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Cold Bedrooms.

It is always a matter of great moment to maintain an equable temperature in merchants living in adjoining towns. the bedroom. A bedroom the air of The strong friendship existing between changes of temperature is always a trap which is subject to great and frequent for danger. To persons who are in the manhood. Each possessed sterling traits prime of life, and who are in robust of character, though the two men were health, this danger is less pronounced, but to the young and the feeble it is a the winter season, old people begin to though an honest frue man, was harsh n time are the features of the Company. Fares during these seasons, and the most mark | rectitude laid down for himself. ed of facts is the number of deceased aged by old age. The public mind accepts change of external conditions, and of a way. It must go out in the next mail. mortality, therefore, that is necessary as truth and sound common sense and com- his most intimate friend. mon observation in this view, but when we descend from the general to the particular we find that much of the mortality seen in such excess amongst the aged Newfoundland dog. is induced by mistakes on the subject of warmth in the bedroom.

The fatal event comes about somewhat in this way : The room in which the enfeebled person has been sitting before the bedroom is entered. The bedroom A few minutes could be easily spared. perchance has no fire in it, or if a fire be He hurried with Caleb to the shed after the other," said Mr. Carter. "The ighted, provision is not made to keep it where Rover was tied, and spent five lost letter had been picked up and foralight for more than an hour or two. The minutes admiring and praising the warded according to its written direcresult is that in the early part of the morning, from 3 to 4 o'clock, when the lowest, the glow from the fire or stove his great dismay, that the letter was the theck, then?" he asked, drying his which should warm the room has ceased, missing! and the room is cold to an extreme deor ewers under these conditions.

forty degrees on the Fahrenheit scale; agony. and though he may be fairly covered lungs this cold air, by which the circulation through the lungs is materially awfully."

accept the way, and he'll whip me may boy," said Mr. Carter, laying his tion through the lungs is materially awfully."

this very time unfavorable for meeting midnight and six in the morning the animal vital processes are at their lowest are enfeebled from any cause most frequently die. Physicians often consider these hours as critical, and forewarn anxious friends in respect to them. From time immemorial those who have been accustomed to wait and attend on the sick have noted these hours most anxiously, so that they have been called by one of our old writers "the hours of fate." In this space of time the influence of the life-giving sun has been longest withdrawn from man, and the hearts that are even the strongest beat then with subslued tone. Sleep is heaviest, and death is nearest to us ail, in "the

hours of fate. The safest method is to have the air of the room, a short time before it is occupied, brought up to a uniform temper- wrote thus ature of from 60 to 65 degrees Fahr. It should never fall five degrees below 60, and never rise above 65 degrees under ordinary circumstances. In cases where the occupant of the room is extremely enfeebled, it may be necessary to raise the temperature to a higher point, but I am thinking this moment of sleepers who are in fair health, and for whom no that way, especial provision is required.

A mistake is sometimes made in ob- ter in the postoffice and went home. serving the temperature. The reading of the thermometer is taken in one mail went?" asked Mr. Harrison, as Paul part of the room only, perhaps in entered the parlor. "The letter was to freplace or from the mantel shelf. This evasive reply. is not a fair observation, for a room at that part may be very warm, while it is session of the boy's heart, and he really very cold in other parts. The tempera-felt 1 arv he had not braved his father's ture should, properly, be taken at the displeasure, and owned the truth. He bed's head, about two feet above the pillow, and that is the best position in his act (as such acts always do) left which to keep the thermometer, with something to dread. It was too late ? which every bedroom ought to be fur- he reasoned, to retrieve the mistake; but nished. An ordinary thermometer suffices as a general index, but a registering Three days afterwards, Mr. Harrison reinstrument is most advantageous when particular care is demanded in observa-

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One bright morning he said to his son, persons. It is like an epidemic of death as he sealed a letter he had just written: "Paul, I want you to carry this letter this record as indicative of a general to the Post Office. Don't stop on the Paul took it, put on his hat, and went a result of that change. I would not whistling down the street. On his way myself dispute that there is a line of he had to pass the home of Caleb Parker,

"Halloo!" called Caleb from the

piazza. "Twe just had a streak of luck. Uncle Roger has given me a splendid "Oh, that's jolly!" returned Paul, eagerly.

"Come in and see him," nrged Caleb. Paul glanced at the clock on the tone church-steeple. It lacked a full halfgoing to bed has been warmed probably hour to mail-time. Thoughtless of the else," sobbed the boy. up to summer heat; a light meal has been disobedience he was committing, he taken before retiring to rest, and then yielded to the temptation before him. one bundred and fifty dollars, came to

"splendid puppy." Then he continued his walk. But on temperature of the air in all parts is reaching the Post Office, he found, to

He was sure he had carefully put it in gree. In country houses the water will his pocket. What should be do? He suspect you. What did? questioned Mr. often be found frozen in the hand-basins remembered pulling out his handker. Carter. chief while talking to Caleb, and think-Meanwhile the sleeper lies unconscious ing it probably fell out then, he quickly of the great change which is taking place retraced his steps to Mr. Parker's house. in the air around him. Slowly and He told Cateb his trouble, and the two my name. surely there is a decline of temperature mais a thorough search. But the letter to the extent, it may be, of thirty or could not be found. Paul was in great and even the knitting brows of Mr. Har-

"I'd about as soon be killed as to go crimson with bed-clothes, he is receiving into his home and tell father. He told me not

The condition of the body itself is at inquired Caleb, after thinking a little.

Ser, and is easily alarmed. But no one inquired caleb, after thinking a little.

Ser, and is easily alarmed. But no one has very time unfavorable for meeting. Tea. Father wrote to Mr. Carter to had suspected you of stealing. Paul. I ncy. In the period between send him twenty barrels of flour, to last was only telling your father that Abbe

till he gets a supply from the West," "Then save yourself a whipping by has lately forged on a stolen check, and ebb. It is in these times that those who holding your tongue. Don't say a world is likely to go to prison." to your father about it. Come to my room and write another letter, and sign about me." your father's name to it. Twent do any barm and 'twill bring the flour all the same. Only keep whist."

> a wrong counsellor : that a frank and sraightfor ward course was the only right | while Mr. Harrison sat thinking. He was But he had been twice severely punished for small acts of thoughtless disc-

Paul hesitated. He knew Caleb was

bedience, and the pain of the blows was my letter?" fresh in his memory.
"Well, on the whole, Caleb, I guess I "Well, on the whole, Caleb, I guess I "Twasn't right, I know, father. I will follow your advice. I can't see what hated to hide it, but I thought 'twouldhurt it can do

the offered pen and ink, and quickly were again alone. MERRITOWN, May 9-Ma. Carter-Dear Sir: I wish to purchase of you twenty barrels of good

They went into the house. Paul took

flour, to be sent immediately. A. Harrison, per P. H. Paul had seen his father's clerk write letters on business, and sign them in

Ten minutes later he deposited the let-"Did you get my letter in before the

"The letter was there in time, was the what might come of it, he could not tell.

ceived twenty barrels of flour from the wholesale house of Mr. Carter It was a great relief to Paul's mind The letter substituted had apparently filled its purpose as well as if it had been the original.

A week went by. One morning Mr. Harrison said to his wife at the breakfast "I sent a check of one hundred and

fifty dollars to Mr. Carter. Don't see ladies of the company has a young baby. why it hasn't been acknowledged." Terror and dismay instantly over-spread Paul's face, and he quickly left the table. It had not before occurred to him that the lost letter held a check. which was lost too. The thought appalled him, and terrible forebodings tor-

Late in the afternoon of that day, as Paul sat alone in the library, the door very best the market affords, and every exertion his father cordially greet Mr. Carter and invite him into the parlor. They had a low, earnest conversation together. Mr. Carter seemed to be giv-

> astonished Mr. Harrison. The door was closed, but occasionally part of a sentence came distinctly to Paul's ears. He heard the words, "check;" "stolen from a letter;" "State prison offense;" "young for such a

ing some important information which

He looked out of the widow into the street, and a strong impulse seized him to flee from the house, but his limbs were powerless to act. Suddenly Mr. Harrison opened the door.

"Paul, come here," he said. "Mr. Carter wishes to talk with you." The boy went into the parlor, nervous and trembling. One glance at the weary,

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"O sir," interrupted Paul, quickly,

"That-that-I didn't steal the check!

"Lost my letter! what letter? Out

"The one you wrote to Mr. Carter-

with the truth!" commanded Mr. Har-

Office. There was plenty of time before

the mail closed, and I stopped a few min-

ntes to look at Caleb's new dog. The

letter was dropped somewhere, and I

couldn't find it -and -and I thought it

was only an order for flour, and I wrote

another and signed your name to it. I

knew 'twould bring the flour all the

the flour at once," put in Mr. Carter.

"I received that letter and forwarded

"Go on, Paul. So you have forged a

"That's all I have to tell-nothing

"Your father's letter, with a cheek of

A look of mingled relief and sur

Why did you suspect me of stealing

"Don't see what led you to think I did

"Because I heard father and you talk-

ing about a check that was stolen from a

letter, and just after that you mentioned

Mr. Carter burst into a hearty laugh,

rison relaxed. Paul's faced flushed

Phillips, the son of one of our friends.

"But something was certainly said

"Yes, I asked to see you to inquire

about your schoolmate, Ned Lee, who

Paul gave Mr. Carter all the informa-

tion he wanted about his schoolmate,

not quite ready to change the subject.

"Paul," said he, sternly, "how comes it you are so late in owning that you lost

Paul left the room, and the merchants

"Albert," said Mr. Carter, earnestly,

we have been friends from boyhood,

and I hope you won't take offense at my

plain speaking. Don't you see you are

"That's what the end will be. Paul is

a little thoughtless and impetuous, but a

good boy in the main. It was dread of

and he arose and went to Paul's room.

you need have no fear of me.

siderable.

wheat can be carried by steam through the Suez canal from Calcutta to Liver-

selping your son to make a rogue?"

"A rogue! What do you mean?"

wants a place in my store."

Paul bung his head.

twould save me from a beating.

"You were more frightened than hurt,

me. I had two letters, one a few days.

prise suddenly came over Paul's face-

done?" asked Mr. Harrison, in a severe

What else have you

know it held a check!" with chattering

"I never told you a lie! never, SEVER!

and I hope you'll believe me now"

"Believe what, my son?"

stammered Paul.

same, and it did."

letter for me.

trop."

Paul began to cry

well-known Louisville physician, "was that of a man whose fleath could not affect his relations, because he had none; but the manner of his dying was so awful that it was a call upon common humanity for sorrow. He was a young fellow who at the breaking out of the war, when he was 20 years old, enlisted I-I lost your letter-but-but-I didn't and fought with courage under confederate banners. In the terrible warfare about Nashville he was exposed to the rains and colds, sail contracted inflammatory rhenmatism from which never recovered, which caused his resignation. He returned to his home a mis You gave it to me to carry to the Post erable creature, and never was afterward able to walk. For fifteen long years he was dying as slowly and surely, and with as much torture, as the most refined cruelties of human invention might have produced. Opinted Of course opiates were administered, but what of the moments when the influence had waned, and when, rushing upon him like wolves of torture, made ravenous by hunger, the pains broke through the well of insensibility and togged at his frame with teeth of cruelty? The very immunity which opium gave added another horror when it was withdrawn. He was kept under its influence as much as possible. In nine years he had lost every power of mincular effort, and sat in his chair a living corpse, only to be moved to his bed, where he became a mnmmy with the spark of life still glowing. The time shortly came when he no longer lay in his bed, but sitting in his invalid chair became the enthroned embodiment of a soul too miserable for life, too sacred to be feared by other hands. So he sat, year after year, with his muscles fixed in iron, his eyes looking upon a world as dreary as misery could paint it; his voice sinking in his throat, only to be expelled by hunted nature in wild and piteous cries when the pain racked into hopeless cowardice the strong heart that had led his men up to the drewiful caverns of cannons months without a flinch. Fixed and rigid, the poor boy was a sphinn, en-dowed with life and deprived of morement. Every joint in his body became ossified by the chalky deposits, and not even a movement that provoked deathless agony became possible. Even the joints of the neck became rigid, the finwas not right, and guilt is a loud accuser, and is easily alarmed. But no one gers stiff, and the limbs petrified. He was a stone frame, with a covering of flesh and the soul of a living man" muscles of the eve even failed, and the lids falling upon the weary balls shut in forever the darkness that was about him like the gloom of the grave. Then came, with the same step of measured eternity, the ossification of the joints of the jaw, and he was fed between the rigid teeth. How slowly death moved cannot

### Baseball. The town that cannot support rival

coffin.

panishment, you see, that forced him to baseball clubs is too small to be named

act underhanded in this thing. Encour- on the map, while the place with no club

be described, but when the inflammation

had seized the heart in that last pro

longed spasm, nature no longer could

tortures took place under the drawn cur-

tain of that human mystery can no more

be told than the secrets of those horrors

in the lowest dungeous of the inquisi-

tion. Death came, but it was like the

fading of the mist-line into the clouds,

and as we stood about that chair no ene

dared to utter his thought-no one could

tell whether the soul still lurked in the

prison, or whether death was life or life

was death. When he was buried his

fixed limbs were broken with hammers,

in order that he might be placed in a

give warning of its agency.

age frankness in him by keeping him less at all is beneath the notice of any spirited youth who has lived more than ten years. under fear. He has taken his first lesson in artifice. God grant it may be his Some games are of the nature of diseases that become epidemic, but baseball is an Haif an hour later, Mr. Carter went annual complaint that breaks out every away, and Mr. Harrison sat long absorbed spring with the first daisy, succenmbs with reluctance to the first heavy snow A revelation had been made to him. storm and has countless germs which are tenderly nursed through every winter. Why it should have become the "Well, Paul," said he, "you have paid national game nobody knows; it is not the best development of ball playing; it does not afford every willing man a a heavier penalty for concealment than if the truth had been told at first." 'Indeed I have, father; I never had chance; "que le played without a crowd, and one or two men falling ill snything . w me half so much in my may ruin the anticipations of a day of a "Always be true and oven, Paul, and season; it gives very little exercise to the hour; it is productive of more physical accidents than all other field sports com-Father and son had both fearned an important lesson .- Youth's Companion. bined, and yet ball clubs outnumber clubs of boating men, archers, bicy-AN ACTOR HERO.-Tony Denier, man clists and athletes generally a numbed to ager of the "Original Humpty-Dumpty Combination," has been distinguishing one. Stranger still, the very people who grumble most at the game give it their himself as a hero. Sunday noon a fire scentred in the hotel at Winona, where hearty support; descons who prone mee he and his company were. One of the it demoralizing will subscribe to the traveling expenses of their town club, which goes a hundred miles away to She started out of her room in terror, take the conceit out of some other club; physicians who say it is a truitful source of physical disabilities will put off a patient in order to attend a game; the swoon on reaching the outer air, and the mothers who protest against began screaming for her child. Mr. their darling boys taking part in Denier turned back into the building, through dense smoke, and explored his anything that insures black eyes, flatway to the lady's room. He took the tened noses and broken fingers will negchild and started down stairs, but was leet a Sunday dinner to see that their Will st all times be found furnished with the bell rang, and a moment after, he heard driven back by the flames. He ran to sons club uniforms fit to a nicety, and the window, shouted to those below to the preachers who think the game dis-"look out," and turned a forward sum- tracts youthful thoughts from better mersault from the window ledge. Hap pily he landed on his feet and escaped pastoral visits that they will pass the clubinjury, his experience as a clown provgrounds while a game is in progress. ing valuable. The child was given to its Against such a mass of public epinion it is useless to protest ; indeed, it would mother, and then the people swarmed is useless to protest; indeed, it would about Tony, several men lifting him upon be shameful, for a host of manly qualitheir shoulders, and he was borne to a ties are aroused and strengthened by the game that has become national in its saloon, where wine was liberally poured out in his honor. The company lost range. A few physical casualities are a nothing, and modest Toney gained conrived from a sport that conxes almost all of Young America out of doors and keeps them there. SAVING BY THE SUEZ CANAL.-That if

> The Marquis of Huntley is a brick-apool for 7s. 6d., or even at 10s. per ton, and if rice, why not wheat, and East Indians, who have now more acreage in wheat than the United States, take it the price of everything in the shop windered for the price of everything in the price of everyth brac hunter, and once, in a town of into their sagacious heads to work for the dow and finding nothing of interest, he European market, then good-bye to all inquired if there were any other collecour prosperity that comes from wheat tors in the town. The pawnbraker's Our farmers should look into wife said there was Mr. Sadler. "Pray, this canal business more than they have, asked the Marquis, "what does be coland let their representatives in Congress lect?" "Oh," replied the woman, "the