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For the past two months tramps have cost Eugene \$100 per month—in mesis and lodging.

John Morgan, aged 65 years, was found dead in his woodshed at Junction City on December 18.

A number of counterfeit dollars, made largely of antimour, have been in circulation in La Grande, and have been successfully passed in the saloons of that city.

The combined age of a couple re-cently married in Clackamas County is 154 years, the bride being 71, and the groom 83. There is no use of wishing this couple "much joy."

They are having a wet time in the old town of Fortland, judging from this from the Oregonian: "With seven inches ahead of the average, the pre-cipitation may well afford to "let up" for a few days?".

The projectors of the sugar beet fac-tory at La Grande have decided to erect buildings large enough to accommodate machinery necessary for a 700-ton factory, which is just twice the capacity originally proposed.

A party is said to be in the Willa-mette valley buying horses for the Kiondike trails—presumably to replace the dead ones now scattered from Skaguay to Dawson City. The weight must be between 800 and 1400.

A Lakeview paper says that a scow, to carry freight, has been put on Goose lake, in Lake County. The scow will be fitted with sails and will be navigated as well as may be that way until gaso-line engines can be put on board of her.

Stock Inspector Vandevert, of Crook County, will soon have finished his semi-annual inspection of the sheep in Crook County. Only about 15 bands, out of about 330,000 head remain uninspected. In all this lot, he has only found three bands infected with scab, and heard of two others that he will inspect later. inspect later.

At Baker City the most important was that of W. W. Ellis against 40 householders, for the recovery of 100 loss in the heart of the city. Ellis claim was based on a deed from J. M. Boyd given in 1878. The case was non-suited on motion of the plaintiff, without prejudice.

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Mr. Wilson, who lives at Chitwood, has an evergreen cherry tree, says the Corvallis Gazette. The tree has prickly leaves, that greatly resemble the leaves of the holly. The tree is evergreen, and the cherries ripen about October, and hang on the tree after ripening a long time without deteriorating. The fruit is a genuine cherry, handsome and with a very pleasant flavor. The tree is quite ornamental, and grows to a height of ten feet.

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The Sunset Telephone & Telegraph Company has awarded Hemenway & Burkholder, of Cottage Grove, Lane County, a contract for furnishing 19,000 red fir crossarms. Each crossarm is to be 7 feet 6 inches long, with six holes in it, and given two coats of paint. The crossarms are to be used on the line that is to be built between Redding, Calif., and Eugene. The company has also contracted with Hemenway & Burkholder for 14,000 cedar poles, all of which are to be completed by April 1, 1898. One hundred men will be given employment this winter.

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Citizens of Ventura, Cal., declined the proposition for the reorganization of that town into a city of the fifth

A. W. Sisson, a well-known Califor-man living at San Francisco has been sued for \$25,000 by Irene Violet Taylor, for breach of promise.

John Levaggi, an Italian miner, was killed by falling down the shaft of the South Eureka mine at Sutter creek,

The Sanger Lumber company's box factory at Fresno, Cal., was completely destroyed by fire Smaday night. The loss will exceed \$100,000.

The city council of Los Angeles sus-ended School Director Webb pending pended School Director wenn penuing the charges of extortion and blackmail against him being investigated.

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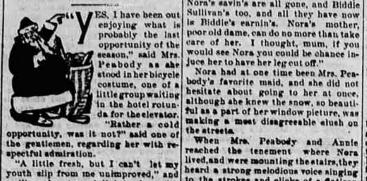
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### MRS. PEABODY'S ... SOLITAIRES.

By Antoinette Van Hoesen Wateman.



speciful admiration.

"A little fresh, but I can't let my youth slip from me unimproved," and smilling she stepped lightly, but with quiet dignity, into the elevator.

"That's a woman in ten thousand," said the gentleman who had spoken to Mrs. Peabody.

"Yes," said his companion. "The worldly Mrs. Peabody, as her family and friends half in jest, half seriously, call her, is an exceptional woman. Her son Harry is 40. But years don't count when a woman is as charming as Mrs. Peabody. Give me a worldly woman of the right sort every time. It will be time enough for angels when we reach the resemble the tenement where Nora lived, and were mounting the stairs, they heard a strong melodious voice singing to the strokes and clicks of a flatiron as it was used and placed and replaced on a metal stand:

"Be not courtin' of woes by lookin' 'em up. Just work and be merry and drink of your cup.

Net carin' about what to-merrow may bring;
It's to-day, my laddle, that's havin' its fling;
The stoday are found in the thousand.

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It's to-day, my laddle, that's havin' its fling;
I'm soday it is that leads to despairin."

"I wonder who that philosopher is?"
said Mrs. Peabody.

"That's Biddie Sullivan. She's always a singin' to keen them chaesed."

time enough for angels when we reach the Elysian fields."
"You're right. Didn't she look a picture, though, in that natty bicycle

In the meantime Mrs. Peabody had donned a modish house gown and seated herself in the circling window of her sitting-room. It was one of the handsomest apartments in the hotel and its windows commanded a superb view of water, shore and distant city. Although the holidays were near at hand
the first snow was just beginning to
fall in large, far-apart flakes that poised
and finitered in the air asif determined

"It's
Heaven
Tipes" to finish some eeric game before per-mitting themselves to sink finally. As she took up some gold and green main which she was fashioning into a gorgeous sofacushion, she caught a glimps of the marvelous picture which wrack ing silver-gray clouds, bits of sky, the floating snow were forming



MRS. PEABODY FOUND NORA.

from shore to sky line, and she paused and enjoyed it as only a person gifted with fine appreciation could. Mrs. Peabody knew that she possessed this gift and she never attempted to belittle or exceed it. Her appreciation of the efforts of others was cordial and intelligent and wholly unmixed with a weak desire to imitate them.

For this reason she was a favorite

with artists, musicians and literary workers, who valued her opinion and regarded her not as the worldly Mrs. Peabody, but quite one of themselves. Still, Mrs. Peabody was a society woman to the end of her finger tips. She would no more have missed a social function from choice than she would tiful gems and viewed her ref have broken the decalogue, and she self with the utmost satisfaction. certainly would not have done that, for she was not only a member of one of the most fashionable Presbyterian churches in the city, but her husband was one of its elders, and in her way she lived the religion she professed. Indeed she was in all things wholly sinful appearance a single note of arti-

ficiality.

The Peabodys were not rich, but they were able to have many of the luxuries and give me the price of one," and she of life.. On the wall above Mrs. Penbody's work table was one of Cazin's vivid yet delicately ideal interpretations of nature. Further on was a small Corot, a brilliant bit of Vibert's realism, a Landseer, a Gibson girl and a gay, impossible poster, for Mrs. Peabody's appreciation was of the all-around kind. Still, there were some realism, a Landseer, a Gibson girl and a gay, impossible poster, for Mrs. Peabody appreciation was of the alliant around kind. Still, there were some things which Mrs. Peabody wanted the best protect things which Mrs. Peabody wanted very much which she did not have and solitaires. Her ears had been pieroed when she was a pair of dismond solitaires. Her ears had been pieroed when she was a child. She never would have thought of wearing anything less landsome than fine gems, and the samall, vacant punctures were an ever-present thorn in the rose of her satisfaction as she viewed herself costumed and ornamented for the many functions she was never weary of attending. She would not have told just how it was that destring them so much she had always missed having them, but so it was. As she sat stitching she found herself wondering if possibly the coveted wondering if possibly the coveted solitaires might not be among her Christmas gifts. She had confided to an intimate friend, with whom Mr. Peabody invariably consulted when he store Nora, "and you take the price of gave her presents, how much she wanted and renew your subscription ed them. As she sat sewing and think- to the Relief and Aid."

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ing there came a soft knock at the door followed by the announcement:

"It is just Annie, Mrs. Peabody. It's about Nors I'm after comin'," she said as she came in. "It's very bad she is, mum. The doctor says she must have a operation that costs a dale of money, have her leg took off or die. Nora says she will go to Heaven on the two legs of her, but won't be livin' wid a stump. Nora's savin's are all gone, and Biddle Sullivan's too, and all they have now is Biddie's earnin's. Nora's mother,

"That's Biddie Sullivan. She's always a singin' to keep them cheered.' "She is Nora's aunt, isn't she?"
"No, just a friend from the old coun

try as always lives with them."
"And she supports them?" "Yes, what else could she be doin

under the circumstances?"

Mrs. Peabody found Nora not only very ill, but wholly determined not to have her limb amputated. To all that she could say Nora persistently de-

"It's me two legs I'll be takin' to Heaven wid me, mum, I'll never be

Heaven wid me, mum, 111 never be after carrying a stump around wid me."
"Don't be too sure," said Biddle Sullivan. "It may be to the bad place you'll be taken' the two legs of ye. It was only last Sunday that Father Maloney said, the Halv Schnintures: 'It were quotin' the Holy Schriptures: 'If yer leg be bad cut it off and cast it from ye. for it's better to be halted and maimed than havin' two legs all right to go to hell." But it was all to no purpose. Nora was obdurate.

Mrs. Peabody saw several physicians and found that nothing but a difficult operation which could not be undertaken for less than \$500 could save both the girl's life and limb and she de-termined if possible to have it per-formed. To that end she asked her husband if he thought they could spare \$500 to help some one in great need, and he

to help some one in great need, and he had replied:
"I think not this year, my dear. I never knew more trying times. I have even withdrawn my subscription from the Relief and Aid."

It was but three days until Christ-

It was but three days until Christ-mas. The weather was cold, crisp and fine. Mrs. Pesbody had all her gifts ready and everything seemed to prom-ise an unusually pleasant holiday sea-son. But a cloud which constantly ob-truded itself on Mrs. Peabody was the thought of the little household where Nora waited for death, and/brave, faith-ful Biddie Sulliyan was at her weathful Biddie Sullivan was at her wash-tub and ironing board, early and late, to keep the wolf from the door. "Tre decided to take you into my con-

fidence," snid Mr. Peabody, "and I think I'll do so before I look over the evening paper. As the worldly Mrs. Peabody has perfect taste, I want to know what she thinks of these as a Christmas gift for my best girl? Will they suit her? I've only taken them on approval," and he handed her a dainty open case in which were a pair of brilliant and exquisitely matched solitaires, from the very best house in the city. This latter fact, the "hallmark," meant much to fact, the "hallmark," Mrs. Peabody, for nothing but the best from the best satisfied her fastidious

"How very beautiful! Ah, how good you are, Erastus!" she exclaimed, her face glowing with pleasure.

"I have wanted them so long. You don't know how they suit me," she continued, as she adjusted the beau-

"They do suit you," said Mr. Peabody, regarding her admiringly. Then sud-denly the light went out of Mrs. Pea-body's face and she turned from the mirror.

"Erastus," she said, "don't think me Indeed she was in all things wholly sin-cere. There was not even in her youth-you are to pay for my solitaires?" "Certainly, Josephine, just an even

"Erastus, will you take them back



"But, my dear, you say you have wanted a pair of solitaires for a long time," said Mr. Peabody. "And haven't I had them?" asked

Mrs. Peabody.
"But you are sure you are satisfied to
do this?"

"Entirely sure." "And this is the 'worldly Mrs. Pea-body,' " said her husband, putting his

body," said her husband, putting his arm about her.

"Yes, it is," she said, throwing back her head and smiling. "I am worldly, I love the world, and I was never happler in it than I am just now."

"It was for love of the world," said Mr. Peabody, softly, as he bent and kissed his wife, 'that the Christ whose kissh was catalyate came to teach, suf-

birth we celebrate came to teach, suffer and die among us."

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William Ferris, the noted English actor, was stabbod to death by an enemy, as he was entering the Adelphi theatre, London.

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The steamer Orica, arrived at New York a few days ago from Havana, bring 385 bales of tobacco, being the first shipped from that port in many

The first substantial rain since last June has fallen in parts of Eastern Kansas, and was followed by an old fashioned blizzard that prevailed all

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholcra and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wooderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by G. H. Haskins, druggist.

Robert A. Van Wyck has taken the oath of office as mayor of Greater New York, to assume the duties of office

The trunk line railroads of New York have succeeded in obtaining control of nearly all the entire water front of Greater New York.

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Illinois railroad ran in to an extra train at Clinton, Ind. Three of the employes were killed and half a dozen Two more German warships have

been sent to Chinese waters. In part-ing Emperor William told Prince Henry, who has charge of the expedition, to protect German honor at all

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Patrick Moore of Woodland, Cal., drank a quantity of wood alcohol on a ecent night and the following morning e was totally blind.

Mrs. Lizzie Womble, a procuress, four years' imprisonment at San Quen-The woman was an employe of a actory, and induced young girls to go





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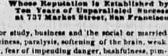




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