

DO YOU REMEMBER?
Do you remember we once drove together
to the moonlight over the snow,
with the sharp bells ringing their tinkling
chime,
So many a year ago.

Woodcock Carrying their Young.
It is now pretty well known that of the
woodcocks which arrive in the British
Islands in October a large number re-
main each year to pair and nest in suit-
able localities, and this being so, the fol-
lowing curious habit of the parent bird
has only to be called attention to to be
fully corroborated. The late Mr. Lloyd,
in his "Scandinavian Adventures,"
wrote: "If in shooting you meet with a
brood of woodcocks, and the young ones
cannot fly, the old bird takes them
separately between her foot and flies
from the dogs with a moaning cry; and
Mr. Harting, in the November num-
ber of his journal, the *Zoologist*, has
been at the trouble to collect all the
records of so strange a habit, from which
it would appear that there is a differ-
ence among observers as to whether the
young birds are carried in the claws of
the parent bird or pressed between her
breast and legs. One of the brothers
Stuart, in the second volume of the
"Lays of the Deer Forest," in a very
graphic account of the troubles which
the old woodcocks have with their young
ones, says that he saw a woodcock rising
with a young bird in her feet, her long
legs dangling and swinging with her lit-
tle burden, like a parachute. She lighted
at no great distance, but as he at once
came upon her she got up. In her
hurry she dropped the young bird,
and she came to the ground, however, almost at the same
time as the young one; running back,
she sat upon him and rose again with
him in her claws. Mr. C. St. John, in
his "Natural History and Sport in
Moray," declares "that the old wood-
cock carries her young even when larger
than a snipe, not in her claws, which
seem quite incapable of holding up any
weight, but by clasping the little bird
tightly between her thighs, and so hold-
ing it tight towards her own body;" and,
further, "that in the spring and summer
evenings the woodcocks may be seen so
employed, passing to and fro and ut-
tering a gentle cry on their way
from the woods to the
marshes where they feed." This
account has also been confirmed by sev-
eral observers in Ireland, but some other
observers still declare that they have
seen the young birds actually carried in
the claws of the old ones. So while it is
placed beyond a doubt that the wood-
cocks can carry their young from place
to place, not only when flying from en-
emies, but also when going out to feed
and returning, there is yet some uncer-
tainty as to the exact method; but doubt-
less this will soon be settled by further
observations. According to Audubon
the same habit has been observed in the
American species, and, apparently, it
also sometimes occurs in our common
snipe.—*London Times*.

No Need For Coal or Wood.
A correspondent has sent us a start-
ling letter from MM. Betam-Edwards,
from which we give an extract: "I send
you the following particulars of a recent
scientific invention, just patented, and
destined without doubt to play a very
important part in our economic history.
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celebrated lion and panther slayer,
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hazard, and after six years' persistent in-
vestigation brought it to entire workable
perfection. He discovered by means of
two natural substances, inexhaustible in
nature, the means of lighting and main-
taining fire without wood or coal; a fire
instantaneously lighted and extin-
guished; a fire causing no dust, smoke
or trouble; a fire costing one-tenth at
least of ordinary fuel, and what is more
wonderful still, a fire the portion of
which answering to our fuel is everlasting—that is to say would last a lifetime.
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bennel at once patented his invention,
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cine and being courted at the same time.
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latter part of the business. One evening,
while they were sitting together in the
front parlor, Mr. Budd was thinking how
he should manage to propose. Miss
Flynn was explaining certain physiologi-
cal facts to him.
"Do you know," she said, "that thou-
sands of persons are actually ignor-
ant that they smell with their olfactory pe-
nucles?"
"Millions of 'em," replied Mr. Budd.
"And Aunt Mary wouldn't believe me
when I told her she couldn't wink with-
out a sphincter muscle!"
"How unreasonable!"
"Why, a person cannot even kiss with-
out a sphincter!"
"Indeed!"
"I know it is so!"
"May I try if I can?"
"Oh, Mr. Budd, it is too bad of you to
make light of such a subject."
Mr. Budd seized her hand and kissed
it. She permitted it to remain in his
grasp.
"I didn't notice," he said, "whether a—
—what do you call it?—a sphincter
helped me then or not. Let me try
again."
Then he tried again, and while he held
her hand she explained to him about the
muscles of that portion of the human
body.
"It is remarkable how much you know
about such things," said Mr. Budd—
"really wonderful. Now, for example,
what is the bone at the back of the head
called?"
"Why, the occipital bone, of course."
"And what are the names of the muscles
of the arm?"
"The spiralis and infra-spiralis, among
others."
"Well, now let me show you what I
mean. When I put my infra-spiralis
around your waist, so, is it your occipital
bone that rests upon my shoulder-blade,
in this way?"
"My back hair, primarily, but the occip-
ital bone, of course, afterwards. But, oh,
Mr. Budd, suppose a sphincter come in and
be so?"
"Let him come! Who cares?" said
Mr. Budd boldly. "I think I'll exercise a
sphincter again and take a kiss."
"Mr. Budd, how can you?" said Miss
Flynn, after he had performed the feat.
"Don't call me Mr. Budd; call me Wil-
lie," he said, drawing her closer. "You
accept me, don't you? I know you do,
darling."
"Willie," whispered Miss Flynn faintly.
"What, darling?"
"I can hear your heart beat."
"It beats only for you, my angel."
"And it sounds to me out of order. The
particular contraction is not uniform."
"Small wonder for that when its burst-
ing for joy."
"You must put yourself under treat-
ment for it. I will give you some medi-
cine."
"It's your own property, darling; do
that you please with it. But somehow
the sphincter operation is the one that
strikes me most favorably. Let me see
how it works again?"
"But why proceed? The old, old story
was told again, and the old, old perfor-
mance of the muscles of Mr. Budd's mouth
was enacted again. And, about eight
years later, Mr. Budd was wishing that
Mary would catch some fatal disease
among her patients, and Mary was think-
ing that the best possible use Willie
could be put to would be as a subject for
the dissecting table.—*Max Adler*.

Widow and Census Taker.
It was a dilapidated man that bundled
himself off the evening train recently,
entered the station and took a seat. He
had a wholesome liquor breath about
him and steaming up through him, and
his nose was as the wintergreen berry,
red and round and distinctively bright,
as if all the checkerberry he had put in
all the rum he had drank all through his
abandoned life had flowed into his em-
purbed proboscis and there formed a
gem, which made him an ornament to
bauchanalian society.
"Does the widow Marshmeadow live
here now?" he inquired of officer
Mowry.
The officer, with his wonted courtesy,
directed him to her residence. It was
11 o'clock, when he arrived there and
summoned her to the door.
"Don't be embarrassed, madame," he
said, with wonderful mildness of tone
and manner, "because you don't know
me. History has ever been partial and
omitted from her bronzed and statuesque
pages the names of her proudest sons.
This omission imparts uniqueness to a
man's fame. I am the census taker. I
have taken every name in town but
yours. The hour is late, and exhausted
nature requires, in fact imperatively in-
sists upon refreshment and the restora-
tion of sleep. I cannot proceed further
with this sublime undertaking until I
have both."
"You may come in and stay over Sunday,"
she said, "and in the morning I
will have killed a pair of yellow-legged
chickens."
It was 12 o'clock, and the census taker
still sat at the widow's table, and her
third bottle of old currant wine before
him.
"I shall put your name," he said, with
incomparable tenderness of tone and
address, "somewhere about the middle
of the book, and under the head of
'Remarks' shall add the following: 'Cozy
residence, tastefully ornamented, lat-
ticed always out, beautiful fruit trees
and quince bushes here abound in um-
brageous abundance, yellow-legged
chickens always to be found on the
premises, their legs become stained to a
beautiful yellow by constant wading
through the yellow leaves of the maples
that glorify the lawns and approaches of
the bounteous homestead."
The widow smiled delightedly, and
concluded to put the pleasant census
taker in her best bed chamber, where
all night long his nose shone in his
facial firmament like a lone star of
Bacchus.