

WHERE THE KISSES GROW.

They leap from the soul of a baby... And then all over it spread...

THE DEACON'S WOOLING.

His Quest After Western Land on the R. So.



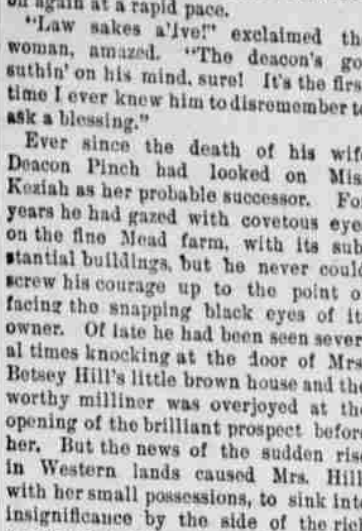
HE sun had disappeared behind the hills of New Bethany...



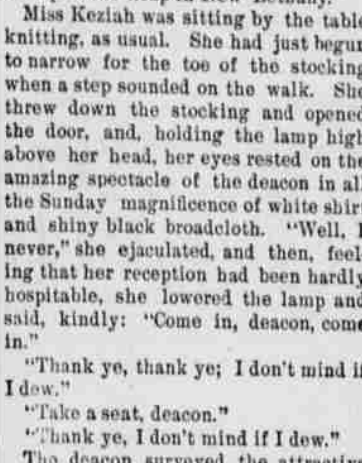
"I've been nothing but an amazing streak of luck ever since she was born...

PRETTY DINNER TABLES.

A Descriptive Article Which Will Be Appreciated by All Housekeepers.



Here is a description of three very pretty dinner tables. There was a long strip of dark-green plush down the center...



"MERCY!" SHE FAINTLY GASPED. members of the same spiritual family; 'till now be members of the same human family."

The deacon was completely withered, and Miss Keziah continued: "If you'll stop a minute..."

"Thank you, thank you; I don't mind it now," she said, smiling.

"I shall not mention it. Now follow my advice, deacon; make sure of Betsy Hill before another week goes by."

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SONG OF THE SCHOOL-BELL.

In the lower the school-bell rings, With a music all its own...

But the school-boy, unpoetic, Hears no music in the bell...

Soon the boy will disappear, And the toll-woman be found...

"Oh, Arthur, stop! Arthur, let me go; here comes your uncle."

"I don't know what you mean, but I know that I am tired of having the burden of the guardianship of a profligate nephew."

"I should think they did," cried the nephew, with a grin.

"What do you think?" "They think you want to marry her yourself."

"Nonsense. It is impossible." "It is certainly true. The mother has carefully instructed the daughter, and they are all ready to receive you into the bosom of the family."

"Oh, I believe Ned is going to skirt up towards Bar Harbor. But I think he will make the rest of the cruise without me."

"The greatest bridge on earth was opened in March at Edinburgh, Scotland. Its length is 2,396 feet."

AN OBEYENT CHILD.

She Was Told to Favor Mr. Brown and She Did.

A broad, vine-covered piazza, including in its quadrilateral embrace a red-floored corner of orthodox wooden form...

"Why, Arthur Brown," she exclaimed; "have you dropped from the sky?"

"Not quite that," answered the young man in the tennis suit...

"The tennis court must feel honored at your thoughtfulness," said the girl, composing herself again in the hammock...

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"Would you really like to see her?" "Really? Are we not simply dying for a sensation? And then, I've heard of such a thing as young ladies enjoying a sail once in awhile."

"Why, I should be delighted to bring her up here if you would like to see her. But as to her sailing, you know she will only carry two comfortablers."

"Oh, I'm sure you would be glad to stay on shore and watch the tennis-court. Mr. Lawrence and I could handle her very well."

"The young man's face fell at this, for if there was any thing in the world he wished to prevent, it was having Alice Miller and Ned Lawrence thrown together."

FAMILY SCRAP BASKET.

An Interesting Compilation of Household Facts and Fancies.

If the fat in the frying-kettle is hot before you are ready to fit it in a dry crust of bread, it will not burn as long as it has something to do, only when it is left idle.

It is convenient to have an iron-holder attached by a long string to the band of the apron when cooking; it saves burnt fingers or scorched aprons, and is always at hand.

Keep a clasp knife or a knife with a handle different from those in common use for the sole purpose of peeling onions, and so avoid the flavor and odor of them where it is neither expected nor desired.

Half a teaspoonful of sugar will nearly always revive a dying fire, and, unlike the few drops of coal oil which servants are so fond of using and which have caused so many sad accidents, is perfectly safe.

To mend a very large hole in socks or woven underwear, tack a piece of strong net over the aperture and darn over it. Thus mended the garment will be stronger than when new and look far better than if darned in the ordinary way.

To keep the bright, green color of summer cabbage, boil fast in plenty of water in which has been dissolved a piece of washing soda the size of two peas; cover until the water boils and then take off the lid. If the steam is shut in the cabbage will be yellow and unsightly.

Fasten one of the cheap, three-fold towel-racks securely to the kitchen wall near the stove, and it will serve to hang your jelly-bag, which should be provided with four loops of strong tape in place of the usual strings. Slip the two loops opposite each other on the outer arms of the rack and the alternate ones on the middle arm. You will find it far more convenient than tying the bag to the backs or legs of chairs.

To avoid the horrible odor which too often fills the house when cabbage or other green vegetables are boiling, follow these simple directions: Put your cabbage in a net and when you have boiled it five minutes in the first pot of water, lift it out, drain for a few seconds and place carefully in a second pot which you must have full of fast-boiling water on the stove. Empty the first water away and boil your cabbage till tender in the second.—C. A. Cheniston, in Good Housekeeping.

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FOREIGN GOSSIP.

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The Emperor of China is making a close study of railroad construction. He is said to have considerable ability as a scientific investigator.

At the opening of a culinary exhibition in Paris some distinguished guests were entertained at a table on which were two hundred different dishes differently cooked.

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A strange battle is reported to have lately taken place in Tokio, Japan. "A stream runs through the compound of Fokujuji Temple at Suzamo, and some hundreds of bull-frogs gathered on either bank. Then a terrific battle ensued, lasting from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., and it is stated that when the combat was finished the brook was blocked to such an extent with the bodies of the slain that the course of the water was almost totally impeded. Large numbers of people visited the place to witness the strange spectacle."

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THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

Its Size, Its Principal Industries and Its Political Institutions.

The Argentine Republic ranks after Brazil as the second nation in South America in territorial extent. It has 14 States, with a combined area of 515,000 miles, larger by two-fifths than that of the original 13 States of the American Union; and it has 9 territorial provinces, which swell the national domain to 1,135,086 miles, or less than one-third of the extent of the United States with Alaska included.

"I don't know what you mean, but I know that I am tired of having the burden of the guardianship of a profligate nephew. I am tired of paying debts; I am tired of helping out of scrapes at college; and when it is proposed that there shall be a marriage, and I shall support two instead of one, I say no, and I shall do all in my power to prevent it."

"Even to marrying her yourself," remarked the young man, but his uncle did not seem to hear him.

"Fortunately, I have found an opportunity to make my influence felt; and if I have used the opportunity to the fullest extent it is because the end will justify the means. I discovered only yesterday that my friend, Tom Miller, was the father of the girl you have gone crazy about, and I had an earnest conversation with him about his daughter's marriage."

"I should think they did," cried the nephew, with a grin. "Uncle, do you know what they think you meant by that talk?"

"What do you think?" "They think you want to marry her yourself." The young man fell back in a chair in an ecstasy of delight, and fairly roared.

"Nonsense. It is impossible." "It is certainly true. The mother has carefully instructed the daughter, and they are all ready to receive you into the bosom of the family. Oh! uncle, how the friendship of that woman will make you suffer."

"Heavens! Can it be? Yes; I beg to see it. Their manner has entirely changed toward me. What a frightful misunderstanding. What can I do?"

"You certainly are in a deuce of a position." And the dutiful nephew leaned back in his chair and laughed again.