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WINTJEN & HELMS, Jacksonville, Aug. 5, 1874.

WHAT BECAME OF HER.

In a little village church in a small country place, a small congregation gathered together on Sunday. Every pew held people well known to each other, and who knew each other's business.

And there the obstinate old grandfathers sat, not caring a whit for all the trouble they had caused, and never forgiving each other's trespasses, despite the fact that they repeated the Lord's prayer together every Sunday.

Who she was no one could guess, and why she came to church with such a cold as she seemed to have was a wonder to all. She coughed loud and long, interrupting the sermon and the prayer, and at last was seized with such a fit of choking that every head in the church was turned.

It's a shame! People ought to be more Christian-like in their conduct. I'll go and help her out.

Then she arose and went softly down the aisle, and bent over the old lady and whispered something, on which the poor old soul arose and took her arm, and they went out together.

There was a Sunday train to a large city, and a man kept watch at the station all the day. He, seeing fewer passengers on Sunday than at any other time, had noticed them all.

The old woman in the plaid shawl had come to the station, but Miss Redwood was not with her. A young man had been with the old lady.

The old lady could not be traced after that, and nothing more was heard of Annie Redwood.

Many thought the old woman was some dreadful person in disguise, who had murdered Annie for the handsome watch and ring she wore.

The words were searched, the pond-dragged, but in vain; and the poor girl was at last given up for lost.

The old grandfathers shook hands for the first time in years. The families were reconciled; but Annie was gone, and what was the use?

"If only I knew what became of my girl," sighed Mrs. Redwood. "Ah, yes, and if I knew my boy was alive," said Mrs. Benton.

A year passed, and it was the day that Annie had disappeared; and they had all gone to church as usual, and were going homeward.

"I think of Annie all day to-day," she said. "O! it is more than I can bear. Who was the old woman? What did she do to my girl?"

"O! mother there she is!" cried one of the daughters. All looked. Before them on the road trotted a large figure in a plaid cloak, coughing violently.

"Annie!" screamed the girls together; and screaming, sobbing, regardless of what any might think of them, they surrounded the pair.

It was Annie, alive and holding fast to the arm of the old lady she had helped out of the church a year before. And glad and angry, and a little terrified, the Bentons and the Redwoods entered the Redwood homestead, and closed the door.

ago. We changed costumes in the church porch, and so got safely off. Now we are here again, ready for your blessing. Are we forgiven?"

THE BANKRUPT LAW.—Bills have been introduced in Congress for the revision or repeal of the Bankrupt Law. A bankrupt law is an excellent provision for honest men who become involved in debts that they cannot pay.

STOPPING THE INTEREST.—Daniel Webster once dined with an old Boston merchant, and when they came to the wine a dusty old bottle was carefully decanted by John and passed to the host.

SWINDLING LOTTERY DEVICES.—General Jubal Early, in a published letter, describes the method of cheating in lotteries. He says the usual method of cheating in single number lotteries is to issue tickets containing only 100 or 200 of the numbers in each thousand.

POLITENESS IN THE SENATE.—The United States Senators who ever served the longest terms were both North Carolinians by birth—Benton, of Missouri, and King, of Alabama.

SHORT DRESSES.—It is stated that short walking dresses are the mode in Paris, and as American women are the slaves of the fashion in that fine city, it would be well that they be not too long in finding out the facts about the short dresses.

HOUSEHOLD RECIPES. REMOVING STAINS. A shovelful of hot coals held over varnished furniture will take out spots and stains.

POULTRICE. Cranberries pounded fine in the raw state are excellent as a poultice to all day inflammation of the skin.

THE COMPLEXION. A little oatmeal mixed with blood-warm water is good to wash the face with, as there is an oil in the meal which softens and improves the complexion.

POTATO PUDDING. Beat well together fourteen ounces of mashed potatoes (free from lumps), four ounces of butter, four of sugar, five eggs, the grated rind of a small lemon, a pinch of salt.

FLOPPED OVER.—There is a pious smile going the rounds about a Miss Wilson who wanted to be a Baptist and presented herself for baptism.

LIST OF THE CLASSES OF MODELS destroyed in the Patent Office fire of Sept. 24, 1877. Furnished by Gilmore, Smith & Co., patent solicitors, 628 F. St., Washington, D. C.

Aeration, bridges, brushes, brooms, butchery, bottling, baths, bee hives, bolts, brakes, carpentry, carriages, closets, castings, doors, dairy, engineering, excavations, fences, files, glass, gins, garden, grinding, hoisting, hydraulic, harrow, harvesters, (cutter-bars saved) journals and bearings, lime, cement, masonry, mechanical power, metallurgy, metal working (7 classes) mills, nuts, nails, needles, orchard, paving, presses, pumps, pneumatics, polishing, plans, planters, (very few saved) roofing, railways (4 classes) rivets, stone, saws, seeders (very few saved) sheet metal, stabling, threshing, tobacco, tubing, wagons, wire, water wheels, wire working, wood working.

Total number of models destroyed (about) 60,000. Tippe-a-pu-pu-chi-ook-delo-ot-tuck-a-lucks-e-ma-pu-hi-hi-tootot-mox-mox is the name of a very young chief, who fought throughout the late war with the Nez Percés.

ADVERTISE in the TIMES. EVILS OF GOSSIP.—I have known a country society which withered away to nothing under the dry rot of gossip only. Friendships, once firm as granite, dissolved to jelly, then ran away to water only because of this; love that promised a future as enduring and as stable as truth, evaporated into a morning mist that turned to day's long tears, only because of this; a father and a son were set foot to foot with the fiery breath of an anger that would never cool again between them; and a husband and a young wife, each straining at the hated lash which in the beginning had been the promise of a God-blessed love, sat mournfully by the side of the grave where all their love and all their joy lay buried, and all because of this.

NUMBER OF EGGS PER ANNUM.—After repeated experiments with the different varieties of chickens and comparison with others who have experimented in the same direction, it is concluded that the laying capacities of the principal varieties average about as follows: Light Brahmas and Partridge Cochins—Eggs, seven to the pound; lay 130 per annum.

SILVER.—Dr. Linderman, the Director of our mints, is enough of a silver man to believe that the fall in the price of silver during the past year is no argument against its use as money—indeed he thinks the main cause of its depreciation was the attempt not to use it as money. He gives the following as the cause of the fluctuations, ranking in importance in the order mentioned: First, change from the silver to the gold standard in Germany and Scandinavia; second, use of a forced paper currency in Russia and Austria and other States; third, diminished demand for exports to India and China; fourth, the limitations placed on coinage of silver by countries of the double standard; fifth, increased population.

READS HIS OWN PAPER.—The Eugene Guard says: "An old subscriber who had always paid his subscription in advance, but whose subscription had expired two or three weeks ago, came rushing into our office Wednesday, and, assuming a very belligerent attitude, said: 'I'm tired reading your paper.' We were meekly told him that if the paper did not suit him he could discontinue it, when he excitedly said, 'No! I've always paid for my paper before I read it; then it was mine; but the last two weeks I've read yours and it's no satisfaction to me.' We smiled as we made out the receipt for two years in advance, and pocketed our V." By the way, if there's anybody reading our paper, and it don't suit, we are willing to fix the matter the same way.

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