she did so long for a beautiful home and all the rare luxuries of life, and Elmer was rich—he could give her all these.

So she had almost said "yes," when, suddenly, something seemed to whisper, "wait!" and the words had died on her lips, and she had promised to give him his answer on Sunday.

her answer—her little, shy, trembling, happy answer—and, ere she dropped it into the letter box, touched it softly to her lips—for Ronald was her first love,

sacred.

She counted the days that must clapse before she could possibly receive another letter—almost three weeks! What a long, long time it seemed! And then there was Elmer! How she dreaded for Sunday to come; and, when at last it did come, she heard the little gate click, her heart beat so swiftly she could scarcely breathe.

"Dear Lena," he said, "is my answer ready? Tell me now, darling, for I cannot wait any longer. Surely, it is 'yes, or you would not have kept me waiting!"

It was harder to tell him, after that, but she gathered up her courage, and managed to make him understand that it could never be—that her heart was not her own, to give.

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When you were almost mine, I must lose you forever! Farewell, Lena. Forgive me, if you can."

And, turning away, he left the house for the last time. They never saw him again.

Ronald turned to Lena, and taking her tenderly in his arms, said:

"Oh, my darling, why did you doubt me?"

"How could I help it, Ronald?" she saked, "when I read your marriage in the paper that Elmer sent. And why did you not answer my letter?"

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"A freshman has a great deal to learn, as you know; but I think the chief thing the could not see your letter?"

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"Yes," said poor Lena, bravely, "I loved another then, but I did not intend to say 'no.' I would have said 'yes,' because you are rich, and I am tired of being poor. But now,"—her voice faltered, for she dreaded to cause him pain, "it is

"Yes," said Leua, looking up, and unconsciously smiling in her happiness,
"it is Ronald Kershaw!"

Again Elmer was silent for a moment;
then he held out his hand.

"Farewell, Lena!" he said sadly, "I
have loved you fondly and faithfully,
and I always will. If ever you need a
friend come to me. God bless you and
may you be happy! Farewell!"

And Lena was left alone in the twilight

In reviewing our Texas exchanges in

"But mamma," said Lena Charman in a quiet but decided voice, "there is nothing else for me to do, so it is perfectly useless to talk about it now. I have secured the situation, so, for Heaven's sake, let us make the best of it!"

"But the idea of working in a factory!" sobbed Mrs. Charman. "O, Lena, why didn't you marry Elmer when he asked you? What do you suppose Ronald Kershaw will say to this—do you think he will marry a factory girl?"

Lena's face grew scarlet for a moment, and the tears trembled in her eyes, but ahe forced them proudly back, and bravely returned her mother's reproachful gaze.

"Mamma," she said calmly and steadily, "if Ronald will think any the less of me because I am compelled to work in a factory to support my mother and myself, I will be glad to find it out before I married him. For," and her eyes dilated and grew suddenly dark with passion, "if I should marry him and find out after it

Six months had passed away since the norning upon which our story com-sences, and in that time Lena's father ad been laid to rest beneath the daisies, and she and her mother found them-elves almost penniless. Then, with the uist energy and self-will which she had alterated from her father, Lena obtained attuation in the factory, despite the op-patition of her friends and her mother, and entered her new field of labor, all so she worked away in the bright,

"Elmer," she said sternly, turning to him, "did you do this?"
"I did," he answered passionately. "but I think you will appreciate the feeling with when you were almost mine, I must lose you forever! Farewell, Lena. Forgive me, I forgive me, I must lose you forever! Farewell, Lena. Forgive me, I forgive me, I must lose the right thing, too. And how was it? Did the son show that he deserved the help?"

"You are a stranger to me, sir," said my traveling companion, at this point, "but I think you will appreciate the feeling with which poor Mr. Blake stood in his bare and dingy study in the old farm house parsonage, holding that letter in his hand, and lifting his faithful eyes in thankfulness to God."

"Yes," I replied. "Williston did just the right thing, too. And how was it? Did the son show that he deserved the help?"

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of jurisprudence in this country.

This occurred in Waxahatchie, during the last term of the Ellis county Distric Court. A colored man had been indicted for entering into a conspiracy to murder. He was brought to trial, the evidence was strong, and in spite of the good fight made in his defense by his attorney, he was convicted. A motion for a new trial was made, and the Juege, see ing that no error of law had been made and believing the evidence was sufficient

and believing the evidence was sufficient, promptly overruled the motion. When the prisoners were brought in to be sentenced, this negro was among them.

When asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him, he said be knew anything he might say would have no weight with the court as all the forms of the law had been complied with, and he knew he must go to the penitentiary, but that he had something to say for the benefit of his colored friends, and with the permission of the court he would make a few re-

erately, reviewing the testimony, showing the inconsistencies of witnesses statements, and then, carried away with the idea of the wrong done him, he burst forth in a strain of eloquence seldom

heard.

When he sat down the Judge said:

"Sam, I thought you guilty: I don't believe so now, and will set aside the judgment overruling your motion for a new
trial, and give you another chance."

So eloquently had the negro presented
his case that the County Attorney dismissed the case, and the negro walked
out of the court-room a free man.

This is the first case, in Texas at least,
where a man brought up to be sentenced
was ever turned loose. Every person
present says that the effort was the finest
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venience:

"Don't you give a thought of your coat, old fellow,' returned Williston.

Nobody who knows you will ever imagine that the heart inside of it is imagine that the heart inside of it is the coat, however the garment may the will find a draft enclosed for that amount.

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"Elmer," she began gently, and then hand be was pleased with this kindly expression; and both men, after that exchange of confidence, felt happier. But, among the various incidents of the evening, this one almost passed out of the hand last seen him, but oh! so white and changed.

"Do not be afraid, Lena," he said, saddly, as she shrank back with a cry of pain.

"I have come all this way to ask you if this is true. Will you tell me?"

"He told him: I proved myself unworthy, as my father said. Now give me hand and be was a letter. Taking it up he broke open the envelope, and found in side a few words from Williston, with a chance to show myself worthy."

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marriage the same day, and I came at once to—to see if it was true!"

"Oh, Ronald," sobbed Lena, "forgive me. I have thought you false all the time. I thought your pride would not meetings to attend, and rooms of his allow you to marry a factory girl."

"I have the same time. Here he had society meetings to attend, and rooms of his own, with a chum, where a good deal of allow you to marry a factory girl." time. I thought your pride would not allow you to marry a factory girl."

"Oh, you little goose!" cried Ronald, kissing her tenderly, "have you no more faith in me than that? Why, the dearest little girl in all the world works in a factory now, but shall not work there a week from to day, for I am going to marry her right off—am I not darling?"

But Lena could not answer him for blushes.

"I always told you," said Mrs. Charman the next day, "that there was nothing good about Elmer Crawford! But I always thought that dear Ron was a gentleman; and you remember, Lena, I told you at the time, that something from the chum, where a good deal of smoking was done by himself and his friends. And then there was base ball, into which it appeared indispensable for the honor of the class that he should enter actively, on account of his strong legs, wonderful wind and ground batting. He could not refuse to go to the theater occasionally, with his richer companions. Sam took a natural interest in the society of young ladies, too, and had to give up some time to its cultivation. He also thought a moderate amount of practice in the gymnasium was desirable, to prevent his health breaking down under the confinement of study. So, on the whole, finement of study. So, on the whole the actual work that he did in the col-

the actual work that he did in the college was not very extensive. This didn't seem to have any bad effect till well along in the winter, when the habit of shirking work had grown so strong, without his noticing it, that he fell easily into reading novels when he ought to have been in the recitation-room. Gymnasium, theater, billiards, smoking—and I am afraid I must say a little drinking—frittered away his time.

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"One horrible snowy, sleety morning when he had got up too late for prayers, the postman brought him a note—from the faculty—an 'admonition.' He dropped the pipe he was just lighting and bolted off to recitation. But he 'deaded' immediately and that discouraged him. He soon began to make light of the warning, and did himself no credit in his studies. Though he managed to squeeze through the examination at the end of the freshman year, he came out far down toward the foot of his class. He wasn't quite contented with himself, and wasn't quite contented with himself, and thought he'd try to do better the next

year. But during the journey home he recovered his usual spirits.
"When he walked up to the village "When he walked up to the village toward the parsonage farm, he was thinking that—since he was a sophomore now—he would buy the knottlest, biggestheaded cane in Cambridge when he should go back there. And what was the first thing that met him at home? It was his father out in the field digging for new potatoes, his coat off and his spectacled face perspiring! The sight struck shame into the boy. He vaulted the fence, and running up with hardly a pause of greeting, cried:

"Here I interrupted the narrator.

Rev. d Sam there learn, I thing of intelligence the same is a superscript of the best-natured dealers in the street. They are as different as men; in buying a horse, you must look first to his head and eyes for signs of intelligence the same is the same in the same is t look first to his head and eyes for signs of intelligence, temper, courage and honesty. Unless a horse has brains you can't teach him anything any more than you can a half-witted child. See that tall bay there, a fine looking animal fifteen hands high. You can't teach that horse anything. Why? Well, I'll show you a difference in heads; but have a care of his heels. Look at the brute's head—that rounding nose, that tapering forehead, that broad full place below the eyes. You can't trust him. Kick? eyes. You can't trust him. Kick? Well, I guess so! Put him in a ten-acre

lot, where he's got plenty of wing, and he'll kick the horn off the moon." The world's treatment of man and beast has the tendency to enlarge and intensify bad qualities, if they predomi-nate. This good-natured phrenologist could not refrain from slapping in the

get them too deep in the chest. The fore-legs should be short. Give me a pretty, straight hind-leg with the hock low down, short pastern joints, and a round, mulish foot. There are all kinds

first, but he will soon make a passable imitation of his copy, and ultimately develop a characteristic and strong hand, which may be bad or good, but will not which may be bad or good, but will not be either meaningless, undecided, or illegible, This hand will alter, of course, greatly as he grows older. It may alter at eleven, because it is at that age that the range of the eyes is fixed and short sight betrays itself, and it will alter at seventeen, because then the system of taking notes at lecture, which ruins most hands, will have cramped and tempor-arily spoiled the writing, but the charac-ter will form itself again and will never be deficient in clearness or decision. The ter will form itself again and will never be deficient in clearness or decision. The idea that it is to be clear will have stamp-ed itself, and confidence will not have been destroyed by worrying little rules about attitude and angle and slope, which the very irritation of the pupils ought to convince the teachers are, from some personal peculiarity, inapplicable. The lad will write, as he does anything also that he cares to do as well as he else that he cares to do, as well as he can, and with a certain efficiency an speed. Almost every letter he gets will give him some assistance, and the master's remonstrance on his illegibility will be attended to, like any other caution given in the curriculum .- Londo

## Bismarck's Blg Dog.

One of the most important and gener One of the most important and generally respected members of Prince Bismarck's household is a huge hound, popularly designated "the Realm Dog." This animal, his mighty master's inseparable companion, is stern of aspect and wrathful in disposition. He inspires fear, rather than love, in all men save one, and has acquired a somewhat formidable renown for having "collared" several eminent personages. beast has the tendency to enlarge and intensity bad qualities, if they predominate. This good-natured phrenologist could not refrain from alapping in the face the horse whose character had been so cruelly delineated, while he had but the gentleat freatment for a sleek-limbed sorrel that pricked her ears forward and looked intelligent enough to understand all that was being said.

"That's an awful good mare," he added. "She's as true as the sun. You can see breadth and fullness between the cars and eyes. You can't hire that mare the cars and eyes. You can't hire that mare to be simpled the full, and hazel is a good clor. I like a smell, thin ear, and want a horse to throw his ears well forward Look out of the true that wants to listen to all the conversation going on behind him. The horse that turns back his ears till they almost meet at the points, take my wrong. See that straight, elegant face. A lord of the paper wrong. See that straight, elegant face. The Chancellor still they almost meet at the points, take my wrong. See that straight, elegant face. The Chancellor, still they almost meet at the points, take my wrong. See that straight, elegant face. The Chancellor still they almost meet at the points, take my wrong. See that straight, elegant face. The Chancellor still they almost meet at the points, take my wrong. See that straight, elegant face. They chancelly the straight in the conversation going on behind him. The horse that turns back his cars till they almost meet at the points, take my wrong. See that straight, elegant face. They chancellor still they almost meet at the points, take my wrong. See that straight, elegant face. They chancellor still they almost meet at the points, take my wrong. See that straight, elegant face. They chancellor still they almost meet at the points, take my wrong. See that straight elegant face. They chancellor still they almost meet at the points is stored the points is such as the points is such as the point of the straight many and the points are the points in the con

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"Well, Sam, I think that's about as good a How-do-you-do? as you could have offered me. There's something right about you after all."

It hadn't occurred to Sam that there was any doubt on that point before. He blushed as he asked:

"Where's the hirod man?"

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"They discharged him. I can't afford one at present, my son,' was the answer.

"Sam was rather puzzled and began to reflect.

"Stephens or Wenster.—A Washington letter to the Chicago News reports the Hon. Alexander H. Stephens as saying: "I think Webster was the worst-slandered man I ever knew. It is the general impression in the country to day that we offered me. There's something right about you after all.'

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guard themselves against the addresses of too many beaux. Such, at least, are the views of a thrifty young farmer, who hopes to find a refined and business young lady, who has not had too many beaux, for his future companion.—[Ex.]

We believe there is no single system of mechanique for writing, and that a child belonging to the educated classes would be taught much better and more assily if, after being once enabled to make and recognize written letters, it were let alone, and praised or childen, not for its method, but for the result. Let the boy hold his pen as he likes and write at the pace he likes—hurry, of course, being discouraged—but missit strenuously that his copy shall be legible, shall be cleam, and shall approach the good copy set before him, namely, a well written letter, not a rubbishy text on a single line, written as nobody but a written generated of the doctors of the life to another. The system of the pace he likes—hurry, of course, being discouraged—but missit strenuously steep that his copy shall be legible, shall be cleam, and shall approach the good copy set before him, namely, a well written letter, not a rubbishy text on a single line, written as nobody but a written generated by come dissatisfied the idea that they must go to the large of the will make a not recognize with their present employment, disingular the pace he likes—hurry, of course, being discouraged—but missit strenuously with their present employment, disingular the pace he likes—hurry, of course, being discouraged—but missit strenuously with their present employment, disingular the pace he likes—hurry and the pace he likes—hurry of course, being discouraged—but missit strenuously with their present employment, disingular the pace he likes—hurry of course, being discouraged—but missit strenuously with their present employment, disingular the pace he likes—hurry of course, being discouraged—but missit strenuously with the pace he likes—hurry of course, being discouraged—but missit strenuously and the pace he likes—hurry o Dr. Hall said he had not a word to say against true pleasures. It is said sometimes that the reins are drawn to no night. against true pleasures. It is said sometimes that the reins are drawn too tight. But no one who had stood by as many death-beds as he had seen would say the reins could be drawn to tight.

SHAVING .- The more I reflect upon Shaving.—The more I reflect upon the mysteries of neurology and animal chemistry, the more confident I am that, while we are the least suspecting it, trifling errors in our daily life are producing important effects upon our corporeal systems; and I declare it as my deliberate conviction, that the habit, which may almost be styled American, of using the razor upon the face, is sufficient to cause a large proportion of the cient to cause a large proportion of the lamentable evils which affect the human periment that the beard, if shaved, grows four to five times faster than if unshorn. In this calculation, an item is omitted which it is difficult to estimate, i. c., the stimulus given the beard, by the first application of the razor in adolescence, the experiments being made upon beards after they have acquired an unnaturally rapid growth. The effect of this early stimulus may be fairly counted at double the natural growth. the natural growth; then reckening the difference in size and weight of the fiber, which is treble, and we find the frightful truth to be, that we raise thirty times the natural quantity of beard. Thus it is evident that the true beard is exnausted at a very early age, after which the system is forced to supply a substi-tute. Now nature will not submit with land firm of Messrs. Wm. Beck & Son tute. Now nature will not submit with impunity to extraordinary demands upon her vigor, and that which requires thereto produce in a lifetime thirty times as much beard as she was first inclined to, must certainly be considered as such. She is fatigued in proportion to the effort, let the particular kind be what it may; although her recuperative powers are great, she insists upon having repose, even when working at a rate chosen by herself. If that repose is denied her.

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