A COUNTRY SCHOOL SCENE, within a little school-house, grayish white. (One stormy winter day, if my memory serves me right.) Among the wooded hills of old Vermont, This homely scene came rippling to the front.

The school-room held some three score girls and boys.
From bli: and vale, of every grade and poisc—
The sluggish dolt, the wit, the wild, the steady, who gathered daily round good Master Eddy.

A famous class in geographic love
is called upon to yield its daily store.
As found and round in turn, the class recite.
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As found on the class their questions answer right,
Angusta, susan, Afred Geopeen, John;
Horstio, carciers then, goes stumbiling on,
And, subbing slowly o'er his drows; pate.
He gives the products of a southern state
As fice and cetton, sugar cane and corn,
As fice and cetton, sugar cane and corn,
Then adds, 'And backer,' placid as the morn.

"Not right" says Master E., in tones demure,
'The buildhern states no 'backer' grow, I'm sure.'
"My book says so,' Horatio prompt replies,
As, book in hand, neroes the room he nies.

Beneath the master's gaza he holds the book. Points out the word with triumph in his look: "Ah! that's to-bac-to," Master E. explains. With pitying tones for poor Horatlo's pains.

And still, in memory, I distinctly trace The curious look upon that student's face, As dropped and closed his book, and turned his To bear him meekly back unto his scat.

And yet that humble youth a mission filled More grand than e'er the neart of Casar thrilled. He heard fair freedom's call in time of strife, And promptly gave to her his all—his life.

Long may the stars and stripts in honor wave above that humble soldier's grass grown grave; There may the flowers of each returning spring Their fairest hus and sweatest fragrance bring; While I will learn henceforth, to messure man. By rule more just than any grammar can.

Various Kinds of Drunkards.

Some men seem to become drunk sud-

denly, giving no previous indication by thickness of articulation or unsteadiness of gait; this being commonly the case where mental excitement from other causes-as a heated discussion-prevails at the time. The most dreadful and astounding cases are afforded by those unfortunate people who are never sober. How they manage to survive as long as they do is a mystery. There are men who have been perpetually under the influence of liquor for twenty or thirty years. Of course the brain must have become permanently injured, so that we may infer that the drinks these persons now take have little or no real effect on them, and that their state would be just the same without it. Others, again, are systematic and punctual drunkards with regular habits, men who take their quantum and are put to bed unconscious every night, yet are capable of attending to their daily business in the most extraordinary manner. These, as a rule, never exceed a given amount by so much as a glass, and do not suffer so much as intermittent drunkards-at any rate, not soon, for the inevitable consequence is only a little longer deferred. The writer knew an old doctor in Jamaica who used to aver that the climate was the finest in the world. "Yellow fever, sir !" he used to exclaim-"not a bit of it! A vulgar chimera! A malicious libel on us! The fact is, it's the vicious, irregular drinking habits of the people here that kills em. Look at me! I drink a bottle of brandy every night, and have done so for thirty years. I get tipsy seven times a week in an orderly and decent manner; and I never had yellow fever nor a day's And to all appearances he was a fine, healthy man of sixty-five or seventy, with a beard as white as snow. Yet he was carried off suddenly by a trifling indisposition incidental to the climate: and it was found on examination of his papers after death that his age was only

It does not by any means follow, either, that because a man is never intoxicated he may not be drinking too much. Men employed in the great breweries in Lon don, especially the draymen, consume an enormous quantity of beer. The daily allowance which their employers give them is a very large one, but they rarely confine themselves to that; and the draymen get much gratuitously from the customers to whom they are always delivering the casks; so that ten or fourteen quarts is no exceptional consumption for one man; yet they are not drunk ards in the ordinary sense of the term. The very nature of their work necessitates the employment of steady men, strength being also a sine qua non. But if one of these men should break a limb, or get confined to bed from any other cause, he is almost sure to get delirium tremens; and a scalp-wound frequently kills him. Brewers' men in hospitals are notorious for being the worst cases for operations, being prone to exhibit all the most dangerous complications which fetter the success of surgical treatment.— Chambers' Journal.

Three Ways of Life.

A certain rich man being reminded by the increasing weight of years that he would never be any younger, and must the nervousness which is caused by the one day go the way of all flesh, called obstructed vision. A person becomes about him his three sons, whom he thus nervous by looking at the dots, and the

"My children, when I die all I have will be yours, but in addition to the property which I shall divide among you equally, I have a ring in which is set a diamond of great value. This I intend for him who after twelve months shall have made the greatest advance toward success in life. Here, take each of you can be successed in the succession of the successio one of those purses containing a hundred pieces of silver, go out into the world, and at the expiration of the time prescribed return, that I may judge which among you deserves the prize."

Thereupon the sons received their father's blessing, and, taking the purses of silver went away. But when a year and a day were passed they returned and presented themselves before their father, and it appeared they had chosen widely different means of gaining a common

"My lather," said the eldest, "with a part of the hundred pieces of silver thou gavest me I bought a certificate setting forth my great skill in healing the sick. I cultivated my beard and put on my glasses that I might appear to be a man of learning. I gave out that I was able to cure all known diseases. I administered bread pills and sweetened water to all who placed themselves under my to the extent of one thousand pieces of

"My son," remarked the parent, well "My son," remarked the parent, well pleased, "truly, thy cheek is colossal." oil, except the top ane, which should be covered with a bright cloth. Finish covered with a strip of the edge of the shelves with a strip of the edge of the shelves with a strip of the edge of the shelves with a strip of the edge of the shelves with a strip of two killed, including the licutenaut general of El Wahdi, the "false prophet," eral of El Wahdi, the "false prophet," eral of El Wahdi, the "false prophet," and many wounded. Egyptian losses to myself a government contract. I engaged to transport the mail for one thou- nails. Make a pretty curtain to hang sand pieces of gold per annum, and by across the front. It may be of dark felt of the Egytian troops.

exceeding prudence of management I have garnered profits upward of fifteen hundred pieces of gold.'

"Verily, thy prudence is monumentbut thy brother hath not yet spoken. "With one of thy pieces of silver, O. my father," began the youngest son, "I bought some tools and became a plum-

"My son, thou pride of my heart!" oried the enraptured old man, falling on his neck, while the happy tears coursed down his aged cheeks, "thou needst say no more. Thou hast clearly shown that thou hast discovered the true road to success. It is to thee, without a question, the ring belongs."-Toronto Globe.

The Injury that Dotted Vetls do to Ladies' Eyes.

A crusade has been made against the eigarette-smoking young men, the girl who stops up the pores of the skin with bandoline and cosmetics, the women or men who wear tight shoes or colored stockings, yet the use of dotted veils by ladies is entirely overlooked. For some time past opticians and eye specialists have been discussing the evils which are wrought by the dotted veil, and they are, with but few exceptions, right in their opinion that their use is very detri-

mental to the vision.

The dangerous "beautifier." This kind of veiling is made in a number of styles, but in a majority of cases the veils are made and worn to beautify the features and complexion of the person who peers through them, and the name of "beautifier" has come to be the accepted term by which this fabric is designated. It is manufactured in all grades and at all prices, and so universally is it worn that a reporter counted seventy ladies out of every hundred who

wore yeals with this fabric on. When spoken to upon the subject a prominent optician said that the damage that is done to the eyes by the use of this style of veil can hardly be imagined. "You would be surprised," said he, "if I should tell you that a large part of my practice is owing to the use of these veils. A lady with perfectly healthy eyes and strong optical nerves can stand the strain of them for a long period-in fact, for years. She could endure them for a lifetime probably if the style did not change. To day, however, we have the closely-dotted veil. To-morrow a veil will be displayed in the store windows with the dots sparsely studded over the fabric; and that is the way the fashion varies. Seven ladies out of every ten are troubled in some way with their eyes. Some have weak nerves of the eyelid; others have weak optical nerves, and all the diseases to which the eye is heir are shown to a greater or less degree in these seven ladies. The cause of this trouble is the beams and shadows that are continually flashed into the eye and the countenance, and spasmodic twitching of the eyeball when the person desires to see some object which is hidden by the dot in the veil."

"Some veils have dots of different colors from the thread of the fabric; does this irritate the nerve to any degree?" inquired the reporter.

"Yes, indeed; it makes a material difference," was the reply. "The colors are very trying upon the delicate nerves of the eye, and such a veil is far more prejudicial to the vision than the ordinary dotted veil of one solid color.

What is your opinion of the zigzag cords in the mourning veil?" "That is very injurious; indeed, it is

yet there is one advantage that it has, and that is not attributable to the merits of the veil. When a lady is in mourning she usually wears one veil, and thereby becomes accustomed to its use; but a lady that wears a dotted veil for a beautifier usually has a great variety, and she is continually changing them. The dotted veiling can be purchased as low as twenty-five cents a yard, and an eighth of a yard will be sufficient for a veil, according to the present style, as they are only worn over the upper por tion of the face."

"I don't suppose you object to their use?" queried the reporter.

"Well, no," laughingly replied the optician, "not in a pecuniary point of view, but in a general sense I do. I see so many cases of optical affections which are handed down to the children of these people that in my opinion, if the present ruinous fashion prevails for any length of time, it will have a marked effect upon the rising generation."

Another eminent eye specialist was consulted, and he agreed with the former optician in many particulars, yet he differed with him in respect to the manner in which the eye was affected by the veiling. "The principal trouble is nerves of the eye are so irritated that the

vision is seriously affected." The physician reiterated some of the facts that are given above, and in speakquestion to me why a woman will per-sist in allowing the full weight of her clothing to fall upon the waist and hips. A woman's skirts will weigh as much as the whole outfit of a man, and yet the clothing of the man is entirely supported upon the shoulders—the place where the strain can best be borne. A woman, who is naturally the weaker, and who should utilize all her strength, allows her clothing to rest upon her waist. This is an evil which certain people have attempted to alleviate, but it seems that the woman is obstinate and blind to her best interests.

House Decoration,

If you have not a book case, make one, or two looks better if you wish to fill up the recesses each side of the chimney. Any nook, or a corner will do, though a corner is rather harder to fit up. Have care, and as a result I have gained wealth a carpenter make you some very smooth shelves, and fit them into place from the floor only breast high. Do not paint or stain them, but rub them roughly with oil, except the top ane, which should be

cloth, trimmed across with bright bands of cloth feather-stitched on, or of any crash worked in outline embroidery, or of any material or color which will har monize with your carpets or curtains. Hang it with brass rings (which you can buy of any upholsterer) on a pole which should be fastened in front of the top shelf (we forgot to say, in in its proper place, that the top shelf should be nearly 2 inches wider than the others). The pole may be ordered with the rings, or you can take up a section of pipe (or a broom stick) and gibl it with prepared gilding, bought at a paint shop.

To support the pole, have your car penter saw out a couple of small brackets with a hole in the center just large

enough to admit the pole. Fasten your curtain to the rings, put the rings on the pole and the pole through the brackets, then serew the latter into place. Gild the brackets and serew heads into place. Put plaster busts or other ornaments on the ton shelf, and you will say you have a pretty and use ful piece of furniture at a slight expense. We saw a lovely curtain for this purpose made of olive covered cloth, Across the bottom was a deep facing of marcon cloth, above this were five rows of ordinary worsted braid in bright color, and fastened at each edge with high-colored silks in fancy stitches. Above 5 inches from the top of the curtain was another cluster of the braids. - Farmer's Review.

Why Judge Black Uses the Weed.

Not long ago Judge Black met a gentleman who pathetically related his endeavors to break himself of tobaccochewing, as it met with the unqualified condempation of all civilized people. 'You'll find it a hard case-a hard case, my friend," replied the judge, with a solemn wink. "I tried to break myself solemn wink. "I tried to break mysel of it once-didn't I ever tell you? Well, it was when I was Attorney-General, and I said to myself, 'Jeremiah Black, we've got to stop this thing.' So I made up my mind and one morning I started down to my office without a scrap of tobacco. I began the day badly and it got worse and worse by degrees. I never felt so much like a savage in my life. I dismissed two clerks, bounced a messenger, made a fool of myself three or four times, snapped at everybody and started home feeling myself a complete failure, and all creation a mistake. On the way I met a man whom I respected very much. He was a religious man. I told him my experience with leaving off tobacco and asked his advice. 'Judge,' ne said, 'my experience is the same as yours. I tried to leave off too. I quarrelled with several members of the church I belonged to, got tired of my wife, and if I should have kept it up I should have been a moral monster-and I determined to circumvent the old enemy by taking up my cherished vice,' and so" continued the Judge, cheerfally, "I saw that tobacco-chewing was ecuducive to virtue and (cutting a quid) I propose to keep it up until I leave it off."

Odd Happenings.

A sermon at a revival service at Roulsville, Pa., sent Jesse Wilhelm to an insane asylum. The minister said that all members of the Reformed and Lutheran churches were condemned to eternal punishment. Wilhelm's mother and sister had died in that faith.

As a squirrel that had been shot at in Plumas county, Cal., jumped from the tree unhurt, the hunter's dog seized it. The squirrel caught the dog by the lip. far more injurious than the dotted veil; Unable to shake the squirrel off, the dog ran to a stream near by and, plunging the squirrel under water, he held it there until it was drowned.

"Our first children all died," said a resident of the village of Fort Valley, near Americus, Ga., "and, as we were deeply anxious to 'raise' some, we have named those now living after animals. Knowing that animals receive the especial care of Providence, we call our children Fox, Coon, Rabbit, and

While herding his flock of sheep in the Salt Spring Valley, Cal., Anson Ross saw a large antiered buck bound in among them. As he went toward it the buck made a fierce plunge at him, but being an acrobat, he dodged the blow, and, stepping one side, caught the ani-mal by the hind legs. He then whipped out his knife and out his throat.

Bonded Whisky for Bermuda.

The first exportation of bonded whisky from Cincinnati will be on the steamer Ethel, from Newport News, the latter part of this month. The rates have been so much reduced that it is thought the entire expense of exporting to Bermuda and reimporting, including insurance, will not exceed \$5 per barrel. The Chesapeake and Ohio railroad company will carry the goods from Cincinnati and points in Kentucky to Newport News for 835% cents per 100 pounds each way. The charge from Newport News to St. George's, Bermuda, will be from \$1 to \$1.10, according to the length of time before it is brought back. It is now claimed that accommodation can be found in the Bermudas in warehouses which will afford absolute security for 150,000 barrels. There are about 300,-000 barrels to come out of bond during this year.

A Novel Trip.

A citizen of Rochester whose means allow him to choose any form of recreation and who is tired of the conventional tion and who is tired of the conventional vacations, has planned a novel trip for the coming summer. He has had built at St. Paul's a modified flat-boat on which he and his family intend to drift lazily down the Mississippi, stopping wherever inclination suggests. Their boat will be liberally supplied with creature comforts and furnished in a home like way and the expense, which home-like way, and the expense, which is not a controlling consideration, is not expected to exceed the price of board at a good hotel.

A Cairo dispatch of May 3d says: A telegram has been received from Colonei Hick, reporting that on the 29th ult. he had an engagement with 5000 rebels. The battle which lasted half an hour,



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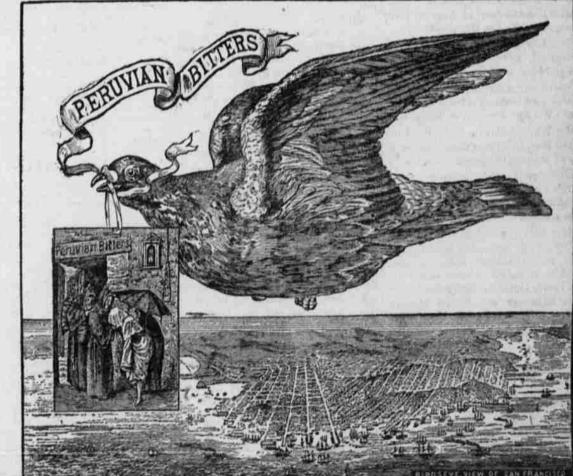
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