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I shall go down the years, Groping through sterile hopes and crowding fears, To darkling solitude too deep for tears. —Clinton Scollard in Harper's Bazar.

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A Story Touching on the Servant Question.

**\$**\$**\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$** The table was charming. The pearly expanse of damask that infolded it was one of the Misses Dormond's most treasured possessions, saved out of a general wreck of family fortunes.

The old fashioned silver, of those inimitable patterns which no modern shop can supply, gleamed like irregularly shaped planets at intervals across

Moreover, a daffodil bulb cherished in window sill warmth had obligingly thrown out a bandful of blossoms. This pot, sheathed in yellow tissue paper, made a thoroughly attractive cen-

"It is simply lovely," said Winifred, with a little sigh of relief and satisfaction. "I shan't be in the least afraid to have Mrs. Caulkington's eagle eye turned upon it, even though you are a candidate for her secretaryship, Isabel, and so much does depend upon making a good impression."

"The house couldn't fail to make a good impression," Isabel broke in. "It is clean and sweet and old fashioned from top to toe. One can't say that a house has a toe. There's just one thing lacking. I do wish we had a good maid to walt on the table. I hate laughing weakly. those embarrassing breaks in a home luncheon where the hostess is obliged to cut off in the middle of a sentence and bolt into the kitchen to bring the broiled squab course to table."

"Yes. That's always wretchedly embarrassing," Isabel agreed. "It's harder on the guests than the hostess too. However, there's no help for it. We don't keep a maid, and this suburb isn't TONSORIAL - PARLOR. a place where you can find a girl to call in for a day at a time. It's a pity, but it can't be helped."

"What is a pity, but can't be helped?" demanded the youngest Miss Dormond, MARION MORRIS, Proprietor. who pirouetted into the room just in time to hear the last half of the sen-

"Isabel and I were lamenting that we didn't have a maid to serve the luncheon, Gertrude. We were saying how Shaving and Haircutting neatly desperately embarrassing it is for a Razor Honing and Scissors Grind- after a course and to bring the next course to table."

"I never thought of that," Gertrude acquiesced in a disappointed tone. 'Our entertaining has always been so informal we're likely to make the guests change the plates and bring in the courses from the kitchen themselves. But it's true, as you say, that kind of thing won't do when we're entertaining Mrs. Caulkington. She's so critical that her eyes burn holes in anything they fall on. We wouldn't mind her little peculiarities if she were merely an acquaintance, but if Isabel is going to demand a big, fat salary she must make a big, fat impression. I'm sure Mrs. Caulkington would cut her down half if she knew how poor we are and how badly we need that secretary-

ship. Something must be done." "Gertrude, dear, you know perfectly well that nothing can be done. There are only two hours left, and in any case you can't secure a girl here in the counry to come in for just one day."

"I know that, but whisht, my dear! An idea dawns in my brain! Let it mature!

"An idea for what? For getting us a "Yes, my dear-a ready maid, so to

"Silly! Do you think Isabel and I have time to waste upon your vapor-

"A ready maid-no, a maid to order! Don't talk to me for three minutes. I feel the idea grow in my cerebrum, and

it really is a good one." The young lady sat down in the little oaken window seat and buried her face in her hands.

Three minutes later she sprang up and pirouetted triumphantly around the charming table. "Huzza! I've solved the problem,"

she cried. "And I'll stand for it that you shall have a mald to serve Mrs. Caulkington's luncheon. A stunning maid, well trained, light footed, soft voiced; a maid who will not send so much as one plate of raw oysters down the back of your guest; who will do things without diagrams and will not cause the downfall and destruction of precious willow pattern china. In fact, the maid I propose to offer you will be an explanatory key with copious illustrations to the entire servant question." Gertrude's sisters were very far from despising the girl's ready imagination. It had often helped to solve an econom-

ic problem which they themselves had abandoned in despair. But this crisis of the maid to order seemed consider-

rather. I shall go on a trip to the ried man, en yit dey calls him de wis-

in my absence. for the city you won't have time, child. Constitution.

## to got back for Mrs. Caulkington's

"I'm not afraid, but I'm glad of an excuse to absolve myself. I'm in awe of Mrs. Caulkington, and I tremble before the glare of her lorgnettes. You can make my excuses to Mrs. Caulkington and tell her that I was obliged to go into the city on pressing busi-

It seemed an injustice that Gertrude should not be there to witness the success of the occasion for which they had all worked so hard.

The older girls reasoned, pleaded, represented, but Gertrude stood firm.

Mrs. Caulkington's critical eyes were already boring holes in the drawing room furniture, and the luncheon hour was but three minutes in the future. Isabel, in her prettiest silk waist, was arranging the oyster plates upon

guest into the dining room. Suddenly a purling of gingham skirts brushed the silence of the place, and a soft voice sounded in Isabel's ear. "If yo' please, miss," said the voice, "Miss Gertrude done send me. I am

the table preliminary to ushering their

de maid to ordah." "Good gracious!" shricked Isabel under her breath. She started back, the oyster plate in her hand narrowly escaping calamity.

She said "Good gracious" once more, and very fervently, when she turned, for there, not a yard from her side, waiting to be assigned to her duties, stood the most desirable of colored

She was tall, well poised and, barring her skin, a strikingly handsome young woman. Her pink gingham gown fitted to perfection and closely resembled one worn by Gertrude for mornings on the porch. Her dainty ruffled apron was strikingly like one which Isabel herself wore while sewing. Perched saucily in her black, ripply hair she wore a bit of a cap, which, when examined at close range, seemed to be nothing more than a tuft of white

lace cleverly pinned. Isabel took a second look at her new acquisition and dropped into a chair, "Miss Gertrude done send me, miss,"

the maid repeated softly, "an she said fo' yo' to jest go set in de parlah an leave all de servin to me." "Oh, Gertrude, Gertrude!" gurgled Isabel. "What nonsense won't that child

attempt?" The luncheon was faultlessly served. Never was waitress quicker, lighter, softer, more all seeing, more graceful. Even the critical Mrs. Caulkington was impressed. Afterward, when the luncheon party

had adjourned to the drawing room, the guest deliberately led around to the subject of domestics. "Do you find it as hard to get good girls in the suburbs as we do in the

city?" she asked. "I imagine not, for that young waltress of yours is perfec-"Well, good girls are very scarce here," answered Isabel, "and I've no which patent protection has

know she'll never leave us-unless, of in ships' bottoms for the adm course, she marries and has a home of and escape of water to the condens "My dear girl, you simply have a losing her. And, do you know, since I've seen how perfectly your little table is arranged and served I'm really afraid of what Miss Isabel will think when she comes to me in the city. I hope

things in my housekeeping, Miss Isa-"Oh, I am not critical, Mrs. Caulkington," laughed Isabel. "And every one knows how hard it is to get maids like Anna nowadays."-What to Eat.

## leglected Dryden.

Notwithstanding Lowell's high praise of Dryden's prose works and the accusation he brings against literary plunderers of this magnate of letters 200 years ago, few people except scholars now ever open Dryden's essays, though they are well worth careful perusal and study, in spite of Swift's malicious

and witty lines: Read all the prefaces of Dryden, For these our critics much confide in, Though merely writ at first for filling To raise the volume's price a shilling.

There is truth as well as wit in this characterization, for Dryden was in some respects but a literary back, although a man of genius. But, being a genius, it was impossible for him to write anything, however carelessly and slipshod, without something finding its way in that will arrest the reader's attention even yet, after the lapse of two centuries. Unlike the other and smaller literary backs of his time, whatever Dryden wrote he wrote freely, and there is an absence of cramped formulas and of pedantic utterances, as a rule, which is interesting. Even in his shilling prefaces to which Swift alludes the reader will have no difficulty in discovering a man of genius, one of many lovable traits and great characteristics, and at least Dryden's own likings and judgments are set forth pleasantly and frequently in a convincing manner. He is one of the old writers that weary moderns given up to novel reading could profitably turn back to and peruse to their own great advantage.-Exchange.

#### Brother Dickey's Sayings. Ef dis worl' is a howlin wilderness,

it's man dat do de howlin. Job wuz a pashunt man, but he never had ter wait fer a railroad train. Solomon wuz a mighty much mar-

est man! Ananias wuz kilt fer lyin. In dese "But, Gertrude! If you leave now days men git a prize fer it,-Atlanta

## Men Who Handle Millions.

The government is more trustful of the employees in its financial center than is any private corporation. In the United States treasury the whole output of the nation's currency is handled by men who are under neither surveillance nor bond. The paying teller handles \$40,000,000 or \$50,000,000 a year. The exchange clerk has every day. \$60,000 in change at hand. The money in charge of the keeper of the cashroom runs from \$170,000,000 upward, and the chief of the issue division handles millions every day. Any of these men could get away with enormous amounts of money and be reasonably secure against detection for a considerable length of time. Nevertheless, peculations from the treasury have been few and small in amount during its history. There is an axiom in the

department which runs as follows: "Wherever money is handled there is a point at which the honesty of the individual must be the main reliance." And so the treasury dispenses with the services of spotters. However, private business interests involving the handling of large sums of money are not likely to follow this example. Spotters may be an evil, but they are a necessity in the present phase of human development, and until some psychological chemist devises a preparation to make men honest the type is likely to persist.—S. H. Adams in

Ainslee's.

A Precocious Baby.
The baby was only 4, but she was an only child and had lived with her parents largely in hotels, and she was a self possessed little maiden. She was always a model of propriety as to manners, so that when one day a young man, a friend of her papa's and mamma's and a great admirer of the little girl, asked to take her out to luncheon all by herself she was allowed to go. A very tiny girl may go without a chaperon sometimes. The little girl was to do the ordering. She undertook this responsibility with confidence and, taking up the menu, studied it with as much gravity as if the letters were not

have been to her mamma. "I will have some meat and some po-tatoes," she said gravely, "and by and

by I may have some ice cream." The order was given, the cream followed, and the little lady was an altogether charming, dainty and sweet lit-tle companion for luncheon. The meal ended with the dignity with which it had begun, the young woman donned her wraps, and as the young man was preparing to escort her to the door she

remarked gravely: "And now I will have some flowers."
It was the last touch of grown upness, and it was the proudest young man in New York who took home a pretty and dignified baby with a big bunch of roses in her arms .- New York

Times.

A Patent Hole. Of the many extraordinary things for doubt we'd have endless trouble if we had to change. But, you see, we have useless and impossible. Yet there are raised Anna ourselves. She knows our many patents for holes, and, what is own ways and suits us perfectly. We've more, the patents are valid and valuhad her for more than ten years. I able. One of the best relates to holes

Every one who has seen a sc steamer under way will have noticed treasure," cried the visitor, with stream of water issuing from her side, "If I were in your place, I a little above the water line; that water would shiver at the very thought of is pumped into the ship for the purpose of condensing the waste steam that leaves the cylinders and returning it as water to the bollers.

At last it occurred to a genius that if a hole were made in the bottom of you will close your eyes to a number of the ship forward of the condenser and another abaft it, the water would circulate around the condenser without the aid of a pump. It is for the shape of these holes, so that they will offer less resistance to the water when the ship is traveling fast, that several patents have been granted.

# A Testamentary Puzzle.

An Englishman who recently died had three children, one son and two daughters, and he mentioned all of them in his will. The first clause is, "I leave my plane

to Mary Elizabeth, when Arthur has

done with 't." The other clause in, "To Susan Jane-she may take whatever Arthur wishes to give to her." There is no doubt of Arthur's standing in the document, but the pointed question is raised. Are Mary Elizabeth and Susan Jane beneficiaries under the

The Oue Exception.

Towne-He's quite a linguist, I be-Browne-Yes, he can converse in 14 different tongues.

one tongue he has never succeeded in mastering. Browne-What's that? Chinese? Towne-No, his wife's .- Philadelphia

Towne-So 1 understand; but there's

Might Be Out of Debt. 'My case is peculiar," remarked the

"How so?" chorused the other letters. of the alphabet. "Well, when it comes to making boodle,' I always lead, and, you will

# potice, there is absolutely no reason why I should be in 'debt.' "-Exchange Some Coloring. Scribbell-What makes young Pen

ner so blue? Wright-Ob, he's green at the business, and he's discovered that his manuscripts are never read by the editor-Phile delphia Record.

## Ills Part.

"Ever in amateur theatricals?"

"What part did you take?"
"Me? I took all the abuse. I stage manager, you see."-Pittab Chromele Telegraph,