LOVE'S WESSENGERS.

A banch of violets, purple tinged,
Tied with a ribbon white—
Like a tiny bit of sky befringed
With a cloudlet steeped in silvery light—
Lies on my desk to-night.

"Ahl fragrant waifs of flower woo climes,
Come, tell me, whence are ye?"
Breathing their perfume into rhymes
And tones of richest harmony,
They fondly answer me:

We come from one whose lovelit eyes
Would dim our despest blue,
Whose brow is fair as morning skies,
Whose cheek has the sunset's softest

Love's messengers to you."

3. S. Easby-Smith in Kate Field's Washing-

Women Who Write.

know not only one but several case in New York alone where young women are making a good, yes, an excellent, livelihood with the pen. But-and here is a strong point—they have a certain specialty, and by close study of one subject they have become an authority in their line. One bright young woman writes about nothing but fabrics for fashion and trade papers, and makes an income exceeding \$3,500 per year, and another woman has made a specialty of fashion work, and she is perhaps the best paid woman writer in New York. Her income is fully \$6,000 a year.

There is a bright girl who supports herself by going around the great shops and finding out all the nowelties in brica-brac, needlework and home decoration. She writes and illustrates them, and sells often a single novelty for \$25 and \$50. She told me that during Christmas week she netted over \$300. Another bright girl has made a study of fiction. and reads all the manuscript novels for one of the big publishing houses. She receives a salary of \$2,000, and adds another \$1,000 from outside connections. Women who make their brain work pay best are undoubtedly those who follow a specialty, become an authority in their particular line of work, and here very often they can command their own prices.-New York Letter.

Cover Your Water Pipes.

An instance of the success attending the covering of pipes for conserving heat occurred quite recently, in which a residence was fitted with a complete system of hot water supply pipes on a scale sufficiently large for a good boiler in a five foot kitchen range, but owing to the exigencies of a temporary delay a three foot range was fitted up and connected to the chimney and circulating pipes for temporary cooking and hot water supply. It was not supposed that the little range with its boiler would do much in the way of water heating, but to the astonishment of every one it gave an abundant supply of very hot water in every part of the house as quickly in the morning as a larger range could be expected

The best material for covering pipes is hair felt. Hair is a poor conductor of heat, and is unsurpassable for this purpose, especially as it is so easy of appli-cation. The felt, which is readily obtainable in sheets, is cut in strips for pipe work and wound around the pipe spirally and secured with cord or wire. -Pittsburg Dispatch.

Women's Tastes in the Choice of Salads. The eleverest women of my acquaintance are those that have come to approach men's tastes in matters gastronomic. "What salad shall we have?" I asked of a man with whom I was taking luncheon the other day. "Here are chicken and lobster," said he, with a half query in his voice. "Oh, we're not women," said the gourmet of the party: "give us chicory with French dress-Here was a gastronomic truth. The meat salads, a mistake and a barbarism from every point of view, are dear to the palates of women, but offersive, I fancy, to most men of cultivated taste in matters gastronomic. Now and then, however, one finds a woman to his public confession of the faith. The ters is no longer a mystery, and it is delightful to see how the pretty creatures plume themselves upon this item of agreement with the tyrant man,-New

Sophomore Tricks at Yale. seem to grow old, but the students continually find something new with which to amuse or startle the public. And at Yale, nowadays, there is very little troublesome to anybody. Whoever has seen the massive structure of the D. K. neat sign, "Please enter without knocking," which was found to adorn it a few mornings ago. Some of the sophomores, who have abandoned the custom of hazing, but who cannot forget the spirit. their landlady in regard to their milk -Exchange, supply.-Cor. New York Times.

Watermelous in Winter.

How is this for climate? Lee Lothrop, whose ranch is situated a short distance from town, brought to this office a monster watermelon, just plucked from the vine, and as fine to appearance as any ripening in the month of August. It measured 66 inches in circumference lengthwise and 31 inches in circumference the small way, and 101 inches in diameter. It was rich in color and flavor, and was ripe from rind to rind. The melon was no hothouse production, but was grown and ripened in the open field. -Templeton (Cal.) Advance.

Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, ex-president of the National Woman's Relief corps, is in attendance on the Pennsylvania legislature, to help secure an appropriation for the Brookville Soldiers' Home, an institution for aged and disabled soldiers and their wives.

Tolstoi's niece has prepared an edition of "Var and Peace" for the blind. This 7,000 pages. The preparation of the work has lasted five years.

Pich In Small Pends in Win One of the incidents of a hard and long continued frost is the suffocation of fish and eels in small ponds where no thoughtful person has broken holes in the ice to permit the aeration of the water which is necessary for the continuance of fish life. When ponds are thus hermetically scaled, eels appear to suffer more than any other fish. On a hole being broken they come to the surface in a half dying condition and are easily caught. At Diglis, near Worces ter, a number of eels have been caught in this way, the instrument of capture

being a pair of blacksmith's tongs. In the pond at Dulwich an enormous eel has been killed. The water was entirely covered with ice, and a hole being made a great eel came to the surface. It appeared to be in a comatose condition, and was taken out without much difficulty. It measured 3 feet 9 inches in length, was 12 inches round the thickest part and weighed 9 pounds. But, though eels, along with other fish, suffer from insufficient aeration of the water in small ice covered ponds, there is no doubt that they are peculiarly susceptible to cold as well.

There are several instances of conger eels being washed ashore in great numbers during the continuance of severe frosts, their air bladders being tightly distended. In 1841 great quantities of eels were killed in the River Lagan by the frost and floated down to the quays at Belfast. There are, however, instances of eels which had been literally frozen and quite brittle reviving after an hour or so spent in a tub of water placed in a warm room. - London

Peril in Double Lighting Fixtures.
"There is a good deal of danger in these gas and electric light fixtures." said a practical electrician to me the "I mean in the kind which are used for gas and electric light in combination. Of course it is convenient to have the gas all ready for use if the electric apparatus gets out of order, and in theatres and public institutions the joint fixtures are particularly useful, no doubt. But I think where the double fixtures are used in hotels or private houses the taps ought to be made conspicuously distinct; in fact, it would be well to have the gas tap screwed up while the electric light is being used.

"The other day two actresses came mighty near being suffocated in a Pittsburg hotel through the double fixture When they went to bed one of them tried to turn out the electric light. She did turn a tap, but it didn't shut off the light. Then her companion got up and turned off the electric light. But the first girl had turned on the gas when she thought she was turning off the electric light. Result, two young women in a state of asphyxistion next morning; would have been dead had not their room been very large. It is a mistake likely to occur, and those who have double fixtures should take care in time."-Pittsburg Dispatch.

Wissmann's Man Baptized.

The negro Sankurru, who has been Maj. von Wissmann's companion and servant for many years, was baptized a few days ago at the parish church of Lauterberg. Sankurra was liberated by But he couldn't. Wissmann from the hands of a slave dealer in 1884. He visited Lauterberg in 1887. When the major went to Ma deira in the same year to recruit his shattered health Sanknrru enlisted as a soldier in Dr. Wolf's expedition to the that "Shawley" was sick in bed, and a Tongoland.

In November last he returned a second door back of the grocery and carried time to Germany, with the intention of the little "cottontop" away to the Lutherjoining Wissmann, to whom he is devotadly attached, upon his next journey to Africa. He expressed a wish to become a Christian, and after regular instruction by Pfarrer Spannth, of Lauter- Not at midnight, nor even after dark, berg, he was baptized in the presence of but in broad daylight. Every grocery a great congregation in the parish boy who delivered her groceries was a church, before whom the negro made sister of the imperial commissary stood as one of his sponsors. Three days after smiled at Miss Kingsley's startled looks his baptism the ardent negro followed when she first saw them, but the good

A Girl That Cries Glass.

A Girl That Cries Glass. earnest in trying to dissuade her mis-The physicians and oculists of Find-tress from believing in this illusion. Tales of college pranks at Yale would lay, O., are greatly puzzled over the case of Jennie Sutton. From the right eye of the girl fifty-four pieces of broken glass were taken by Dr. T. C. Fritch. These pieces of glass have been coming "fun" of this kind that is particularly from the eye of this girl for the last haunted by the appearance of the other month, and only Friday Dr. Fritch reremoved every evidence of glass in the one another as closely as two peas in a E. society, with its windowless walls eye and amounced that all were taken pod. The doctor, like Miss Kingsley's and the immense padlocks on its big iron out. The next day she came back and friends, tried to show her that she was door, will appreciate the humor of the had fifty-four more pieces removed. The girl is a domestic in the family of ex-County Surveyor Stringfellow, whose wife has been taking the particles of from the city.-New York Continent. glass from the girl's eye for a month past. It is estimated that over 100 pieces have succeeded in getting some unso- of glass have been taken from the eye phisticated freshmen into trouble with since the case first attracted attention.

Two Dead Men and One Dead Hog. early in the morning to look after his The rapidly increasing wealth of the stock, and about 10 or 11 o'clock his country, together with the great reducwife sent a negro to see about him. The main causes which have effected this 175 Second St. negro followed the horse's tracks to the bottom, where he found the dead bodies While of Mr. Tetter and Mr. James Philpot, las in use are made of a texture of silk and a dead hog. Mr. Tetter was shot in and cotton, the increase is in the conthe abdomen. Mr. Philpot was shot sumption not only of all silk umbrellas, that the two men met over the dead grades. hog, each claiming it, and that they con-Memphis Appeal- Avalanche.

knots, carries four 105-ton Armstrong York Continent. guns, mounted in pairs on barbettes, besides other smaller arms.

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AN ODD GHOST STORY.

SHAWLEY, THE GROCER BOY'S SPIRIT, BRINGS TROUBLE.

Miss Kingsley Scared the Child, He Fell and Died-Now She Sees the Little Ger man in Every Boy That Brings Her

Miss Emily Kingsley, a most respectable maiden lady, who lives in a dainty little flat on Throop avenue, near Han cock street, Brooklyn, is being pursued by the outraged ghost of a German gro-

Miss Kingsley has a snug little fortnne, and for years she has maintained an independent establishment with the aid of a dignified colored person named Martha. As Miss Kingsley and Martha never kept late hours nor gave card parties, they led, on the whole, a very happy, if uneventful, existence, until within the past year. Then the "hant" came into their lives.

Fifteen months ago Miss Kingsley was living in a flat on Madison street, Brooklyn. Most of her supplies in the provision line were drawn from a corner grocery in the neighborhood and delivered by a little German grocery boy. He was a jolly fat chap, with a stupid face and prodigiously red cheeks, full blue eyes and hair that gained him the title of "cottontop" with all the children of the neighborhood.

HIS BOSS CALLED HIM "SHAWLEY." His trips to Miss Kingsley's flat were a never ending source of delight to "Shawley," whose correct name, by the way, was Karl. Like many other maiden ladies, Miss Kingsley detested children, and though "Shawley" did the work of three or four men, still, on account of his size, and particularly on account of his actions, he was nothing but an intensely disagreeable boy in the eyes of "die alte jungfrau," as she was known at "Shawley's" store.

One day, while the poor lady was suffering from a particularly bad state of nervousness, "Shawley" came thumping up the stairway with a big basketful of potatoes for the Kingsley household. He had been told scores of times to send his goods up by the dumbwaiter; but, like a true grocery boy, he did just the oppo-site, though it caused him a good deal of extfa trouble. With an exclamation of rage Miss Kingsley flew out into the hall just in time to see the boy mounting the last step. Startled by the sudden appearance of his angry customer, and completely taken by surprise, "Shawley" stumbled and, losing his hold, tumbled down the stairs, with the big basket on top of him.

Miss Kingsley, grimly observing that it served him right, bounced back into her sitting rooms. As for "Shawley," he lay wonderfully still for a German grocery boy. It was dark in the hall, otherwise it might have been seen that his usually red cheeks had very suddenly lost all their color. After a few minutes, however, during which the people on the floor stood by laughing, "Shawley" managed to get up. He gathered in as many of his potatoes as he could find, though it gave him a queer pain to stoop, and then he tried to carry the basket up again

BAUNTED BY THE BOY. So he left it where it was, and, still with that queer pain which almost made him cry with every step, he slowly walked back to the store. Next day it was said week later a hearse drove up to the side

Miss Kingsley, who is a thoroughly good hearted lady, was inexpressibly

shocked. And then came the "hant." living image of "Shawley." They called themselves "Ernest" and "Yake" and "Hiney" and "Willie," and they all when she first saw them, but the good his master to Africa.—Pall Mall Gazette. | lady knew that they were all "Shawley At first Martha waxed pathetically

> The doctor found that his patient was suffering from hysterical mania, caused by incessant worrying over poor "Shawley's" death. In this state it was not unnatural that she should imagine herself grocery boys, who generally resemble deceived by this resemblance, but so far he has not succeeded, and unless a change comes soon he will order his patient

> > Silk Umbrellas Common.

The manufacture and consumption of silk umbrellas is steadily on the increase in this country. To see a cotton umbrella in use in the large cities is about as rare an occurrence now as the sight Wednesday Mr. Wash Tetter went out of a silk umbrella was thirty years ago. horse returned home without him. His tion in the cost of silk fabrics, are the

While the majority of the silk umbrelthrough the neck. The supposition is but also of the very highest and finest

One of the umbrella manufacturers of cluded to shoot it out. They both had this city says he believes that the day is Winchester rifles. - Houston (Miss.) Cor. not far distant when a well dressed American will not be seen on the street The latest addition to the Italian brella, but will deem a fine, close rellinavy, the Francesca Morosini, a twin ing, natty one as much a personal requiscrew battle ship of 11,000 tons and 161 site as a good looking hat or coat.—New

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