Your eyes had a swimming glory, Janette, Revealing the old, door story, my pet; They were grey, with that chartening lings of the sky When the trout leaps quickest to susp the fly, And they matched with your golden hair, my pet, Your lips -but I have no words, Janette, were as fresh as the twitter of birds, my pet,

When the Spring is young, and the roses are wet With dew drope in each red bosom set, And they suited your gold-brown hair, my pet. Oh, you tangled my life in your hair, Janotte, Twas a silken and golden sourc, my jet. But so gentle the bondage, my soul did implore The right to continue your slave over more, With my fingers enmeshed in your bair, my pet.

Thus ever I dream what you were, Janette,
With your lips, and your eves, and your hair, my pet,
In the darkness of desolate years I mose.
And my tears fall bitterly over the stone
That covers your gold brown hair, my pet.

Mrs. Miffet's Camel's Hair Shawl.

Mr. Miffet always called his wife "Ma Miffet," and she always called him "Pa Miffet." So, after awhile all the neighbors and friends fell into the same way, and each one of them said "Ma Miffet" and "Pa Miffet" as naturally as could be.

The Miffets had three children, two girls and one boy, and their names were Matilda Mary, next Lydia Lucy, then Jeremiah Julius. Ma Miffet had named them all, because, as she said, "They. ight not like their first name, and so should each have a second name to hoose from."

But when the children grew up they were so well pleased with their names that they would not have them shortened in the least, and Jeremiah Julius even wanted to add James to his and be called Jeremiah Julius James. But Ma Miffet objected to this, because it took so long to pronounce it when in a hurry, so Jeremiah Julius was forced to be content without the James.

One Sunday, as soon as they came home from church, the Miffets all began to talk of Mrs. Snapper's camel's hair shawl, which she had just bought.

Ma Miffet said it was just such a shawl as she would like if Pa Miffet could afford to get her one.

Matilda Mary said that Mrs. Snapper's cook had told the milkman, and the milkman had told their chambermaid, and their chambermaid had told her, that the shawl cost five hundred dollars.

Lydia Lucy said that was more than a whole camel was worth, she thought. Jeremiah Julius said that it would be a good idea to buy a camel, and then they could get as many shawls as they wanted out of its hair.

Pa Miffet was much pleased with this idea, and said he knew a man who owned a whole menagerie, who might sell a camel cheap.

"Besides," said Pa Miffet, " 175" take the camel in the country with us this Summer, and use him to ride on instead of getting a horse. That would be a real saving these hard times." "Yes, indeed," said Jeremiah Julius,

"I have heard that camels eat very little, so perhaps it would feed along by the roadside, and save the expense of buying hay and oats."

"But don't they sometimes swallow bits of glass, and nails and such things," asked Ma Miffet anxiously.

"Oh no, Ma Miffet, you are thinking of an ostrich," said Lucy, who had studied natural history. "O well! I knew it was some kind of

a long-necked thing-ostrich or camel, it don't matter which," said Ma Miffet. "When will you go to see the man

who owns the camel, Pa Miffet " asked Matilda Mary. "To-morrow," replied Pa Miffet. "If he wants to sell a camel cheap, I will

buy one. You, Jeremiah Julius, will take the beast in the country, and we will follow you next week." "Perhaps I had better ride on it and

save my fare in the car," suggested Jere-"Perhaps you could do that," said Pa

"Then couldn't I go with him?" exclaimed Lydis Lucy. "Two people can

ride a camel, I'm sure." "Yes, so I've heard," said Ma Miffet. But won't you be afraid when he gal-

lops, my dear ?" "Oh, camels don't gallop," said Lydia

But Pa Miffet would not consent to let his daughter travel in that way, he brother, said, so poor Lydia Lucy had to give it

Two days afterward the whole family were terribly excited by the appearance of Pa Miffet leading a camel into the doorvard. Ma Miffet ran to meet her

husband, and to take a good look at the camel, too.

"But where's his trunk 1" she asked at

"Ma! camels don't have trunks, only elephants do," answered Lucy, who re-membered her natural history. "Nonsense, child! Why shouldn't a

camel have a trunk as well as an elephant? Never mind, we can let him have a big carpet bag, and that will do just as well," said Ma Miffet, kindly,

Well, the camel was put into the yard for that night, and early the next morning Jeremiah Julius came out dressed for a journey. He carried a small satchel in one hand and a lunch basket in the other, and all the family followed him into the yard to see him start.

"But how can I get up on his back !" said poor Jeremish Julius, when he had kissed them all good-bye, and looked at

the camel. "I know!" said Ma Miffet, "You must have the step ladder, to be sure." So Pa Miffet brought out the step ladder and rested it against the camel. "Stop one moment?" said Ma Miffet. "Let me get a rope and tie it to the

camel's tail, so as as to make him still while you get on." Pa Miffet tied it fast to the camel's tail. there were seventeen courses of fish. business, and have reduced the price of Then Jeremish Julius mounted the "Bedad," he exclaimed, "if that's what card photos to \$1 50, and cabinets to

on the lower step with his satchel and lunch basket, getting ready to hand them to him.

But at this moment the camel, who was a little frightened, and was getting impatient besides, started violently and upset the ladder. Jeremiah Julius fell of headforemost; so did Matilda Mary; but Pa Miffet, who was holding the rope, began to pull it with all bis might. Away went the poor camel, galloping out of the gate and down the street at a furious pace, with Pa Miffet hanging on behind. He knocked down several children, one old woman, frightened two horses, and at last ran into a butcher's stall, where he was stopped.

The butcher's boy brushed off Pa Miffet's clothes, which were quite muddy, and then went with him to lead the camel home. But Jeremiah Julius had a bump on his forehead where he struck the ground when he fell, and Matilda Mary had set her nose a-bleeding at the same time. So they concluded not to travel on the camel's back, after all.

"You see, Ma and Pa," said Lydia Lucy, who had studied natural history. "The camel lives in the desert, and of course be won't go well here. You must take him where there is plenty of sand and no houses if you want to use

"But we don't know of any such place here," said Pa Miffet.

"We might take him to the sea shore; there is plenty of sand there," said Ma "But it would cost so much," objected

Pa Miffet, after he had considered the expense awhile. "I'm sure I shall never dare to ride

on him," said Matilda Mary sorrowfully, Just then Jeremiah Julius came in. "Here is a letter from the man whose horse we frightened vesterday," he said. "He wants you to pay him fifty dollars

"And the old woman who was knocked lown says you must settle her doctor's bill, pa," added Ma Miffet.

"And the butcher came here this morning to say that you had hurt his little girl and would have to pay him a round sun for that," said Lydia Lucy. "And your coat is all torn up, Pa," said Ma Miffet.

Well the Miffets sold the camel the next day and paid all the bills for data-

But poor Ma Miffet didn't get her camel's hair shawl, which grieved her However, one day, Lydia Lucy came

home from school, where she was studying natural history, and exclaimed: "Why Ma, camel's hair shawls are not made of camel's hair at all ! They are made from the wool of the Cashmere goat, so our camel would never have

been of any use ?" "Dear me!" said Ma Miffet and Pa Miffet at once. "Dear me ! what a good thing knowledge is !"

Some Superstitious Barkles.

Among those who on Sunday afternoon, visited the scene of the lightning's | the proper thing for an honorable lover freaks at the tent church, Ridge avenue and Diamond street, were some colored brethern from North Penn village, fresh from their devotions in a neighboring chapel. One of the benches which had been burned was lying on its side, and on the bottom the fiames had blistered the paint. A colored brother sang out: "Sister Jones, shore's yer liv, dars a

G-o-d P-God present-burned on dat ar bench. Dat shows God's wisit yer." The reporter strained his eyes and stretched his imagination, which was a very difficult matter, and plainly disserned a circle which might represent a "G." followed by a complete circle, but

for the remainder even a reporter's imagination failed. "No, 'tisn't brudder; dat's G-o-d R-God's rath.

"Sure 'nuff," chimed in several of the dusky brethern. "It's god's visitation. Ain't it ore-

ful?" continued the man. "What's that ! Show it to me," said the reporter.

"See dar. G-o-d-R-God's rath." "How do you make wrath out of that? We don't find wrath spelled that way in our dictionary," continued the scribe. "Why certain 'nuff, r-a t-h spells rath.

How do you spell it?" "We generally begin the word with a w when there are any handy in the com

position room." "Don't know bout dat. 'Pears to me you're wrong. Now, what do you henscratchers an' fraud hunters make out of it l" asked the colored man and

The reporters laughed and moved off. As they passed across the street, one of the darkies was heard to remark: "There goes two smart Ellieka. Don't know how to spell rath."

VIRTUES OF GATHEAL -In Great Britain childran of all ranks are raised on oatmeal diet alone, because it causes them to grow strong and beautiful, and no better food can possibly be found for them. It is also quite as desirable for the student as for the laborer, and for the delicate laborer, and her hard working sister, indeed all classes would be greatly benefited by its use, and dyspepsia, with all its manifold annoyances, can be kept at a distance. Ostmeal is more substantial food, it is said, than veal, pork, or lamb, giving as much or, more mental vigor, while its great desideratum consists in one not becoming weary of it, for it is as welcome for breakfast or tea as is wheat or graham bread. It can be eaten with syrup or butter as hasty pudding, or with cream and sugar, like rice. It is especially good for young mothers, upon whose nervous forces too great a demand has been made, and they lose the equilibrium of the system and become depressed and dispirited. Oatmeal requires

An Irishman waited at the cardinal's So Ma Miffet brought the rope, and table in Dublin, on a Friday, when

Proposals of Marriage.

It does not require a formal asking of the mementuous question to constitute an offer of marriage. Probably the majority of swains do not say in so many words "will you be my wife?" The sweet pact between the lovers is often made more in the eyes and of the actions than in that of articulate speech.

The moment is fitting, the surround ings are auspicious, and the hearts of the pair beat in unison as their glances meet, when all at once they stand rerealed to one another as lover and seloved. They have no need to ask questions at that time of supreme elevation, for they know all they wish to know without such inquiries, and spoken words or words which had been premeditated, would seem out of time, harsh, coarse, grating, and utterly inadequate to express the delicious tumult of their souls. The man may have spent days and nights beforehand in construcing and polishing up a declaration, yet when the hour comes it strikes him unexpectedly, and he either stammers out words which would be unintelligible to any other hearer than his fair companion, or he only looks what he has to say, and gets his answer in an averted and blushing face, a timid glance, or a soft pressure of the hand. After it is all done he cares not a whit about the ways through which the happy end is reached; he has won and that is enough.

Of course there is such a thing as a formal proposal of marriage, and there are men who make it with all the deliberation they would use if they were transacting any other important piece of business. But such men, though they may be very estimable individuals, and deserve the best wives to be had, do not make the sort of lovers which most women prefer. A little precipitation, even a degree of audacity, and a manifest degree of determination by mere force of will, are usually more apt to consumer than studied argument. It can not be denied, however, that a cool head is oftentimes a great help to a lover at the moment of offering himself; but he must take care not to exhibit his self-poise too copiously, and must approach the subject with a manner of humility, rather than that of a man who is merely concluding a bargain he can easily make or which has been openly offered.

But, however people may become engaged, they are pretty sure after the troth has been plighted to get frequent assurances from one another of undying evotion, and so to have no doubt left n their minds about the fect. The engagement ring, too, settles that business finally, and both the pair should be ready to let the betrothal be made known to all who have a right to hear of it. It is better for them both that they should so act, for secret engagements are silly or dangerous; and it is a very grave matter for a man to mak a woman to be hearte, not a thing for one to do for mere pastime, without thought of the consequences. Moreover, who is fairly treated by the girl's family is to ask the old gentleman's permission to be received as his future son-in-law. and then to make himself generally agreeable to the whole household. It is a great mistake to ignore the rights and feelfligs of the parents in such a matter, for their ill will may defeat the purposes of the engagement and cause the girl much agony. Neither must the over grow impatient when the father pushes inquiries as to his material condition and business prospects. He must make a clean breast of his affairs, and not excite suspicion by anything that approaches duplicity. The old gentle man has a right to known all about him. and he isn't fit to marry the girl unless he is willing to tell the whole story. Mysterious beings make very romantic swains, but they almost invariably turn out shabby husbands. Therefore the prosaic questions of her father are of the greatest value to the girl, who may

have been duped by a fraud. It happens often, too, that the quiet course of a friendship between a bachclor and a maiden will at length run into love. The trouble about affection so reached, however, is that it nav be felt by one of them and not by the other; and in most such cases the woman is the sufferer. The woman waits in vain for the proposal she expects and to which she is ready to give a favorable answer, and at last she finds she has no exchange in kind for her affection and perhaps has to tremble at the wedding of the irresponsive man to another.

BRAIN WORK .- When we hear that a man has killed himself by excessive brain work, we feel that we should like to have the witnesses in court in order that we may rigidly cross-examine them. What sort of work was it! Was it brain work pure, or was it mixed up with anxiety, worry and excitement? What were the man's habits! Did he indulge overmuch in what is called stimulants? Did he deprive himself of a just allotment of sleep? If all these questions could be asked and answered we suspect it would be found that the man who is supposed to have died of excessive mental energy, died rather of want of fresh air and exercise, of too much firewater in some form or another, No. 8. Hail to the Chief No. 8. of horrible financial embarrassment, of late hours and excitements other than those pure work breeds in the human

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