of the congregation, and just think of the strain of my conscience." "Con-

-The late Thomas Foster, of New- million and a quarter. had struck him. We were now in a predicament. After an hour's infernal clatter by the beaters, we were as far from getting her royal highness out as ever, for show herself she would not.

### HOME AND FARM,

-Don't waste food on cows unable to nake decent return. -Live as much as possible on the sunny side of the house. - Farm Jour-

-Fried Squash: Slice thin, dip in egg, then in flour, and fry in hot but--The time-honored custom of feed-

ing little chicks an exclusive diet of cornmeal is now condemned by some -Corn, as an exclusive diet, is whol-

heating food. Corn meal ought always

to be fed with cut hay .- Western Rural -Asparagus: Tie in small bunches but not very tight, put into boiling water, and cook about a half an hour Serve hot upon toast with butter .-Christian at Work. -To grow corn as many farmers do

els per acre, affords little profit, but just as much as there is in half tillage of other crops. - Country Gentleman, -Good draining is one of the most essential things in a stable. The vapors which arise from liquid remaining upon the floor are inhaled by the ani- poses?"

-Well-drained and deeply-tilled land stores warmth to such an extent as to prolong the season of growth, and obviate risks of frost that otherwise

mals and produce ill-health. - Montreal

-A good feed for young pigs that are nearly ready for weaning is equal parts of meal, ground oats and shorts, se quart of the mixture in a pale of skim milk, allowing them all they can drink of it, three or four times daily. -A little ammonia in hot water-s tablespoonful to a quart-or a small

flannel, will clean paint and windows without soap. - Farm, Field and Stock--Kainit, which is now extensively sed as a fertilizer, is a compound of the sulphates of potash and magnesia, containing, also, common salt and other chlorides. It is not only an excellent fertilizer, being soluble, but is one of the best materials that can be

the manure pile. - St. Louis Republican. -Cheese Omelet: Beat three eggs, add to them a tablespoonful of grated Parmesan ckeese, pour into a hot pan; fry and fold in the usual manner. Just grass. -St. Louis Republican. before folding add a heaping tableon a hot dish. Dust a little Parmesan

ised for preventing loss of ammonia in

cheese on top and serve.—Baptist Loads Uphill: Nothing is more comdriven rapidly down hill. This, too, run at a given depth below the sur- Legation are a very handsome, lot is all wrong, lameness and stiffness face, varying from five to fifteen feet. gent body of men. Including the should be made to move slowly.

## ANSWERING LETTERS.

Duty Which Should Be Performed as Prof. Richard A. Proctor maintains of a large agency in one of our sea- atmospheres, in a cylindrical reservoir

and all stuffed full. "Why don't you answer those let- and "rear" -containing, respectively. ters?" a visitor asked of him one day. the charge of 70 to 93 pounds of gun "What would be the use?" he an- cotton; the adjusting mechanism,

by a caller one day sitting in front of made to regulate the depth of ing a great heap of letters burning to be carried on board a very swift He does not speak a word of En

"What are you busy about?" "Answering my correspondence," said the lawyer, as he pointed to the first motion, or "discharge," is effectwho feared that his correspondents face of the water, usually by means of of University College, Bristol, who on would write to him again if he answered their letters lost his place, while which, upon reaching the water, the one occasion pierced a large Cape scorpion with its own sting in three places. a round stick of wood and to which would write to him again if he anconstituted this machine, with the ad- the lawyer had means of earning an income other than those attending to the to the rear of the plow-point and sup- business details of his profession. There ported on a hollow standard. The seed is no safer rule that a business man can if you can not do it yourself. "- Youth's

> Christian lady, has been appointed Superintendent of the Bethune School of one laid down her floral offering tonishment. "What on earth do you Calcutta. The Indian Messenger, the and the kiss on the Governor's lips he want to be an actress for?" "Because organ of the Brahmo Somaj, cordially looked up, glorious expectancy pictured then I might be engaged?" She now

Hall, and will be put up on the Ninth daughters of the Golden West!" -The graduates and former pupils

-During the past twenty-five years idea into your head?" the British and Foreign Bible Society have sold in Italy 185,495 copies of the of the strain of my conscience." "Con-science?" "Yes, I am expected to ad-science?" "Yes, I am expected to ad-science?" "Yes, I am expected to adetc., making the total issues nearly a

### BERMUDA HOUSES.

Durability of the Peculiar Building Mate-

In speaking of the Bermudas. Rev John Sayder said: "One of the prettiest sights, I believe, I ever saw wa when I went up into one of their light-houses and looked out upon the islands ocean on the other. The landscape was green with palms and all kinds of below on the one hand and the wide tropical plants, and the earth was carpeted with grass. The natives build in of beautiful workmap small villages which dot this country richly bound editions on every side, and the white tops of ly unfit for a horse. It is the most these village houses, down among the the palms, and with a carpet of green grass for a background, make a picture one must see to appreciate. The air is balmy, and said to be a wonderful

curative for consumptives." "Of what material do they baild

"Of coral; that is to say, of a stone found about two feet un ler the soil at almost any point. This is the work of and get a yield of thirty or forty bushthe coral insect, and has been covered by the soil in the process of forming the siland." ington. Every season, gives a grand hall, for

"Does the stone stand the weather and answer for all building pur-

"Yes, its durability is somewhat remarkable when we consider what the stone is and the way in which it is obtained. The masons go out and remove the two feet of soil which cover the stone, and they find it as soft as might reduce profits of cultivation wood, perhaps softer than some kinds of our hickory. They cut it out into blocks of any desirable size or shape and leave it exposed to the air a short time, when it becomes as hard as real stone and stands the weather accord-

> "You spoke of the village house-tops being white; what makes them so?" "Every peasant and resident of the Bermudas is supposed to paint his house-top at least once a year. The almost flat, and as cistern water is their only source of water supply, they paint their roofs that they may better turn the water into their cisterns. Very often you can see about the forts large surfaces arranged in this way to turn water into the cisterns. The earth is removed off a large space of most any night in a box, dre stone and this is so arranged as to turn the water into a common cistern. The stone is all painted, and as I said, looks very beautiful when one looks down from the lighthouse at this snowwhite substance among the green

## WHITEHEAD TORPEDOES.

Adopted by Nearly Every Naval Power in The torpedo that has been adopted eigarette. She was evident by nearly every naval power in Europe mon than to see a team drawing a is known as the Whitehead, and be-heavy load up a hill, urged to do its longs to what may be designated as Chinese box went off like ap best from bottom to top, and when the the "projectile class," that is, having crackers, the epidemic sp top is reached the horses are breathing been started on its course toward the heavily; while a sensible driver will enemy, no control of it is retained by of laughter. The two hund hold in his team, and when the top of the operator. Most of the various the hill is gained there is a little quickened breath and no exhaustion. merged when operated against any going to have a fit Again, it is common or a team to be enemy, and are generally arraugal to The present members of the China

often occurring as a result. In both Naturally, one of the main objects ants, there are about thirty of rising and descending a hill a team of inventors of torpedoes, as well as of and they seem to enjoy life like those engaged in other fields of inven- many children. The incidents of their tion, is financial profit. The White- life in this country seem to have a perhead is the only torpedo that feet fascination for them. They go to has yet proved a success in this the circus, to balls, receptions and dinrespect. It is built of thin sheets ners, and follow, in fact, every formtof Even in this business-like age, when of steel, is cigar shaped but without the life with the most supreme delight every thing is done by system, and not attached float and is made in three During the social season they are faith every thing is done by system, and not even the smallest inquiry by mail is sizes, the largest being 19 feet long by ful devotees of society, and prompti supposed to remain unanswered, there 16 inches diameter, and the smallest 9 return every call and rapturously is now and then found a business man feet long by 11 inches diameter. The cept every invitation sent them. Take who does not fulfill the duties of a correspondent. Such a one was the head ried at a pressure of about seventy Chinese diplomacy in this country apto three sections -- "forward," "middle

> immersion; and the air engines torpedo boat, capable of ertaking however, and whenever he goes out is torpedo set in such a position as to direct its center toward the enemy. The ed through a guide tube in the bow of the boat, either above or below the surtorpedo is propeled by its own exgines. The explosion may be made to the scorpion torpid and sluggish for a take place either upon impact with the while. According to the same observer, enemy or after the torpedo has run a there is a well-known venomous snake given distance. - Scribner's Magazine.

-Governor Bartlett of California, during a recent official visit to Red Bluff, was waited upon by a delegation of fifty young ladies, each of whom -Miss Chandramukhi Bose, a native gave him a bouquet and a kiss. The should like to be an actress." "An local chronicler records that as the last actress?" repeated Augustus, in asin every lineament of his countenance. -Mr. Geo. A. Jarvis, of Brooklyn, and said: "Come on; it shall never be for the Episcopal General Theological witching eyes and rosy, pouting lips of Seminary. It will be called Jarvis fair woman-no, not a thousand

## The Smart Little Boy.

"Mamma, are we all worms?" asked a

"'Cause the minister said in his scr-

"You must be a glow worm, dear, you are so bright!"—Detroit Free Press.

JOB Later Heads

ries in my life, but I can have I entered one The room might almost be

private office and strange further toward the back of the largest and most elegant and the scene of some of the

disposal of the society h in the public mind, on behavior of the gue

another apartment well -that heaven of sofas and rugs of design and color gained. In a larg

you will be shown a collection of pipes. It is in itself in the matter of I thought I saw a subst. lounging place of the ho can find a majority of the who make up the legation at of the day, smoking, dozing, delicious tea every half hour,

ing, on the whole, a delightfully life. In the evening they generally to the theater, of which they are sionately fond. You can see them their cool, loose-fifting costs looking the picture of has contentment. Perhaps no one but stand what is going one not allow this small matter to with their enjoyment of the plappland vociferously, but no in a timely manner. I remet

them at the theater. Durin the parts an actress on the st

pears to lie in the direction of baving good time. Chang Yen Hoon, the Minister, however, is credited with being a man of unusual ability. He is a soldier by profession, and for repeated gallantry in subduing a number of rebellions in the provinces he was promoted first to the rank of Tas-tai Expetant, and then made Envoy Extraordinary to the Another man, a lawyer, was found of the surrounding water is United States, Spain and Pern, which positions he now holds. He is much more dignified and reserved than his associates, and is rarely seemin public. accompanied by his translator and interpreter, besides a retinue of servants

in glittering livery.—Washington Cor. -The assertion that the sting of the scorpion is not fatal to the animal itself is confirmed by Prof. C. Lloyd Morgan, of the cobra family found in South Africa whose poison is harmless to itself

or its brethren. -N. Y. Ledger. -"Augustus," said Mand, who, as he had been calling on her for some time, thought she would give him a hint, "I wears a solitaire. - N. Y. Sun.

-She Knew Him. -She sat beside me at the play In all her girlish loveliness, While in the x across the way A dowager in gorgeous dress

Sat, while the diamonds glittered bright, On wrinkled neck and shoulders bare; "Ah, were those gems my own." I cried,
"I'd find for them a place more fair."

"Sweetheart," I whispered, "need Itell
Where I would have those gems report
She faltered not (she knew ide well),
"Why, with your uncle, I support." -"Ah, Mrs. Fogg," said the J sor, placing the biscuit, in front

words charm my ays, Every ear is oticed FAD,