THRENODY.

tching here alone by the fire whereas hat year with me the friend that a week since yet was near, That a week has borne so far and hid so deep,

Woe am I that I may not weep, May not years to behold him here.

me were mine, and little the love I bore him were,

to mourn that botter he fares than love may fare Which desires and would not have ind

Would not love him so worse than ill, Would not clothe him again with care

Yet can love not choose but remember, h

Eyes but darken, only for one vain thought's poor

For the thought that by this hearth's now

lonely side Two fast friends, on the day he died, Looked once more for his band to take

Let thy soul forgive them, and pardon heal the sigh their hearts be heavy to think what then

had been. The delight that never while they live may Love's communion of speech with thee, Soul and speech with the soul therein.

O my friend, O brother, a glory veiled and marred Meyer love made mosa for a life more evil starred. Was it envy, chance; or chance compelling fate, Whence thy spirit was bruised so late, Bowed so heavily, bound so hard?

Now released, it may be-if only love might

Willed and fired with sight, it beholds us blind and

With a pity keeper yet, if that may be, Even than ever was this that we Felt, when love of thee wrought us woe.

None may tell the depths and the heights of life and death.

What we may we give thee: a word that se

And that none will beed save sorrow: scarce

All we may, who have loved thes long, Take: the best we can give is breath. -Swinburne in Ather

Marriage a Hundred Years Hence At the present time a popular presamption exists that all girls wish to marry, and fail to do so only because they lack an eligible opportunity. This presumption exists on account of the obvious fact that women, being able with difficulty to support themselves, have in general a greater material interest in marriage than men have. Surely there can be few incidents of an unmarried woman's condition more exasperating than her knowledge that because this is the undeniable fact it is vain for her to expect to be popularly credited with the voluntary choice of her condition. She must endure with a smile, however she may rage within, the coarse jest or invain to reply. Nationalism, by estab-lishing the economic independence of women, without reference to their single or married state, will destroy the prosumption referred to by making marringe no more obviously desirable to one sex than to another.—Edward Bellamy in Ladies' Home Jonrnal.

Wild Boars at Windsor.

Last week three wild boars were shot in the queen's swine garden in Windsor great park, of which two were for her majesty, and the other was sent to the Prince of Wales, Wild boar was first served at the royal table during the reign of George IV, who was very fond of it. cool cellar will ripen gradually, so as to furnish a dozen of ripe ones each day un-John Wilson Croker records that when til the whole bunch is gone. In this he was staying with the king at the Pavilion in January, 1822, his majesty made us all eat some roast wild boar from Hanover, which was very good, like pork with a game flavor." Mr. Croker, on being asked by the king "what he thought of it," replied, "It is to pork what pheasant is to fowl," whereupon his good as a fowl; if they were as scarce as ferryboat traveler, "to pick up one of tic avenue was a man who looked de-pheasants, and pheasants as plenty as fowls, no one would eat a pheasant."— hold it up by one of the strings, just to (jersey) and black silk handkerchief tied that "nothing is so

Pretty Big Eels.

On Dutch Neck is Gross pond-said to be bottomless, but at the deepest place It is only fifty-six feet deep. At its outlet one fine morning Chris-

topher Waltzgrover discovered an enormons eel. He at first thought it a near relation of some of the snakes he often found in his boots. The creature was nearly out of water in a shallow spot. He attacked it with a club and the monster showed fight. After a tussle the eel was slain. It was 44 feet long and dressed 94 pounds. Mr. Waltzgrover had cel steaks for a long time. The skin hangs today in the office of A. R. Reed. the prominent ship builder. It has shrunk much, but is now eight inches wide. The head is more than half a foot long, and the eyeholes are an inch

ong. The largest eel outside of that giant with which I have had a personal acquaintance was one taken from Adam's pond at Boothbay Earbor weighing four and one-half pounds. When that pond was drained in order to fit it for a reservoir the bottom was alive with cels, and two enterprising, young men skinned a barrel full and shipped them to Boston. They usually net from eight to ten cents a pound.-G. W. Singer in Lewiston

His Curiosity Was Too Strong

Journal.

A delightful story of the exhibition in an 8-year-old boy of weak human nature that fails sometimes to be equal to the strain put upon it comes from Brooklyn. This small boy has not the virtue of humility very prominently developed. Indeed, he is what is known among children of his own age as "proud," and wont to remind such of his playmates as are less fortunate than he in worldly station of his advantages. Now his mother, who has a class in Sunday school, to which her little son also belongs, had given his outgrown overcoat to another boy in the class.

And then, knowing the failing of her offspring, before setting out she told him he must not tell the new owner that the coat had ever belonged to him. And the boy promised. But it was terribly hard work, especially as he sat next the object of his self restraint during the entire exercises. But he didn't say anything, and the mother's heart was At last, however, just before easier. school was over, his state of grace departed from him. Leaning over the other boy, with cautiously extended fingers, he said, "I just want to see if that hole is in that pocket yet."-New York Evening Sun.

The Best Way to Buy Bananas

The banana, which is the greatest of all tropical fruits, comes to us chiefly from Panama and the West Indies in great shiploads, and in the banana market in New York the big green bunches-"heads" they call them in South America, just as we speak of heads of cabbage-containing from five to ten dozen each, can be bought for a dollar to two dollars and fifty cents, according to the variety. They are not so expensive after all, and a big green bunch hung in a way you can enjoy your bananas just as they do in the land of palms, for even there they cut them while they are geeen, and allow them to ripen as we do in the North .-- Courtenay de Kalb in Harper's Young People.

Those Life Preservers.

SCARCITY OF SAILORS.

EXPERIENCED MEN NOT WILLING TO MAN UNCLE SAM'S WAR SHIPS.

A Boarding House Master Suggests Recruiting in the Prisons-An Old Tax Who Says Sailors Are Not Wanted, as the System Has Entirely Changed.

"Uncle Sam wants 1,000 men to man his ships." said a reporter to a North End sailors' boarding house master a few "What are the prospects of days ago. enlisting them?"

"Very poor, I should say, for sailors are not so plenty nowadays as most people imagine, and what few there are in port are needed to man the 'square riggers' now loading for foreign voyages. and the men who go coastwise will have nothing to do with the navy."

"What seems to be the objection?"

'Oh, they have many. To begin with the long term of enlistment, three years. the small wages, too much discipline. liberty ashore cut off in home and foreign ports, and the best reason of all is that in the case of foreigners, should they wish to join a navy they would have done so in their own countries. where the laws compel a man to give five or seven years' service in the army or navy or flee the country.

"It must be remembered that American sailors are a thing of the past, and inward or outward bound ships are now manned by Germans principally, with a good sprinkling of Swedes among them. They have pretty good times, and as long as they can get a berth, either fishing or on a merchantman, they say. 'The navy be blowed!" "

"In your opinion what would be a good method for Uncle Sam to adopt to get young and active men for the serv-

"Why, that would be simple enough. Let the navy officers go among the prisons of this and other states and recruit from those places such men as they choose. They would find plenty of fel-lows who had three or more years to serve glad to get a chance to go to sea. and should that be done what would be the difference? Simply shifting them from one prison to another, the latter a floating one with not half so much chance to escape." "They would make a pretty tough

crew, would they not?"

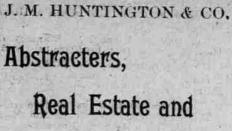
'No, not necessarily; they would be under the eyes of the sentry with his loaded gun, the officers would be armed, and if they did their work willingly they would not be punished.

"Just to show you that I am speaking correctly I will say the most of the recruits I have shipped in the navy during the past ten years were men that had just finished 'serving time' and wanted to brace up and be men

"Here is another point that will bear argument. Why don't the good Samaritans who give lectures to these men before or after leaving jail urge them to go to the navy instead of securing or trying to secure for them some petty position, which will barely give them a living, and allow them to drift back to their old haunts and associates, to be watched and hounded by the police? "Let me tell you another thing. When

man goes to the navy yard and asks to be shipped they won't ask him whether he was ever in jail or not."

A trip along the wharves was then taken in hopes of meeting some old man-o'-war's man, and among a party



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As to Small Change.

"I was surprised when I handed a newsboy five cents and received four coppers in return," said James S. Gates, of San Francisco. "They were the first one cent paces I had seen in about seven We don't have any pennies on years. the Pacific coast, Nothing is cheaper than five cents, and you never hear of an like a worn out shoestring."-New York article there selling for 13, 27, 69 or 99 cents. The change couldn't be made if the shopkeepers did want to sell things for such prices. When I return to California I intend to take back a lot of one and two cent pieces as curiosities. It was not until recently that nickels be-gan to look familiar with the Californian. Three years ago, I believe, was the first time any five cent pieces reached San Francisco."-Chicago Tribune.

Too Willing.

Young Wife (reprovingly)-My love, you know my dear mother can't bear cigars, and she won't remain with us a week if you smoke them in the house.

Young Husband-All right, my dear. I'll smoke a pipe.-New York Weekly.

The Cow Upstairs.

Animals are kept on the roofs of the houses in Lima, Peru, and it frequently happens that a cow passes her whole life on a roof, being taken there as a calf and brought down finally as fresh beet. -Cin-cinnati Times-Star.

- Extra Charge.

"We'll have to charge you for extra baggage," said the baggage master. "Why, I've nothing but this hand

bag." "And that railway doughnut." Epoch.

An orange grove takes from twelve to and may continue in bearing, for 100 years and upward. Well authenticated cases have been known in Cubs of trees producing fruit for 300 years.

American Horse, the Ogalalla chief, is known as the Daniel Dougherty of the Sioux tribes. He is the most eloquent. silver tongued aborigine on the conti-ment. He is naturally a man of great infinence among the Indiana.

"I often have a strong desire," said a of sailors who were standing on Atlansee if it wouldn't fall to pieces from its in a true sailor's knot. own weight. They look rotten, and 1

believe they are rotten. They never seem to change positions. The dust is always an inch thick on them, and so 1 Sam want a new crew for the Whit assume that they are never examined. Fancy the despair of a man who seized one of them to assist him in saving his life, and when he tried to tie the straps, around him found them falling apart for seven years after." Tribune.

A Prophecy.

A Pittsburg student, while reading the book of the Vision of Nahum, the Elkashite, came across a passage that seemed to him to be a prophecy of the discovery of the use of electricity as a motive power in the electric railways of the present day. The passage is from Nahum ii, 4, and reads as follows: "The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broadways: they shall seem like torchie: they shall run like the lightnings."-Boston Transcript.

His Idea of Fame.

"Ambition is my life," said the enthusiastic youth as he sketched out a marvelous future for himself. "I intend to live only for success, power. But how best to achieve that? Shall I command arms, dictate to senates, or wield the mighty pen?"

"Do none of these things," said his fa-ther with the wisdom of years; "the se-cret is this: discover a new bacillas."-St. Joseph News.

Comforts of Travel.

Professional Guide (to palace car por-ter)-I have an English lord in charge, and I want him to get a good impression of the comforts of travel in this country. Here's five dollars. Porter-Yes, sah. Do you want me to gib him extra attention, sah?

to keep away from him.-New York Weekly. Guide-Great Scott, no! I want you

Capt. Charles King, the novelist, does the greater part of his writing with his left hand. His brightest thoughts are evolved, he thinks, when the right lobe of his brain calls for the use of the motor muscles of his left side and vice

Senator Carlisle is now 55 years old. He is of medium height and rather spare in figure. His movements are easy and macorial, and his genial manner quickly out of memory. It was neither dyed nor dressed in England until the year

"Would any of you men here like to

"Why," spoke up one "does Uncle Sam want a new crew for the White Squadron? He'd better pay me what he owes me before I go again."

"Then you are an old timer?"

'Yas, guess so, back as far as '58 and

"Well, don't you think this is a good opportunity for sailors?"

"Sailors! sailors! What do they want of sailors? Why, young fellar, there ain't ropes enough aboard those iron ships to practice splicing on. I tell you they don't want sailors. Anybody will do, even the rough and scruff of this city.

"Those ships steer by steam or hydraulic power, they hoist by steam, they can work a gun in position like you could a small vise. You'd want a search warrant to find a reef tackle on board of them

"A true sailor wouldn't be no more account than a landlubber, only when at drill on the fore and mainyard, furling a sail that had been loosed to dry: then all he'd have to do would be to put a gasket into their hands and tell them to wind it round the sail, for if you talked nantical style they'd fall off the yardarm with astonishment.

"Sailors! What do they want of sailors? They're all iron and steel, ain't they? Well, why don't they ship blacksmiths, muchinists, a few tinkers and a couple of broken down riggers who can splice a wire? That's the kind of a crew they want, and as far as fighting is concerned there ain't none, and anybody that knows how to hold on to a plow will do just as well aboard these cruisers as an A. B. after they get over sensick

The old tar seemed to be disgusted at the very ides, for he continued: "When this country gets into bother with other nations she won't be short of men to man the ships, and, should it be very soon some of us old chaps wouldn't ask any better picuic than to be inside those floating steel form, and they could get plenty of youngsters who would be with us.

with ns. '''Until that time comes they shouldn't trouble themselves about sailors, only take anybody that will go, and seeing it's about grog time, we'll have to bid you good day." 'Other boarding masters and ''sailor men" were interviewed, the first asying sailors were scarce, and the latter de-elaring they had no use for the mavy, and coincided with the apparently rad-ical views given above. -Buston Globe.

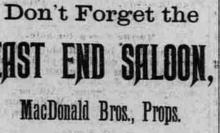


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