oint's favorite cantatrice.

"Don't let me disturb your plans," she insisted. "I will go over to High land Falls, and take the boat from there. I should enjoy a boat ride homeward more than a carriage ride today." Mrs. Etynge expostulated and slyly

taunted in vain.
"I am not afraid of my guardian,"
said Toinette. "My head aches."
"My love," protested Mrs. Etynge
"I am sure of both statements. Pray
do not look at me so defiantly. I per ceive that you have declared your in dependence. I would not be surprised if you even took the management of your property into your own hands Have you demanded a statement from Col. Graham yet?"

"Hardly," laughed Toinette. "!)
have always had whatever I desired and asked no questions."

"It is well that wardships do not make men's fortunes, as they did ir the middle ages," mused Mrs. Etynge "You would have to hate Dick Gra ham speculating with your fortune would you not?"

"Do you mean Col. Graham?" "Yes. The old name escaped me unawares. I do not mind confiding to you," said the widow, affecting confusion, "that he and I were lovers be fore I discovered his true nature. He was always talking of the money he would like to have, and it disguster was a that I broke with him." me so that I broke with him.

Toinette felt a strange sinking about the heart, but replied, bravely: "No doubt you were to be congratu lated on your escape. Was this—thi little affair while he was in the army?

"O, yes: long before he got his wound and his discharge. He fel terribly whon I explained my change of feeling, but no doubt he is all over it by this time."

"Let us hope so," said Toinette sweetly, and kissed her good-by.

"Good-by, darling. Be sure to asl the colonel if he borrowed from you when he built the river villa and the city brown stone."

"Indeed, I will not."

Toinette was angry, but the ugly suspicion had taken root. "A retired officer's half pay would "A retired officer's half pay would not keep up such an establishment a this," she reflected. "He had no in heritance; I have heard him say so He certainly has wealth, and spendit royally. Can it be mine? How do I know I have any? I know nothing of my affairs. The few times I have questioned him he evaded me. How dare I suspect him? Mrs. Etynge know nothing. Why should she be so bitter

Why should she be so bitter gainst the man she rejected?"
The jar of the boat as it touched the ore interrupted her unpleasant train

you for your generosity and patience with one so selfish and thoughtless as I have been."

In vain were Col. Graham's en treaties. Toinette and her father re-solutely refused to be his guests but a few days longer; they refused his proffered aid; and she, though with an aching heart, now that she knew

the value of what she was putting away from her, again refused to be Col. Graham's wife. It was only pity that prompted him, she told herself.

In New York she took up the burden of existence for the first time. She seldom saw Col. Graham, though he often spent the evenings with her father. She hid herself in her own poor little room. She was careful never to pass her old home, or go where she would be likely to meet her old associates. Two or three found

"Doubtless; but she's all right now. Some thought he would marry that ittle French girl. People used to joke about his raising a wife to his taste."

"S-s-h!" said her companion, warningly, with a meaning glance at Toinette's corner.

The pupil came in; she went through the lesson—she never knew how—then home, to weep over the unworthy suspicious she had cherished and the love that came too late.

that came too late.

For days she scarcely dared to look shore interrupted her unpleasant train of thought.

"How detestable! No one expection. I will have to walk home," was the exclamation that rose to her lips.

She was thoroughly weary when she reached her destination, and glad that was going on about him, noticed sick and had to take to his tent. An other fellow came along and jumped the came along and jumped his claim. The first man pleaded and argued, but the other was not to be usually, when his tasks were done, sat like a man blind and deaf to all that was going on about him, noticed "The case came up before the instead.

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Until the year 1564, when there was discovered in the county of Cumber land, in the northwestern part of England, a mine of the best and purest graphite, the lead pencil was unknown to the world. This mine at Borrowdale at once became very celebrated, and of course very valuable. Pencils made of Cumberland graphite were sold all over Europe, and were highly prized everywhere. The manufacture of lead pencils became a very important business, and the British government, in order to protect the new industry, passed laws prohibiting the export of graphite to foreign lands. Only a certain quantity, enough to supply the requirements of the pencil makers, was doled out on the first Monday of every month, and a military force had to be kept at the mines to protect them from bands of marauders.

supply the requirements of the pencil never to pass her old home, or go where she would be likely to meet her old associates. Two or three found her out and came to her with words of love and approbation, but the majority, like Mrs. Etynge, barely recognized her if brought face to face, and ignored her when possible. She cared less than she thought she would; she would be happy with her simple of forts at housekeeping, her few music pupils and painstaking copies of her father's translations, if her heart had a wakened to love too late, and after she had put away what might have been its treasure.

One day her sorrows seemed almost too heavy to bear. She was waiting in a certain patrician music room for her pupil when an older member of the family and a friend entered and continued their conversation without deigning to notice her.

"Have you heard that Mrs. Etynge is going to marry that handsome Col. Graham?" asked one of them.

"No. I knew that she had been angling for him ever since she was widowed, but I thought he would have more sense than to take her. I've heard that they were engaged once, but she threw him over for old Elynge. How she must have felt when the gallant colonel was found to have made a fortune from western lands he bought when he was sent out to fight the Indians!"

"Doubtless; but she's all right now. Some thought he would marry that little French girl. People used to joke about his action."

Cot. Ingersoll's story.

Col. Ingersoll's Story. "I'll tell you a story, boys," said Col. Ingersoll.

"During the gold days in California," continued the colonel, "it was the law that the holder of a claim should be liable to lose it if he let it remain idle ten days in succession. Well, there was one fellow who had been working faithfully, when he fell sick and had to take to his tent. Another fellow came along and jumped

tica. He was very sorry, he told the plaintiff, but the law was absolute on the question, and the defendant could not be ousted. No sconer had he finished than the plaintiff jumped up and hit the defendant a stinging blow behind the ear. The defendant fell over, and the plaintiff jumped on him and began to pummel him soundly. The constable ran up and was trying to part the fighters when the judge arose, and, pounding on the desk, yelled to the constable:

You, sir, leave them alone but if the law is the law but if the

and har?

"That scarcely applies to me," and trivial search and the post of th

If ever a man escaped by the skin of his teeth," here is an instance of it: During the severe blow, the fishing schooner Randolph, anchored at Har-bor Delute, Campobello, dragged from her moorings and went adrift. There

was no one on board, as the crew all lived near by, and were ashore for the night.

In the morning the skipper, Capt.
Malloch, went in search of his craft,
and found her on Spruce Island Point.
He boarded her and hoisted the foresail. A stiff breeze from the west carried her off the rocks, but as a hole had

been stove in her bottom, and she was half full of water, she capsized and sunk in ten fathoms of water. Capt. Malloch jumped into the boat which was made fast to the stern of the schooner. He tried in vain to untie the line which held her, but the strain was so great it was impossible. He had nothing with him to cut it, and as the boat was fasting disappearing below the surface, and himself with it, he grabbed the rope with a splendid set of teeth with which nature had fortunately furnished him, and by dint of vigorous gnawing, finally succeeded in cutting in two a nine strand rope and freeing his boat, but not until his head had been drawn under water a number of times in his efforts to cut the rope. efforts to cut the rope.

A tuiri a Presence of Ming. A man had caught his foot in some unexplained way at the side of an elevator shaft. The elevator, heavily ling every possible effort to loosen his foot a little girl employed in the establishment hastily caught up a knife that lay near by, cut his shoe laces and pulled him back just as the floor of the elevator touched his shoe.—New York Evening Sun.

Becott:

Second Art Critic—I should say so, "How under the sun are we to get up our critiques?"

"I don't know. There is no way to distinguish good paintings from bad."

"None at all. There isn't a single price mark in the whole catalogue."—Omaha World.

"That man is evidently your enemy.

I was formerly my warm friend."
"And you did some act which cost"

"And you wouldn't feel it much." How comes it !"

you his regard?" "Yes, he was once about to engage in a piece of folly that would have resulted in his ruin, when I imprudently interfered and saved him."—Chicago Times.

Ladies' cooking schools are the rage all over England, at tuition prices of from \$50 to \$100 per twenty lessons, according to the grade of cooking which the pupil desires to learn. In

John Thornton, of Sandy Cross, Ga., Scotland the craze has assumed a popu-has a freak in the shape of a chicken lar form and lessons are given by the with one more than the usual number of dozen as low as fifty cents to one dollar.

legs. The third leg is really a malformation of its tail, which takes on the shape of a complete foot, though it is entirely useless. Otherwise the chick is well formed and bids fair to live.

The piece of crown glass, 40 inches in diameter and 2; inches thick, made in Paris for the object glass of a telescope for the University of Southern California will require two years' labor to turn into a finished lens.

Very Encouraging.

"Do you think, doctor, we will have the cholera here in Now York this winter?" asked an inquisitive man of a New York health officer.

"I have studied the matter closely," replied the official with great deliberation, "and it is my opinion, from all I can gather, that if our present exemption from cholers continues for six menths we will not have any cholera this year."—Texas Siftings.



So, when dawned the welcome mo Tenuny and his comrade hid, "Reath a charry tree together Long in committation hid, And mischlerounly decided To set fireworks off, but where It would be the most convenient It would be the most convenien To give folks around a sours.

Soon they spied the country parson,
A near sighted, limit divise,
Driving down the lane a heiding
On his mare by slackers'd line;
Up they slyly stole behind him,
And beneath his wagon sob
A torpute off that started
The old mare upon a teck



Goodness gracious! It was awfulf
How that old gray mare did go,
lleedless of the startled parson's
Frantic shouts of "Whon!—there
As the rustics in their doorways
"Yowed a worse sight nerse had
Scandalized that old turnpits road
Was their parson going mad!"

Tommy and his comrade chuckled
O'er the misclaief they had done;
Thought it was a "boas" beginning
For a bully day of funt
Later on, of tricks unwearded,
They a big firecracker its,
Tied it on a stray Tom cat's tall,
And the feline took a fit.

In a field close by, a Biddy
Fresh from Erin's lovely lais,
flat milking a meek bovine,
When like lightning o'er a stile
Leap'd the madden'd Tom cat at hea,
All ablaze its furry tail,
And upset the fainting milkmaid,
With her overflowing pail.



Unto Tommy's smiling mother Biddy rushed 'mid pensive wall-And declared "she wad no longer Shtay where cuts have devile' Vain was coaxing to retain her, So to Pumpkinville "goodby" Bade she, on that fated evining Of the Fourth day of July.

As the purple shades of twilight
Hovered soft and darkly nigh,
And, thank Heav'h! at last was or
Punk and powder—Fourth' July
Wicked Tommy and his comrade,
With malicious unconsara,
Lit their final "nigger chaser"
In the hay loft of a barn.

Both the culprits soon were rescued From the barn of blazing hay. Then by Tommy's wrathful daidy, In a state of wild dismay. Never more shall dimes or pennics fill up Tommy's bank to buy Fireworks—if his daidy knows it— On a future Fourth' July.

LITTLE LAUGHS.

The once flourishing town of Solitairs, in Arizona, is now entirely deserted. The man who named the town builded better than he knew.—N rristown Herald.

Mme. Patti has decided to learn to play the banjo, 2nd if at any time within the next two months a man with disheveled hair, a wild, haunted lock in his dark eyes, buttons missing from his pants and socks that wear a neglected appearance, is found wandering almiessly around solitary places in Europe, his name will probably be Nicolini.—St. Paul Globe.

A bright newspaper woman in New York gained admission as a lunatic to an insans asytum and remained there a couple of washs taking notes, which she worked up into a graphic newspaper article. It is suspected that she deceived the physicians in charge by wearing a fashionable bustle as large as a flour barrel and having her hair banged within half an inch of her eyebrows.—Norrisown Herald.

Natural gas is a great boon to the people of Pittsburg, but the people there make light of it.—Norristown Herald.

"I was in hopes, professor," said a hospital under surgeon, "that I would be given that leg operation in the poor ward." "No, I assigned it to Young Sawbones, but I'll give you a whack at the autopsy."—The Epoch. Jt costs something to die respectably in Omaha. On the case inclosing the body of a man sent from there to Akron, O., for burial, was the following itemized bill, to be "collected on delivery or contents returned:" Indertaker's bill, 800; hospital expenses, \$20; physician's fee, \$10; livery, \$5. The bill was paid, but the rest of the family will get back to Akron in time to die there.—Exchange.

change. Husband (suffering from influence)—Do you know why id is, by dear, thad code alwades addag be id the head? Wife houghtfully)—Why, I believe, John, physicians hold that coids always attack the weakest spot.—The Epoch.

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"Howdy, Col. Ochiltree! I haven't seen you on this road for some time."

"No; Pve been very busy in New York," replied Gardner.

The porter then went into another car and Gardner and his friend adjourned to the smoker. Presently the porter came in, and, going up to Gardner, said:

"You remember, colonel, the last time I saw you?"

"Well, you promised me a dollar, and you never gave it to me."

"Well, here's the dollar," said Gardner, and from that day to this he has been hunting the auburn haired romancer of the Pampaa.—Washington Critic.

Not Much. Net Much.

He winked to a bootblack to step into a doorway near the postoffice, and then confidentially remarked:

"Bonny, the postmaster and I don't hitch very well, so I don't care to go in and see about my mall. Suppose I give you a quarter, and you go in and inquire for a letter for Claude Melnotte, and if you get one bring It hera."

"Not much!" exclaimed the bour as he."

'Not much!" exclaimed the boy as he drew "But why?"
"Because I worked that racket for a fello about a month ago. They passed out a ke "Because I worked that racket for a fellow about a month ago. They passed out a letter, and I had just grabbed it when an old duffer grabbed me. 'Write love to my daughter, will you' he bellowed. 'Want my Nellie to elope with you, eh! Ah! I'll k-rush you!' And he wailoped me with a cane until I had to ride home on a dray. No, no, Claudy, I've learned something new."—Detroit Free Press.

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