They parted on the little bridge Which spans the running water, The bright eyed youth with fluent tongue, And she—the yeoman's daughter.

A few fond words-a stolen kiss, A little golden trinket, Twas all—but that his heart could change She did not dare to think it.

He journeyed to bright southern lands, Where tropic skies bent o'er him, And woodd blind Fortune till she cast A shower of gold before him.

Then Fame took up her trumpet, tuned To sound his praise in story, For much that to his life belonged Was what this world calls glory.

A ribbon marked his high degree, His name had added letters And not on him was any sign Of life's more galling fetters.

The maiden's path lay toward the north; She toiled for daily guerdon, And meek'y bore her low estate, Nor felt her task a burden,

Till hope deferred her spirit broke, And thorns seemed springing round her, And thoughts that once were purest joy, Had only power to wound ner.

A poor old maid with faded cheek Poils on from early morning, With scanty thanks and little praise, And oftimes heartless scoorning.

And yet sometimes she sees the bridge, And hears the river flowing, When memory lifts the shroud of years, The dead past calmly showing.

And sometimes he, in idle mood, Mid silence all unbroken, Just wonders if the bridge still stands Where their last words were spoken.

The little bridge still lightly spans The rippling, running water; But no bridge spans the gulf 'twixt him And her-the yeoman's daughter !

#### Stealing a Bride.

A dispatch from Mansfield, Ohio, November 24, to the Cincinnati Commercial, says: This vicinity has been considerably excited over a highly sensational occurrence which took place at St. Vincent de Paul, a convent situated five miles from this place. The convent is, as is usually the case, also a female boarding school. It has a wide-spread reputation for excellence, and because of its secluded situation and the kindly, yet alert and watchful, attention given the pupils, has made it a great favorite with parents and guardians of attractive girls, regardless of religious proclivi-

On Monday last Mr. George White, a gentleman from the adjoining county of Henderson, came to the convent, bringing his ward, a Miss Moss, a mere child, between fifteen and sixteen years of age.
Miss Moss, so Mr. White informed the
lady superior, had become entangled in a love affair—explaining the position clearly, that the Sister might understand the necessity of unusual vigilance in the case of Miss Moss.

Mr. White returned to his home in Henderson, satisfied his unruly charge was quite safe from harm within the convent's peaceful walls.

Miss Moss was a cheery little maiden, apparently not at all love-lorn. But at noon next day, when the young lady pupils were scattered about under the tall evergreens and firs on the lawn; a buggy drove up to the gate and a young gentleman sprang out. The young man -who turned out to be the bete noir of the guardian-suddenly opened the gate, advanced quickly toward the startled girls, and before any one, unless it may have been Miss Moss, suspected his intentions, grasped her by the arm and attempted to drag her toward the buggy.

The girl seemed unwilling to go, and struggled to escape with apparently the greatest earnestness, even alarm. In the midst of the melee another pupil, a Miss White, sister of Miss Moss' guardian, flew to the rescue, and it is probable that Mr. Phillips would have failed in his attempt to imitate the ancient Roman had he not unexpectedly pulled out a pistol and levelled it at the frightened girls. By some accident-for such a thing as the girls being alone was almost unprecedented-none of the sisterhood were present.

When the revolver appeared such a shrick went up from the affrighted girls, who fled like autumn leaves in a wind, as brought the nuns to the scene. It was too late, however, even had there been one among the gentle Sisters of Charity stout hearted enough to have braved Mr. Phillips' gun, Mr. Phillips, with his reluctant bride in the buggy beside him, was rapidly disappearing in the dis-

The fleeing couple, en route for Shaw-nectown, Ill., the Gretna Green of this region, passed through Morganfield. Miss Moss was quite smiling when seen here, and was wearing Mr. Phillips' hat. Matters seemed to have been amicably settled between the young couple.

When they reached the Ohio, at a point opposite Shawneetown, they received news that orders had been received at "Shawnee," per telephone, to arrest them, so they drove on down the river, and all trace of them was lost by the pursuers.

# For and About Women.

Colonel Frederick A. Conkling intro duced Miss Emily Faithful and her lec-ture upon "The Changed Position of Women in the Nineteeth Century," to an audience composed mainly of women, in Chickering Hall, New York, recently. "The great need of the time is proper employment for women," said she. Gradually those forms of industry best suited to her have been usurped by man and machinery he controls. As long as the spinning wheel buzzed by the fireside, women could find employment at home. But the situation has changed, and hard necessity has driven women from the retreat of the home circle. She is found doing some of the roughest, hardest, most laborious work. It is but recently that parliament interfered to take thousands of women from the collieries. Fifty thousand women hawk fish vegetables in Great Britain and thousands drudge out their lives at agricultural labor. In hundreds of factories women are employed at work harder than that done by the men in the same establishments. In the porcelain factories of Stoffordshire women are forbidden to use hand rests, and are thus prevented from turning out work comparing with that of the men. Through | secure the desired ventilation.

out the entire field of labor woman in England is debarred from competing with man in the lucrative branches.

"Is it not silly to tell her that her proper place is the home circle, in the face of woman's excess of five per cent. over the number of men? Unless we adopt Mormonism we must allow her to support herself. To-day there are 80,000 English governesses who can save nothing against the demands of age and want, and hundreds work for food and lodging alone. The only way to work a radical cure for this crying evil is to begin at home. Let mothers see that their girls are thoroughly trained in some trade or profes-sion. Skilled laber, whether at the loom or at the easel or in the myriad branches of industry, will afford a livelihood. Every one of the daughters in the English royal family is taught a trade. Woman only wants a man's training to assume a man's responsibilities.

### The Three Gold Bollars.

When Uncle Charles came to spend Christmas with his sister, he always gave each of her three boys a present. Last Christmas he gave them each a gold dollar, and told them to see how they could spend it. The next day Harry and Nat went to a toy shop. Harry and Nat went to a toy shop. bottles. The truth is, Mrs. Melville's ball, a top a toy con a knife and a bag. intemperance is notorious. Besides that ball, a top, a toy gun, a knife and a bag of candy.

"You have not bought anything for your sister Susie," said Nat. "Uncle gave me this money to spend on myself," said Harry. "Susie must

buy her own things." "I will buy her a doll," said Nat. "She will be glad to have a new one, and I have all the toys I need."

"Let her buy her own dolls," said Harry," as he ran off with his bundles. Nat was about to buy the dolls when he saw a little girl standing by the door in the snow. Her face was thin and pale, her feet were bare, and she looked very cold. On her arm was a basket of

matches. "Please buy my matches. My mother is sick, and we have no food at home,'

she said to him. Nat took all the matches in the basket and put his dollar into the little girl's hand. Then he went with her to buy bread, meat and milk, and carried them to her home, which was in a cold cellar. The next day Harry showed his uncle the toys he had bought. James had not bought anything. He had put his dollar in his tin bank to save it. "Let us see what you bought, Nat,"

said Uncle Charles. "I bought thirty boxes of matches for

mother," said Nat. Then they all laughed. But Susie told about the poor girl, and Uncle Charles said Nat was a good boy to be

kind to the poor. "Nat has spent his money best," he id. "He has made two hearts happy, said. and done a kind act."

Which do you think did best-Harry, who spent his dollar on himself; James, who saved his; or Nat, who gave bread and meat to the sick woman and her little girl?

## Shook Him for "Em.

"We have a sweeping victory," said a slow-movement man to the bartender, 'Democrats have carried everything.

"Yes, sir." "But what is it to me?" "I don't know."

"You don't know? An American citizen, with bottles all around him, don't know. Don't you know, sir, that want to drink to the success of the Democratic party—

"But I am a Republican." "And hope that the Republicans wil do better next time?"

'But I don't hope that they'll do bet I've fallen out with the party."

'Got no political enthusiasm?

"No. "No chance to get a drink here?"

"None that I can see."

"I was mere jesting, my friend. Have a drink with me." The saloon man com-

plied. "Here, give me twenty-five cents." The slow-movement man began to quietly withdraw, when the bartender seized him and shook him until his teeth chattered. When he went out he was asked by his companion who had gone

successful. "O, yes," he replied, "the bartender shook me for the drinks and lost."

to "skirmish" at another place if he was

# A Question or Two.

The agent of a minstrel show, who was traveling over the Pan Handle route the other day, happened to take a seat opposite a Boston drummer. Each wore a pin with six diamonds in it, and displayed two watch chains. The coincidence happened to strike a solid oldfashioned farmer as rather curious, and hitching along up to the pair he asked: "Gentlemen, will you give me honest

answers to a question or two?" They said they would, and he continued:

"What time is it by your four

watches?" The agent replied that he only had one watch and that didn't tick, while the other confessed that he had none at

"One more question. Did you buy your diamond pins at the dollar store? The two men looked at each other in a troubled way, and then informed the biunt questioner that he had reached the

limit. "Oh, wal, I didn't intend to be sassy, he remarked as he fell back; "I'm sparking a widder up in Wood county, and I was a thinking that if I could buckle on a dollar diamond and harness two watchchains around me she'd either kick or cave inside of a week.

Potatoes do not keep well upon a cellar floor, where there is more or les dampness, and an imperfect ventilation. is much better to store them in bins. This is made of strips, both for the bottom and sides, with space between them, and being raised upon legs, thorough ventilation is secured. Cross-boards may be put to separate varieties. Such a bin is easily, cheaply and quickly made, and will pay for itself in a single season, in preserving the potatoes. When there is a large quantity of potatoes to be stored, three or four of these bins may be p'aced one above the other, the lower ones not being full in order to

The Chicago Times prints the follow-

ing:
Miss Sarah Capell, from whose house
in Brooklyn Maude Melville was abducted by her mother recently, adds some statements to the story of the infelicities in that family. She says while Melville was away the last time for eight months Mrs. Melville drew from the paymaster \$140 per month, and for the remainder of the time \$90 per month, and yet when he came home he found himself involved in debt on earn hand. involved in debt on every hand. Among the bills was one of \$45 for liquors, including wines, whiskeys and champagne. When Mrs. Melville was taken to the asylum, her other two children, Elvie,10 years old, and Meta, 8 years old, were allowed to go with her, but they had no clothes to wear, and Mr. Melville's sister, who lives in New York, was sent for to prepare them to go to their mother. They were absolutely destitute, and the house was not much better. There were no sheets or blankets on the beds, and everything had been allowed to go to ruin. Maude is perfectly familiar with all the mysteries of pawnshops, and tickets were found in the house representing almost every article of value that had ever been there. In the cellar was a hogshead full of wine she has a vicious temper. Engineer Melville and his wife have been married about eighteen years, and this domestic trouble has hung over the household for at least the last half of that period. Always when Mr. Melville returned home from a voyage he brought handsome and costly presents to his wife and children. Maude had on her finger when she left here yesterday a ring her father brought her worth \$300.

Women have been so long accustomed to indignities from their lords and protectors (?) that it is a pleasure to find one occasionally who is capable of pro-tecting herself. The New York Times has upon its editorial staff the wellknown stock-reporter, Middy Morgan, a lady who is regarded as a better judge of the stock market than any male reporter in New York. An insolent policeman, the other day received a valuable lesson at her hands. This fellow mistook her for a wanderer from the back woods as she was walking on the wharf near the Battery, and loudly advised her to "walk overboard." She quietly took his num-ber, reported him at the station, identified him when he appeared at the end of his watch, and had him suspended for two weeks without pay. The astounded rogue tried to beg off, and his fellow officers shut him off with the remark, 'Served ye right."

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