When for departed joys we blindly weep, Or, overborne with toil, are fain for rest, Comes, with still feet and soft uncincture The pale, sweet angel that the world calls

She doth our eyes with bruised poppies steep; She salves the wound that rankles in the

breast.
Drives sorrow from the heart (unwelcome guest).
And laves us in Lethean fountains deep.

Gentle is sleep, but fast she binds us all. Rebuffed, resisted, sure she stands and

As sure and patient as her sister. Death At length the closed lids and even breath Proclaim her conquest. Then, at her soft

Grim Pluton sets ajar the ivory gates.

James Buckham in Springfield Homestead.

MY LONGEST DAY.

George Parsons and I were enemies from the first; we did not affiliate as boys in the village school, and as we passed tegether into the higher grades we became even less friendly. We did not use our fists on each other, but within each breast there still rankled the remembrance of unsettled old scores. Later on we bestowed our affections upon the same ledy. Laura Marshall was not a coquette, but it seemed to take her a long time to make up her mind which one was to be the happy man. When her choice was announced Parsons was furious and we had bitter words before

About the time of our marriage Parsons and 1 began business in the same This was unfortunate, and had either been aware of the other's intention, it is doubtful if we would have become competitors in so small a place; as it was we never missed an opportunity to injure each other. It was a foolish feud between us, but such silly quarrels are common in every country vil-

I think Laura worried over the matter more than any one else, and often attempted to heal the breach between us, but it widened every day. George, however, was as agreeable to her as he was bitter to me.

One day our townspeople were startled by the announcement that Parsons had disappeared. His business affairs were prosperous and everything in good order. He was a reticent sort of fellow, but had he left of his own accord he would naturally have left some word with his clerk or at his boarding place, but none could be found. As time passed the mysterious disappearance became the one topic of conversation in our village.

On the morning it became known 1 discharged our servant maid for a frequent neglect of duty. She was chagrined at her dismissal and soon spread stories that were founded partly on facts. My wife had been seen in earnest conversation with Parsons the previous day; we had a little tiff at the tea table, and I had not returned home that night till quite late. It was plain to be seen that public opinion was forming against me, as it became necessary that some one must be suspected to give the gossiping tongues an occupation.

In less than a week some boys found a man's body in the river just below the village. It had apparently been in the water but a short time, but the face had been eaten by eels or beaten out of human shape. The skull had been broken by a blow, and the medical examiner proved, to his own satisfaction at least, that the man had been killed before being thrown into the water. It seemed to require no effort to identify the remains as those of George Parsons, and it was but natural that my arrest should

I was as willing as any one that my trial should take place at once, confident that my innocence would somehow be proved, despite the circumstantial evidence which was gathering against me. Accordingly the case was entered at the term of court then in session. As I recall the testimony I do not think a single witness, unless it be our former servant, testified to anything but the

My wife had fallen ill, but her testimony, even if it could have been admitted, would have proved more against than for me. It was easily determined that Parsons and I were unfriendly; that we had quarreled; that I was jealous of my wife for speaking to him, and that it would be to my business advantage and domestic peace to have him out of

Could I have proved that I passed the hours from 8 till 11 o'clock on the night that Parsons disappeared in walking upon a lonely road, all the other testimony would have proved worthless, but I did not remember meeting a single person abroad that night after 8 o'clock. When I returned home the streets were deserted. I was harassed about business matters, vexed with my wife and suffered from a headache, but when I explained this it was evident that my story was not credited.

My counsel was an old and tried friend of my youth, but he did not possess the ability to show the jury the flimsy character of the evidence of the prosecution. It was against his advice that the case had been put on trial so early, but so confident was I of acquittal that I did not realize on what precarious ground I stood. I felt that in some way my innocence would be proved, although I stood almost alone in my belief. The trial was a brief one, and the arguments of the lawyers were soon finished. To these and the charge of the judge I listened like one in a trance. The jury passed out and a few friends came to me with words of cheer and hope.

Hark! the jury is returning. Surely they cannot have made up their minds in so short a time to condemn a fellow man to life imprisonment. In response to a request from the judge I stand up and face the jury There is not a friendly countenance among the twelve. I barely hear the ominous word "Guilty!" which the foreman speaks. The shock is so unexpected that I scarcely realize the meaning of the judge's cruel words there is a "nebulous" condition of the as be pronounces the sentence of impris- brain that may lead to unconscious reconnent for life. The hour is late, and production.-Philadelphia Ledger.

he is anxious to be at home. He has no compassion for me. They lead me back to my cell, and, thanks to some unknown friend who drops a potion in my coffee, I soon fall asleep. Exhausted nature can stand the strain no longer.

I am aroused in the early morning. and a few friends come in to say farewell; they realize the situation more fully than I do. A short railway journey, a ride in a boxlike carriage and the prison is reached. I answer a few questions mechanically and exchange my clothing for the striped dress of a convict. With an officer I pass down a flight of steps and through a long corridor lighted by a single flame: I am pushed into a small, dark, ill smelling cell, and for the first time realized that the judge's last words to me were, "And the first day thereof shall be in solitary confinement.

Everything had been a dream up to this moment, but the awakening is ter rible. As I hear the last echo of the retreating footsteps I comprehend my position-alone in prison. It seems as if I shall go mad: a feeling of suffocation overcomes me, as in vain I attempt to cry out and clutch at the bare stone walls. My head throbs as if it would burst, the wildest thoughts crowd to my brain in a confused mass, I do not comprehend them. My blood courses through its veins like rivulets of molten fire, burning the flesh at each pulsation. How long the paroxysm lasts I know not, as in the darkness I can take no note of time, but when I grow calm I think out the course of the trial.

I review my past life, live over again my childhood, watch the purling brook that in the summer kept me from my books; I can remember every angry word that Parsons and I have spoken, and groan in anguish; then the days of our courtship rise before me; how proud was I on the day Laura promised to be mine; how happy our brief married life had been. I realize that no farewells have been spoken, but she must visit me. How long must I wait before we

should meet again? The long hours pass away until it seems as if the night had come: I find a can of water and gratefully cool my parched throat; then I seek to lie down for the night, but the cell is too small. The light apparently grows dim, and in a cramped position I try to get a little sleep; again wild thoughts surge through my brain, but at last I lose conscious-

Again I am wide awake. How long I have slept I know not, but I am cold and doze until it seems as if the night would never end. I never experienced one so long before; the silence is oppres-There is a rush of cold air, and I feel that another day had dawned. 1 remember that I have eaten nothing since entering the prison, and also that a loaf of bread lay beside the can of water. I clutch it ravenously, but the mouthfuls choke me. Must I go on, day after day, in this prison? Is there no help for me? How slow the hours pass; have they forgotten me in my solitary cell, and would it become my grave? Oh, for the sight of a living face or the sound of a human voice, even if it was but to urge me on to harder tasks; willingly would I work if I could only be among other men.

After I have almost lost all hope of escape, I hear footsteps approaching. At last the hour of my deliverance is at hand. How long it takes the jailor to reach my cell; he is walking slowly. He halts before my door, deliberately inserts the key, the bolts move slowly, the door ngs open and I step forth. I devoutly offer a mental prayer of thankfulness. 1 follow my conductor and soon stand in the presence of the warden, who grasps my hand, saying: "I have good news for

you—you are free." I tottered and would have fallen had an officer not assisted me. I cannot realize that my imprisonment is at an end. My amazement is even greater when

George Parsons comes forward, but in the hearty handshake that follows we became friends. His story is soon told. He had received a letter stating that his uncle was seriously ill in a neighboring state and wished to see him; at first he determined to start the following day, but found that walking across to a junction he could take an express train that

Hastily preparing for the journey he wrote a letter of explanation for his clerk, but it was laid in a book and not found until his return. He found his uncle dying, but arrived in time to receive his blessing and a fortune. It now became necessary for him to make a journey west, and he left immediately. Not until his return home did he learn of the supposed tragedy, and lost notime in coming to the prison to release

"I have telegraphed to the governor," the warden said, "and if you gentlemen will step in and take dinner with me you may take the afternoon train for It will be an unusual sight," he

added jocularly.
"But," I asked. "How can we reach home tonight? There is no train to our place on Sunday."

They looked at me in astonishment. "How long do you suppose you have been in prison?" asked the warden.

"About twenty-four hours." "You were in the solitary forty-five minutes," was the reply.

But it was the longest day of my life. -Merrimac Budget. Coincidence in Phrases.

So much interest is taken in the origin of phrases that the literary editors of most of our large dailies are kept on the alert to answer the inquiries put to them. There is just as much interest taken in the coincidence of ideas and the similarity in expressing them. Not a few of such instances have been attributed to direct appropriation, and sometimes justly so, but more frequently without taking into consideration that the same ideas, comparisons and illustrations may occur to different writers. It must not be forgotten, either, that MARRYING LITERARY MEN.

Woman Very Ably Answers Andrew Lang, Who Says "Don't Do It." Your quotation from Andrew Lang's essay in Longman's Magazine headed "Don't Marry Literary Men." draws forth a few remarks from me, as I fear there are many young women who will look upon such penny scrap writings in a serious light.

In the first place women should know enough to attend and conduct their own business undirected and unmolested by Secondly, love for a man does not men. necessarily mean that each and every minute of the husband's time should be devoted in listening to what his wife has

There come moments when woman wants solitude, time to think and deliberate. And every woman who is intelligent enough to think and act independently knows very well that every man must do the same thing.

Mr. Lang is mistaken when he thinks it only misery to live with a literary man. Forsooth, even were it so, I would rather by far have an intelligent person about me, moods and all (not meaning that all litterateurs are intelligent), than to have the constant company of a person who is led by the nose like a blind mule in a salt mine.

Then, too, Mr. Lang, if he is really studious, must know that woman today is also deeply interested and moved by some of the horrible and shocking doings of society, which are apt to make the most intelligent of them moody also. The average young woman imagines (a thought put forth in dime novels and Third and Market Streets, S. F., other such literature) that "his thoughts must be her thoughts." This is a grievous mistake, if not a malicious lie on the part of authors who so habitually use the expression in one way or another.

The trouble is that young people jump into matrimony without the slightest knowledge of each other's characteristics and natures, blindly but firmly be lieving that marriage settles everything -mental differences and physical weaknesses. In fact, the average young person is so mentally weakened by industrial worriment that mental preparations to marriage are altogether strange

The real science of a married life is the preparation for it. Mentally, there is no such thing as a "woman's sphere" or "man's sphere in life." What is right for a man to know is equally right for a woman to know, and vice versa. And I venture to say that the average woman S. B. Medicine Co., will never be free, mentally and physi-cally, before she discovers this unde-

niable fact. Conditions of today, seriously consid ered, no man will ever liberate woman nor can woman liberate man. Each person, with a kindly feeling and consideration for the rights of all others, must pursue a course of self thought and study, individual culture and personal purity. It will be only when the world ecomes, through this process of self education and self refinement, more enlightened, or at least civilized, that the average marriage will be a thoroughly happy one, intellectually honest and physically pure, whether husbands are bricklayers, doctors, clerks, barristers, litterateurs or what not.—Elenor Metz in New York Sun.

Prompt and Heroic.

All Australian boys are taught the necessity of guarding against snake bites. The treatment of such wounds is a necessary part of their education two little fellows six and eight years two little fellows bush to play. The essary part of their education. One day smaller one, chasing a rabbit into a hole, pushed in his hand and brought it out quickly, with the head of a venomous

snake attached to one of the fingers.
"Quick, Charley!" he cried, putting
his hand down on a stump. "Chop off my finger! The snake has bitten it.'

Charley, without a pause, lifted his ax and chopped, not only the damaged finger, but two of the others as well. Then the boys ran straight into town. over a mile distant, and sought a surgeon, who dipped the injured members in ammonia before dressing them. Imagine the pain of such a burning bath!

A young Australian lady was one day walking along the street, when she saw a dirty and wretched looking tramp to whose leg a venomous snake had affixed

After killing the reptile with her parasol she borrowed his pocket knife, cut the trousers away from the wound, and then, cutting a cross upon the bite itself, applied her lips to it and sucked the poison away. The tramp's life was saved at the sacrifice, perhaps, of some dainty scruples.—Youth's Companion.

Old English Holdings.

Among strange conditions connected with the subject of holdings we learn that the town of Yarmouth was bound by charter to send to the sheriffs of Norwich a hundred herrings, "which are to be baked in twenty-four pies or pasties, and then delivered to the lord of the manor of East Carlton, who was to convey them to the king." We are also told that three noblemen held thirty acres of land in a town in Norfolk by the sergeanty of carrying to the king, wherever he should be in England, two dozen pasties of fresh herrings on their first coming in.

In like manner some lands at Bishop Auckland, and also the manor of Lockburn, are said to be held by the bishop of Durham by the easy service of pre-senting a falchion to every bishop on his first entrance into his diocese.—London

Color Blindness.

An English engineer, forty years of age, was dismissed from his situation because he was unable to correctly distinguish colors Dr. M. Reich, who examined the man, and who afterward published the results of his examinations in a Russian paper, found sight, focus and sensation of light normal, and discov-ered no disease by the ophthalmoscope, yet the patient could distinguish no colors when of a dark shade, and only yellow and blue when of a light shade. The patient assured Dr. Reich that he had been able to distinguish colors correctly and with confidence up to the summer of

1889. He said that through overexer tion and insufficiency of sleep he had then suffered from violent headache for two weeks, and that afterward he saw everything as if it were red. The latter symptom had continued for three months, after which time he had lost all sensa tion of color. In the beginning of May, 1890, he presented himself again, declaring that he had perfectly regained the power to distinguish colors. A thorough examination completely confirmed the assurance given by the patient, who was consequently again fit for service. Dr. show that sensation of color is perfectly independent of the physiological func-tion.—New York Ledger.

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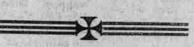
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