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ONLY A FARMER'S DAUGHTER.

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CHAPTER XII.—(Continued.) On her return from the ride, Winifred went, as was her custom, to the little sitting room appropriated to the use of Madame de Montolieu. Lady Grace was sitting there, too. She kissed them both. "You bring the outer air in with you, my child," said the old French lady; "you are as fresh as a new picked rose."

CHAPTER XIII. Lord Harold Erskine had never been to stay at Endon Vale since Winifred had lived there, and this was the only reason Lady Grace ever had to regret her presence—it kept the nephew whom she loved away. Perhaps his presence brought back a bitter remembrance, and she involuntarily resented what she deemed his inconsiderate cruelty.

fred, and persuade her to come to me. My husband and aunt have quarreled, and I am so terribly dull." Mrs. Clayton received Winifred with open arms. "I am so glad you have come!" she exclaimed; "your companionship will make me forget half my troubles. We shall have a tete-a-tete dinner to-night. Mr. Clayton is in town."

During the time that Winifred stayed at the Cedars, she had plenty of opportunity of observing how this ill-assorted couple lived. Francis Clayton's manner to his wife was in itself an offense, almost every word he addressed to her contained a covert sneer, and he seemed to find no greater pleasure than in thwarting her wishes and contradicting her orders.

MOSQUITOES IN LOUISIANA. They Are Many and Active, and One Is Biting. "You may talk about your mosquitoes up here in the North," said a resident of Bayou Sara, "but if you should spend an hour or so fishing in some of our Louisiana swamp bayous you would wonder that you ever complained of your New Jersey or State Island mosquitoes as an instrument of torture."

PLEASANTRY IN PASSING. "Well, I declare," remarked the thin man, who was being uncomfortably crowded by a very stout person, "the trolley company ought to charge passengers by weight."

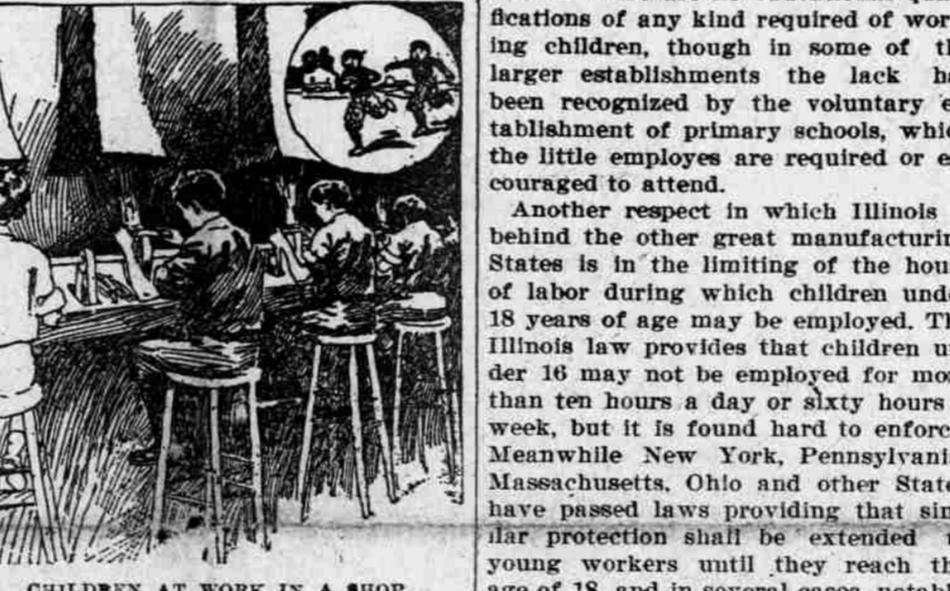
LARGEST OF DEEP SEA FISHES.



Here is a drawing of the largest fish that ever came out of the lower depths of the sea. It is five feet long and was caught by C. H. Townsend, of the United States Fish Commission, on board of the government steamer Albatross, off the coast of Chile. It was drawn to the surface by a trawl (a big drag net) from a depth of 6,300 feet, or about a mile and a quarter.

Child Labor in Chicago.

There are at least 15,000 children regularly employed in factories and shops in Chicago. Probably the actual number is much larger, for the State Factory and Workshop Inspector has not a sufficiently large force at his command to make a complete and thorough inspection.



CHILDREN AT WORK IN A SHOP.

More children are employed in the great department stores than in any other single line of business. Altogether more than 2,500 children work in these great shops. Nearly 2,000 little ones earn their living in the garment-making trades, nine-tenths of them being little girls, while in the department stores the sexes are almost evenly divided.

As an indication that many children below the legal age of 14 years are employed, it is noted that the school census of last year shows no less than 34,000 more children between the ages of 6 and 14 years old in the city than there are in the public schools.

Not Prepared. The other night at a large dinner in Washington, D. C., when Major-General S. B. M. Young was called upon for a speech, the guests expected that he would simply content himself with a stereotyped expression of appreciation of the compliment, and after a somewhat incoherent excuse would sit down.

PLEASANTRY IN PASSING. "The greatest firmness is the greatest mercy." The greatest firmness is the greatest mercy.

Women's Doings.

Wisdom for Girls. One of the greatest mistakes a girl can make is to argue with herself that a certain suitor is domestic by nature and will make a good and attentive husband because he prefers lounging about in the drawing room of her father's house and paying her pretty compliments to taking her out to theaters and concerts.

She likes to imagine all the other girls mildly envious when they see her out in public places with this big, handsome fellow, like wax in her hands.

She knows that this is the most triumphant period of a girl's life—and what is triumph without an audience? The fact about the stay-at-home fiancé is that he is lazy. He loves his ease. After marriage, if he finds his club more comfortable than his home, this is the sort of man who will gravitate back to his club life after the honeymoon.

When Words of Wisdom Tell. "Mother, dear," said a frank young woman to her parent, who had just been giving her a lecture, "if you would only stop when you have scored your point and said what I feel is a truth, you would make so much more impression, but you always go on and on, and say so much that it puts us both out of temper, and you lose all the advantage you have gained."

Health and Beauty Hints. Don't tip the shoulders from side to side when walking. It is an exceedingly ungraceful habit.

Don't bend forward when walking, but hold the body erect, with the chest well arched and the hips thrown back.

Don't let tartrac accumulate on the teeth, for it brings a whole train of evils in its wake. Have it removed by a dentist at least twice a year.

Don't allow an infant to turn round that it may enjoy the fun of being giddy. Not only headache but fits, stupidity and even madness may be brought about by such practices.

To Furnish a Girl's Room. I furnished my daughter's room very prettily at small cost. I had an iron bed, two old chairs and an old table. I bought twenty yards of India linen at 3/4 cents a yard.

When trying on new shoes do so at the latter part of the day. The feet are then at their maximum size. Summer footwear should be fully roomy, for the heat is apt to make the feet swell and tight shoes are the cause of much suffering.

Some men are never poetic; others lose their poetic sense with the encroachment of years. At least that is the opinion of a matron now past middle life. "The only trouble with a man is that he loses the poetic side of his nature as the years roll by," she remarked.

Now, only yesterday my husband took on the far-away look. I must confess it recalled the delightful days when he put all his talents into telling me how charming I was and how all his life was wrapped up in me, saying it as constantly and with as many enchanting variations as even a woman could desire.

For a long time I watched him in silence. Then, at least, unable longer to bear the silence, I softly asked: "What are you thinking about, dear?" "I was wondering," he answered, "if I shouldn't be quite safe in leaving off my winter underwear?" Now, wasn't that poetic. Yet that same iconoclastic man is brave enough to complain at times that I have changed.

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Chic Two-Piece Suit.

Here is a very chic two-piece suit for a miss of light green and gray plaid gingham trimmed with bands of stitched white linen. Both the gingham and linen should be shrunken before making up.

Men at Women's Work. One of the most interesting features of census records of the number of persons above ten years of age occupied in gainful pursuits is the revelation of the number of men who are doing work that properly is within women's province.

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Anthony Hope.

Anthony Hope, it is said, will wed an American girl.

The announcement in London that Anthony Hope, the novelist, and Miss Elizabeth Sheldon, sister of Susanne Sheldon, the actress, will be married has created a big sensation in London society, where Hope is one of the most popular bachelors—and heretofore regarded as the most confirmed one.