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Stories of Brahms. instrument was out diene does not matter," ichaik d one courageous individual. "Perhaps not to you, but it does to me,' reping the master. On one occasion he was just leaving his house when a long naired youth, with a bundle of mune under his arm,

From Comme to Washington the byage is 9,348 miles in length.

flights." Aprico

travel for responsible, established house struck on my left side and broke my arm. in Oregon. Monthly *65 00 and expenses. Position steady. Reference. Enclose up for six weeks, and after that I didn't self-seldressed stamped envelope. The fool any more with ladders."-New Dominion Company, Dept. Y Chicago. York Sun.

NO USE FOR LADDERS.

THE RETIRED BURGLAR TELLS OF TWO UNFORTUNATE EXPERIENCES.

He Got Into and Out of the Houses With Ease, but That Wasn't All-How a Detective Got a Clew and Worked It-Escaped Once With a Broken Arm.

"Ladders, when you find them handy," said the retired burglar, "may reem like a very convenient way of getting into open second story windows, but after two experiences that I had the old fashioned way of doors and cel-

lar windows. 'In a suburban town that I visited parish churches in England." once I found 'em painting a Queen Anne house in the rainbow style that they used to paint houses in, and that, I suppose, they paint 'em in still to some extent. The men had ladders up, no stage, and I noticed that at the close of the day one of them was painting near a at night. I sauntered around that way after dark, and there it was, and it was their houses are being painted, are apt exist among all these nations." to be a little skittish about the ladders, and if one should be left like this one they'd be pretty sure to close the win-

it unlocked. worth carrying off and went back to other.' that room and the open window and The

down the ladder and off. it'll be a good deal easier all around.'

business, and I went along with him. as soon as he had heard of it, which Trotter in Popular Science Monthly. was the day after. There he had put himself in the burglar's place and followed in his footsteps as near as he It was in the late John Sartain's mag could. He had had the ladder placed in azine that Poe's poem, "The Bells," Dictionary it, and then he'd come back to the win- up in Moyamensing prison over Sunday

down to the ground. he stopped and looked at the spot where lished he had added again to it. ing after the house had been robbedthe paint at that place, on the cupboard by the window frame, and on the frame itself had been smudged a little, and they'd touched it over. That was all the detective wanted to know. From man with two paint spots of different colors on the left elbow of his coat, and

I was the man. "It may seem amazing to you that I we are apt to do, and I finally wound

and that settled it. "That was one ladder. This was the

"Looking around the outside of a house in the country one night, I found Many stories are told of how the late a ladder lying on the ground against composer Brahms treated pignists and the rear of the house. They had some singers who were eager to get his criti- fruit trees in the garden, and I suppose cism. If one of these aspirants for his they'd been working over them, or on favor was fortunate enough to find him the grape arbor maybe, and were going at home and be received brahms' first on with the work next day and had left concern was to seat himself on the lid the ladder out instead of taking it down of his piane, a position from which be cellar for the night. It was summer, rightly deemed few wound have the te- and on the side of the house there were merity to cust him. It this failed, he two windows open in one room. I had recourse to the sment that the thought I'd set the ladder up then and "Oh, that go in one of those windows. I set the ladder up and found it a little short, but by reaching up and getting a hold of the window sill and stepping up on the ends of the side pieces of the ladder I was able to get in tolerable easy. I went through the bouse and gathered up hailed him will. Can you tell me what there was to get and was turning where Dr. Bratans hves? "Certainly," to go from the last room when I knocked to go from the last room when I knocked answered the master is the most amia- a picture over on a bureau and woke up ble manner, 'in this ouse, up three the man that was sleeping in the room. I went back to the room I d come in at hurried away. and backed out the window and hung down for the ladder, and, by cracks, it wasn't there! But I'd got to go all the W INTED-TRUSTWORTHY AND the ladder as I was going down at the same, and I let go and dropped. I saw active gentlemen or ladies to next window. I'd got out the wrong

"I got away that time, but I was laid

The author of the "Vision of Piers Plowman," a work written in the reign

tinctness the fall of the religious houses in England. As every one knows, the event took place in the reign of Henry VIII, about 200 years later. Sir Walter Raleigh foresaw and pre-

dicted the spread of nonconformity in England. His weighty and memorable words were: "Time will even bring it to pass, if it be not resisted, that God will be turned out of churches into barus, and from thence again into the fields and mountains and under hedges. All order of discipline and church govwith them I gave them up and stuck to ernment will be left to newness of opinion and men's fancies, and as many Linds of religion spring up as there are

In a work written 500 years before the event took place Tacitus foresaw and predicted the evils and disorders which were so long to desolate Europe on the fall of the Roman empire.

His words are worthy of repetition: "When the Romans shall be hunted window, and I wondered if he'd leave out from these countries which they his ladder there when he stopped work have conquered, what will then happen? The revolted people, freed from their master oppressor, will not be able summer, and the window was wide to subsist without destroying their open. Mest folks in the country, when neighbors, and the most cruel wars will

Reproduction and dispersal are the dow near it and lock it, but these folks two great aims in the life of every plant didn't appear to be disturbed, and as far and animal. All else is but the means, as my getting into the house was con- the mere contrivances, to gain the best cerned it was just about as easy for me advantage in the accomplishment of to walk up that ladder and step off these ultimate efforts. Every species, through the window as it would have every individual, exists by virtue of been to walk in at the front door with having striven to attain these ends. In the structure of each one is the record "Later, about 2 o'clock the next of the attainment, partial or complete, merning, I went up that ladder and in as the case may be, and each man and at the window without the slightest woman of us is toiling in his or her trouble, and there was nobcdy sleeping way toward the same goal, unconscious in that room. It was all just as easy as of that something within us, greater it could be. I poked around the house than ourselves, that "guides us, blind-and gathered up what stuff there was fold but safe, from one age on to an-

The burs and "stickers" that cling so persistently to our clothes are but a part "A month after that, as I was walk- of the same great effort. It is the only ing across the platform of a station on the same road that the other town was marigold and their kin have of travelon to take a train, there was a man ing through the woods, and so on from laid his hand on my arm and says, forest to forest, from swamp tangle to 'Now, don't make a fuss about it, and swamp tangle. They live their lives as truly as a man lives his, with equally And I recognized in him the detective as good a purpose that is equally as well of the road, a man that I knew meant attained. Each embodies those essential qualities of living that the Great Teach-"Eeing a man of brains, he had gone er discerned when he bade men "considup to the house where the robbery was er the lilies of the field."-Professor S.

It was in the late John Sartain's magjust the same position, and he had gone was first printed. Of Poe's last visit to up that and stepped off into the win- him in his old Sansom street house Mr. dow and followed over his track inside Sartain recently said: "It was on a the house as close as he could guess at Monday in 1849. Poe had been locked dow and got out on to the ladder, and so for intoxication and was completely unstrung. He thought there was a conspir-"The ladder went up on the right acy to kill him and asked to be hidden. hand side of this window, and while it I humored the frenzied poet's hallucina. was easy enough to reach it, still it tion, and for two days he remained in was quite a little step from the sill to concealment in the Sansom street house. the ladder, and he noticed that when I even went so far as to cut off Poe's be had got his foot on the ladder he mustache, at the latter's request, in orswung back a little toward the house, der that his fancied enemies might not so that his elbow just touched it in the recognize him." The first draft of "The angle between the window frame and Bells' consisted of only two stanzas, the clapboards. He gave a little push and for these he was paid \$15. A couple on that elbow naturally and threw him- of days later he appeared with another self out again on to the ladder. Then verse, and before the poem was pubhis elbow had touched. The paint was this means he received \$45 for the poem, dry and there was no mark, but he call- and had not the day of publication been ed up the painters and learned that on near at hand he would probably have the morning before-that was the morn- kept on adding to it in the hope of receiving additional remuneration. - New York Tribune.

Elephant Life In the Jungles. Without elephants jungles would be virtually impassable. The great beasts are a mixture of strongth and weakness, of craft and simplicity. The paths through the jungle from village to village are merely tracks from which the interlacing foliage has been cut and hadn't rubbed the paint off. I had rub- thrust aside and the virgin soil trodbed some of it off, and I was going to den into a black mud. After a rain this rub the rest off the next day, and then mud is many feet deep, and no living I kept setting that next day ahead, as creature except an elephant, a buffalo or a rhinoceros could labor through it. up by letting it go altogether, the rest The elephant makes his way by lifting if it. There wasn't one chance in a one foot at a time and inserting it deep thousand of its leading to anything, and into the slough in front, withdrawing even as it was I might have talked my. another with a sound like the popping self out of the paint, but I had a watch of a huge champagne cork. Nothing but that I'd got in the house in my pocket, a ride on an earthquake could be compared with the sensation of being run away with by an elephant. As for stopping him, some one has well said that you might as well try to stop a runaway locomotive by pulling with your walking stick on the funuel as seek to check an elephant at such a moment

with a goad -Exchange. Unsuccessful Candidate's Wail. "Yes," he said dolefully, "I was defeated. The story of my campaign was

Being pressed, he told it. "I stood well with the ladies," he explained. "I aimed to stand well with them. I did everything possible to win their favor, and I asked them to throw their influence for me."

He paused and sighed. "Fatal error," he said at last; "they did their best, but you know how a woman throws "-Chicago Post

'Farewell!' he sobbed.

a simple one.

The beautiful Miranda, the light of his life, was, alas, another's! However, the same thing was true of the umbrella be managed to grab in the ball as he left her forever .- Detroit

The depth at which some of the Belgian coal mines are worked is sometimes prodigious. In a pit at Flenu the work now done at 3,700 feet, in a pit at Fremerin at 2,800 feet and in the St. Andre pit at Montigny sur-Sambre at

Adulteration of Rubber.

In spite of the constant talk of a substitute having been found for it, rubber of Edward III, predicted with great dis- seems likely to be for some time to tinctness the fall of the religious houses come the stand by of the electrician for insulating purposes. The manufacturers who prepare the rubber for the electrical and other markets complain of the increasing adulteration of the raw material, especially of that coming from Assam and Burma. According to H. N. Thompson, the Chinese have a practical monopoly of the trade. The forests at the head of the upper Namkong basin are rich in rubber, and the trees attain a height of 200 feet, with enormous girth. The great tribe of rubber collect ors is the Sana Kachins, who go vast distances for their rubber harvest in the dry season. The chiefs levy toil on the produce as it passes down the river. The Chinese, who control the trade, pay the Kachins for it in provisions and cloth, and as they are adepts in the art of concealing stones in it, by the time it reaches Raugun its weight and bulk are largely augmented by foreign sub-

> The Assam supply is fed mainly by the Nagas, who, having got in their crops in December, set off for the rubber forests within the drainage area of the Tareu river, where they know every tree, the knowledge being in many cases passed on from father to son. The rubber in this district is said to be growing so scarce that it often takes a man 40 days to collect a cooly load. In spite of this, the Singpho villages levy a tax on each collector. When first coilected, the rubber is very pure, but the Nagas have acquired the trick of adulterating it with earth and stones, and the Assam rubber is not regarded with favor in the Calcutta market. It is a sore point with the Chinese nerchants that the Nagas so exhaust the capacity of the rubber to receive adulteration that there is no opening left for the exercise of their own ingenuity in the same direction.—St. Louis Giobe-Dem-

The Englishman's Wit.

There was an Englishman hailing from Hull on this side the water recently looking at America, and, of course, be came to Washington. He was a large man, weighing not less than 250 pounds and rising to a height of at least 6 feet 8 inches. He was, for an Englishman not yet Americanized. quite chatty and affable, after the ice was broken, albeit just a wee bit slow of wit.

ing to a Yankee newspaper man in a small party of journalists who were blowing him off to a few rations, wet and dry, at a foundry where such things are manufactured. "Of course you are," responded the Yankee as he measured his huge pro-

portions and smiled. "You could scarcey make us believe you were only part of one, don't you know.' Those in hearing laughed, and the

Englishman looked at the Yankee with a puzzled, yearning expression on his broad and honest face. 'Really," he pleaded, "I beg your And then before international complications could arise somebouy called on the Englishman for a speech or something and the Yankee joker got

away. - Washington Star.

I have no heart to finish these verses or to think of you any more. They say that I loved you, and I did love you for five minutes it was, perhaps, but I did love you-and now love has faced out of it all, like the sunset from the snows we used to watch together, and I have no heart to think of you any more. So take these verses, like a basket of ferns left out over night through an early frost, with bright green leaves and bright white rime, but dead, quite dead. For I do not wish to think ill of you. I do not wish to think of you at all.

"Sis felix et sint candida fata tibi." Vex not yourself with overmuch ren.embering.
Life is too short to waste on withered flowers.
Time loved us once, but now he walks cus-

membering
All the fair fashion of the happy hours.

Why should you care if lips that loved you miss Yours was the grace and theirs the lasting Love's hour is done. They never more can kiss

How can they chide you, then, that you for -From "The Cross Beneath the Ring," by F. M. Banecke.

A Warning to Husban

A story is going the rounds of the English newspapers about a gentleman who, finding a smoking concert wearisome, left early and finished the evening : a musical comedy theater. He sat near the stall door, and as it was chilly he kept on his overcoat. A lady in a private box by accident dropped an earing of no great value, but the trinket struck against the edge of the box front and dropped into the open top pocket of the gentleman's overcoat. The guileless man went home, when his wife, always carefully inclined, turned out his coat pockets. The sequel to this pretty story is not told, though its moral is obvious. It is unwise, as it is mean and ungallant, to go to the opera without your

An Awful Idiot. "Of all the fools I ever heard of, Jimberson is the chief."

What of Jimberson, pray?" "Because his wife insisted that he should not stay around home while she was cleaning house he thinks her love for him bas waned."-Indianaporis Journal.

The laryux of man is twice the size, on an average, of the same organ in woman, although this disproportion is equalized by the fact that woman uses er larynx a little more than twice as

The Turkish language is said by scholars to be the softest and most musical language of modern times, being better anapted to the purposes of mu-sical notation and recitative than even the Italian.

THE BLACK PRINCE'S ARMY

Largest English Fleet Ever Assembled Took the Soldiers to France. Mr. W. O. Stoddard's serial, "With

the Black Prince," gives in St. Nicholas an account of the splendid army that accompanied the prince to the battle of Crecy. Mr. Stoddard says: It was the largest English fleet yet

assembled, and the army going on board was also the best with which any Lnglish king had ever put to sea. It consisted of picked men only. Of these. 4.000 were men-at-arms, 6,000 were Irish, 12,000 were Welsh, but the most carefully trained and disciplined part of the force consisted of 10,000 bowmen. During a whole year had Edward and his son and his generals toiled to select and prepare the men and the weapons with which they were to meet the righly famed chivalry of the continent. An army selected from a nation of perhaps 4,000,000 of people was to contend with an army collected from France with her 20,000,000, and from such allies of hers as Germany and Bohemia, re-enforced by large numbers of paid mercenaries. Among these latter were the crossbowmen of Genoa sold to Philip by the masters of that Italian oli-

garchy. Edward's adventure had a seeming of great rashness, for already it was re-ported that the French king had mustered 100,000 men. Full many a gailant cavalier in armor of proof may well have wondered to hear, moreover, that Edward III, accounted the foremost general of his time, proposed to meet superior numbers of the best lances of Europe with lightly armored men on foot. They knew not yet of the new era that was dawning upon the science of war. Edward and his bowmen were to teach the world more than one new lesson before that memorable campaign was over. Before this he had shown what deeds might be wrought upon the sea by ships prepared and manned and led by himself. He had so crippled the naval power of his enemies that there was now no hostile flees strong enough to prevent his present undertaking, although Philip had managed to send out some scores of cruisers to do whatever harm they could.

FRIGHTENED AWAY.

The First Man He Met In the Alaska

"No." said a man who was sitting "I'm a Huil shipbuilder," he was sayon a tox in trent of a grocery store, "I can't say as I know very much about

> His companions looked at him in astonishment. It was the first time he had ever admitted not knowing much about

> > 'I reckon, then, that you're not

thinking about going to dig for gold," said one bystander. "No. "Mebbe, though, as the stories of sudden wealth keep pouring in you'll change your mind," said another.

"It won't be possible. I've been

"And came back without getting "Yes. I didn't much more than cross the boundary line before I turned

around and struck for home." 'Scared?' "That's the answer."

"W hat of-polar bears?" "Supplies give out?" "No, I had plenty of food. What changed my plan was seeing a man dig-ging a hole. I had these ideas about gold being found anywhere and everywhere, and I went up thinking to get some points about mining. I asked him in an offhand way whether be bad struck any pay dirt yet, and he turned around

and glared at me and said, 'Young feller, what do you think I am digging this for?' I told him I thought be was digging for gold. He glared at me again and said: 'Gold nothing. I'm doing this for fun. I've been living here for four years, and there's one thing that my curiosity has never been satisfied about. I m going to dig this hole good and deep so as to allow plenty of room, and then find out just how far down this climate will make the mercury go. ' "-Washington Star.

"Tell me, am I not fair?" The speaker leans tack in her seat and smiles coquettishly.

In truth the question seems superflu-As she sits there with the afternoon sun transfusing her glorious tresses into a stream of liquid gold, her eyes as blue as the heavens, fathomless as the sen and dancing with excitement; her lips

of coral wreathed with a reguish smile, she is indeed transcendentally beautiful. But the man seems blind to her loveliness. He regards her with a frowning brow and eyes that smolder with anger.

Timidly she repeats her question. 'Am I not fair?" Her companion's face grows black as

"Fair!" he cries bitterly. "Fair, when you open a jack pot with a ten"--Rage chokes his utterance and with passionate gesture he dashes the cards to the floor. - San Francisco Examiner.

Valid Excuse.

She-How is it you were not at Westend's reception? He-I staid away on account of a per-

sonal matter. She—May I ask what it was? He—Will you promise to keep it se-

He-Well, they failed to send me an invitation. - Collier's Weekly.

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The population of Egypt is now about 9,000,000 and probably exceeds that of the period of its greatest ancient pros-