ELSIE.

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She has bair of golden hne, And two eyes of liquid blue, Sparkling like the soulit dew, Roguish Ellie

Cheedly just elightly tinged with rose, Each a tiny dimple shows, Pearly teeth and turn d up nose, Sweetheart Elsie

She's two cherry lips so sweet That to hiss them were a treat, And such tiny hands and feet, Angel Ebild

And a dataty little waht On a dainty body placed, Purposed to be embraced. 1 Ting Elsion

Tho' on marrie hope is uigh. Than the breathing of a sigh That my yours could backward fly, Venching Elset

Yet if time had swifter sped O'er my prutty darling's head, 1 might hope some day to wed Empy Elsie?

-New Orleans Picayuna

A VISITING CARD.

It was a rainy day in January. Large drops were heating monotonously against to be a linen draper. I think. He is out tainly beg for the pleasure of doing so. the windows of a red brick house whose white stone trimmings and other heavy architectural ornamentations were that air of having been manufactured by the thousand which characterizes the dwellings of these good people who have gained wealth without gaining taste.

Behind the guijure curtains on the first floor stood a fundsome blonde looking out with a bound expression in hercold blue eyes. This was Solange Tarvenue, the only daughter of a respectable bourgoois who, having made his money in trade, now lived a gentleman of leisure in this fine new house,

"Heaven?" exclaimed Mile. Tarvenue, "how tiresome this rain is! One can't go out to make any calls and no one comes to : " one."

The bell rang.

"There! I'm sure that is a call. You see, maintan, you were very wrong to 1 think. say that you were not at home to visitors. Every one is not as much afraid of bad weather as you are."

"My dear child, what are you think-ing off isach a day as this! Why the parlor furaiture would have been rained The lad by people's wet clothes!" "People's wet clothes

ople's wet clothes! It is to be hoped the people we know would wear waterproofs-as long as they come on foot," added the young lady, bitterly. She rang the bell. A young servant

girl came in. "Bring the cards that were left just now

The servant returned. Solange threw an indifferent glance on the bit of pasteboard. Suddenly her face lighted up: she exclaimed, quickly:

'Mamma! It was M. de Prevaret!

"It does great good to say What a pity, now!" cried Solange, sourly,

cried Solange, sourly. M. do Prevaret was considered the "But, mademoiselle, the footman make You have decourtence magsessor of a large fortune, he lived with his mother, the downeor counters in the lived with his wild, 'Well, give her that then.'" visit I used counter of a certain with the downeor counters in the lived with his "Well, give her that then.'" mother, the downger countess, in one of bity. "Hot you might at least have re- suit that you had not heard of it. I was the most sumptions residences in the bity. "But you might at least have re- suite that I lost cards. Well, I left cards, town. And this young man, on whom every woman of rank with a marriageable daughter smiled, had rung the door-bell of the "arvenues and left his cards for them! How had this ever come about? He lowed to them, because they able daughter smiled, had rung the doorbowed to his mother, but he had never

been introduced to the ladies.

ald call, in their turn, r counte-s-a discussion your son's visit to us .s concluded by the young

rit. ral principles it should be papa 4. returned the call. But he would not know how to appear in a way called upon you," she said with her that would do us justice. Now, if it grand air, "but his friends are mine, that would do us justice. Now, if it were I, having the liabit of the world, I to call on the countries. By doing so we will trache her understand that we are, very willing to know her, but not willing to accept the attentions of her son. against hor wishes."

The phis was cleverly conceived, and a week later was carried out.

On the same day the dowager Countess de Prevaret was chatting with her son in a large solon filled with fine old furni-THEN. He, who was the most touchingly devoted of sens, had been usking his mother how she had passed the afternoon. She had been too tired to receive, she said, but there had been several callers. "Among others these"-and she took up a cord

"Mme. Tarvenue" and mademoiselle, "Do you know these people?" asked the countess. "I was surprised to get their card."

"I know them and I don't. He used of birling new. They sit near you in church-the father is a little man with spectacles; the mother very stout and ratiound; the daughter a superb creasture, a blonde, who dresses very well. You must have seen them?"

"Ob, yes, I remember now. I believe "Never in the world, my dear mother; they how to me. They are good souls, I and I don't in the least know what all should think-they go to church very this means?" regularly.

"Good souls, perhaps," laughed her biting her figs till the blood started. son, "but frightfully ordinary. The "What hilds we were! We have mother is impossible. As for the spoiled everything! He had come to the daughter, we call her the empress. assure you the name suits her. She is a and we have let the cat out of the bag? trementious posense.

"But why should they come to see me," asked the countess.

"Perhaps to solicit subscriptions for fully, some charity. The mother and daughter belong to different church organizations,

"Perlups. I don't care to know them, but I want to be polite. I might leave my card some day at their house. That would not commit me to anything." "Of course not. Especially with the

The lady little dreamed what a com-

motion the square of pasteboard her footman deposited at the Tarvenue doors. one afternoon would cause in that house-When Solange, who was at the window, recognized the Prevaret livery, hugo, with a book in her hand, aban-she forgot all her assumption of indifference and rushed down to the kitchen to That very isocrain; the Count Gerard tell the servant that the ladies would re- had bowed to her profoundly, and on ceive. Then the threw a basty glance this incident, trivial as it was, she had into the drawing room to assure herself begun to erect a visionary scallolding of that all things were in order there, and, still running, returned to her room and began to make an apprepriate todet. M. Tarvenne burried forward to meet "Maintas! If was M, de Prevarel! What was not for disappointment when "M, de Frevarel!" wailed Mme, Tar-"Molecular of the carriage drive nway again, "Idiot!" she cred to the servant over "Why, yes, here I are gain. But let

frained from saying that we were at and you never knew it. home, since you hadn't been asked."

pleased to show us that you approved of It was now the countess' turn to be

agitated. Had Gerard really gone to see these people? The daughter was pretty -very pretty. "I did not know that my son had

grand air, "but his friends are mine. should know how to manage perfectly. All: There he is how who now en-should know how to manage perfectly. dressing the young man who now en-So it is best that maxima and I should go tered with a smile, "will you not introduce me to Mme, and Mile. Tarvenue? "It seems to me that it is you who ought to introduce me," remarked the young man, bowing low before his mother's guests.

"It is true, monsiour," said Solange, while her mother wished that the earth tnight open and swallow her up; "we regretted not being at home when you called some time ago.

The young mun bowed again, and looked embarransed, and said nothing. "My daughter alludes to the visit you made us at the beginning of January," here threw in Mme. Tarvenue.

'I wish that I too might allude to it, madame, but I um afraid there is a misunderstanding, since I would never have permitted myself, not having the honor of knowing you, to present myself at your door. Now, however, I shall," he continued with a profound bow," incur-Mme, Tervenue desperately rose and, followed by is relatighter, teft the room. When Gerard had returned from seeing them to the door, his mother said to him; "Tell me truly, my son, did you call

In the street meanwhile Solange was

I house without letting his mother know, she raged.

"What a pity! If only he comes lack again!" said lime. Tarvenne, prayer-

The next day there occurred Mme. Tervenne's small weekly reception. The lumps were lighted and Solange was setting out some dominos nonchalantly on the baize table.

"Is everything ready?" demanded M. Tarvenue.

"Oh, ves," "Well: because I hold a good deal to this one evening in the week, when I can gather my old triends around me," said the old fellow. "I mis one, though,

"Ramillat," and he sighed. His guests soon began to arrive. So-

the bannister. Why didn't you say we me tell you-all of you-the most extra-were at home as I told you? I continue and hughable occurrence imagid, 'Well, give her that then.'" visit I publy on three weeks ago. You "Step behind my prescriptio "Very well," said Solange with ascer-said that you had not heard of n. I was sir: you will be unseen there."

ome, since you hadn't been asked." He broke of with a load laugh. Nevertheless the sight of the countess' "Tell ne, Tarvanue, do you know the

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Habit Beats the Bishop.

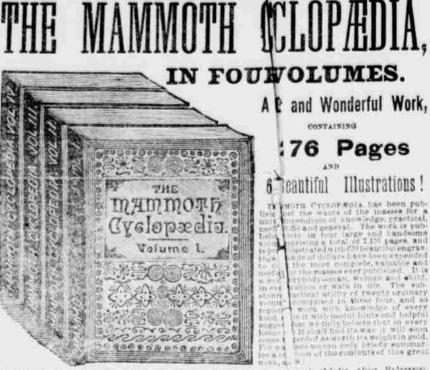
During the session of the Methodist conference one of the ministers went into a drug store about dusk on a chilly evening and asked the proprietor for a good, mild cigar. After paying for it he added:

"Is there any place around your store where I can have a quiet smoke? Our bishop has just been preaching pretty sharply against the use of tobacco, so 1 don't want to smoke 'round the house where I am staying, nor out in the street, on account of the bad example 1 might set. But a mild eigar does rest one sof

The druggist quite agreed with him and said:

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What can it mean?" asked Mme. Tarvenue, anymously

Solango was standing before the glass. "Why, it access to me that it is very clear!" she replied, with deep complacency. "Haven't you noticed, my dear

"What!-why-do you think?"-Mme, Tarvenue did not dure tinish, so audacious did her thought seem to her.

"And why not?" demanded Solange, throwing up her blonde head with a triumphant air that made her really immensely hambsome.

"You are right," murmured poor Mine. Tarvenue: "you are pretty enough.

It was quite true that Solange Tarpassion, but she would never have had any attraction for a fastidious man. This young person, with her sculpturesque form and her dazzling coloring, was absolutely lacking in innate refine-ment or distinction. No reflection of a gentle nature, an elevated soul, ever swered stiffly, 'that it is scarcely my gave that indescribable charm to her regu-lar features that such attributes only can convey. She was clever enough, but it was a thoroughly material sort of eleverness, and it was joined to a most extra-ordinary amount of egotism and vanity. She had played, in childhood, behind the paternal counter; but she had been educated in a fashionable Parisian school, from which she had brought away all manner of ambitions. In her dreams for gerheads, and all because you did not the future she saw noblemen at her feet. and she would not have thought a crown misplaced had it been made to rest on her magnificent yellow hair. It was therefore no wonder that the Comte de Prevaret's visit had not much surprised her. She saw in it simply the natural result of her beauty. She received her father when he returned with a superior smile of calm fatuousness, while Mme. Tarvenue, who was more unsophisticated in her new grandeur, exclaimed agitatedly: "If you only knew whom we have just missad!"

"Oh! You think I don't know," replied the good man, trying to look very subtle. proposal, has he?"

"To make his proposal?" quavered Mme. Tarvenue. "You knew, then?" "It is to be hoped that I did know,"

remarked M. Tarvenue with importance. "He said to me only this morning: 'It is time we came to an understanding. Eunebo is fairly wasting away, he is so much in love with Solange

'Eusebo! Of whom are you talking?" "Of my friend kamillat, who is most anxious that Solange should marry his aon.

"M. Ramillat did not call. But the Comto do Provaret rang the doorbell while you were away." And Solange, having pronounced these words, majesleft the room. cically

"M. do Prevaret!" exclaimed M. Tar-

"Why, yes," said madame, imitating her daughter's self possessed and indifferent mien. "Solange is not aston-He has been noticing her a great ished. deal of late. And if he should want to marry her there would be nothing surprising in that either. She is handsome enough to make a mesalliance possible."

did Mme. Tarvenue think likewise, and the two ladies resolved that the least they could do would be to call once more upon the counters without delay.

This had been arranged, when M. Tarvenue, who spent on hour at his club mamma, that every tame we go to hear the band play M. de Prevaret is there too?" The plackages were mixed madvertently-

"Something very serious has happened," said the retired linen draper. Then-"We have no secrets from you, my daughter, and you know already that my friend Ramillat has spoken to me of his desire of making a match between you and his son. I expected an official proposal from him three weeks ago. I did not receive it, and since then he has seemed to avoid nio. 1 did not like to Ramillat. venue was handsome enough to inspire a call upon him because that would have a bad match? been undignified under the circumstances. Finally 1 met him today on the street and, although he pretended not to see me, I accosted him. 'What's the reason one never sees you any more, Ramillat?' 'It seems to me, sir,' he anplace to call upon you again after the step I took three weeks ago and which you failed to recognize in any way." And now it turns out that he came here. left his card, as I was not chome, and thought of course, as we had a conversation on the subject the previous day, that I would understand the visit as a formal demand on his and his son's part for Solange's hand. Here we are at loggive me his card."

"But he never came-he never left a card!" cried Mime. Tarvenue.

"In any case, there's a good match off." grumbled M. Tarvenue.

"Do not deplore it, 1 beg," remarked Solange with her most superb mien. "I should not have accepted M. Easebe Ramillat in any event. I hope before long to present to you a son-in-law of quite another stamp."

In less than eight days Mme. Tarvenue and her daughter repaired anew to the dowager countess.' Solange was enchantingly handsome in a suit of dark good man, trying to look very blue with astrakhan trimmings, and a "So he has come to make his toque of the same on her golden hair.

Mme. Tarvenue, in plush and jets, had assumed an indifferent and contemptuous air which she thought in the best possible form.

When the countess saw the two ladies enter her drawing room she suppressed a movement of surprise, but she received her guests with that gracious amiability which so successfully keeps people at a distance.

"I was sorry," she said in her slow, musicial voice, "not to have been at home when you came some little time ago to see me.

"The loss was entirely ours, madam," said Solange, with empressement, "Certainly, certainly," said Mme, Tar-

venue, who was very red and very ill at Case.

"I regretted the coincidence all the more that I thought you might have

wished to see me with regard to some church charity. Solange understood the allusion, and

her eyes flashed fire. "No, madame, 1 am interested in church work, but 1 do not solicit aid A discussion then arose between Mme, Tarvenue and her daughter as to

her book, now approached. "And this is the way of it; It's all the

fault of that good-for-nothing engraver, I ordered some cards for Jan. 1. Bladel. Probably the Count Cerur i did the same, half of them were mine and half those of the Count Prevaret. That is how it happened that you received a card from that gentlemin and that is how"-

Solange, whiter than a sheet, had risen with difficulty and retreated into the embrasure of a window. Her mother followed her.

"Courage, Solaroge! Be kind to M. amillat. After all, Eusebe is not such

"What? When one thought one was going to be a countess?" and she hastened in 1840. Eight children were born as from the room.

"Excuse Solange," said Mme. Tarvenue. "She is feeling indisposed."

Three months later Gerard de Brevaret was married to one of his cousins, and the same day M. Eusobe Ramillat, disdained by Solange, conducted to the altar the daughter of his father's partarr.

They say that Solance Tarvenue will not marry at all .- Translated for The New York Mercury from the French of M. Floran by Agnes Gifford.

A Palm with a History.

John M. Goring, of Wappinger's Falls, Dutchess county, has a sago palm with quite a history, which, added to its great go-150 years-makes it a valuable plant. The palm was originally grown at Mount Vernon, and was once owned by George Washington. It was brought from there by Mr. Van Rensselaer and placed in Niblo's Garden at the time that pleasure resort was first constructed. After some years it was brought to Clinton Point, the Van Reasselaer homestead, and for four decades was cared for by Edward Downing, the gardener, to whom it was eventually given when the Van Rensselaers left that section of country, and afterward it became the property of the Gorings. The plant stands 10 feet high and weighs nearly 400 pounds -New York Times.

Things Have Changed.

In the old days, when Washington was but a big village, the post of minister to the United States was the least liked of all the chief diplomatic appointments, but now that Washington is a beautiful city and the Mecca of the best people in 1110 Union, things are very different. With a stipend of six thousand pounds sterling a year and allowances, an excellent house, good society, a charming climate, and no laws of the Medes and Persians as to entertaining, the Washington legation is an enviable billet --London World.

Unkind.

They had pircuetted for about five minutes when she signified in the usual way her desire to stop. "I'm very fond of the walts," said he. "Indeed? I should think you would have learned it, then." And the ellence that came over the room was so deep that all attempts to measure it by throwing the lead were futile.-Harper's Bazar.

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ister No. 1.-Washington Cor. Boston Gazette.

Sixty-Four Years Married.

Greene county can probably boast of having one of the oldest married couples in the state. David Stickle and Mary, his wife, are the happy pair. They have been living together for sixty-four years, having been married in 1826. The combined ages of the two are 174 years. Both are still enjoying fairly good health. Mr. Stickle was born in Washington county fully ninety-one years ago, and moved to his present residence in Morris the fruits of this union, and three are still living. The old gentleman is quite active and his mental faculties are good. He was always an industrious man, and he still cuts his wood and does many other odd jobs about the farm .--Waynesburg (Pa.) Republican.

An Advertising Dodge.

Not long ago a hansom cab was driven at a very rapid pace through the Strand in London. The passers by saw to their horror that there were two men inside engaged in an apparently deadly struggle. They raised an alarm, and some bolder than the rest brought the horse to a standstill. Thereupon the two, who a few moments before were engaged in a life or death conflict, leaned quietly forward and distributed among the crowd some handbills, inviting them to go to such and such a theater to witness a certain performance.-New York Ledger.

Mr. Gilder's Forethought.

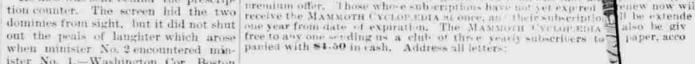
John Gilder, an old man living in Dublin, Ga., believes in preparation for death. Some years ago he had his vault built and a coffin ordered. When M. L. Jones's store was burned down, some months ago, the casket was destroyed. Some weeks ago he wrote to a friend in Macon to send him another. His friend was slow about attending to the request. and when Mr. Gilder was taken sick last week he had a telegram sent to an undertaker at Macon for a casket worth \$250. -Philadelphia Ledger.

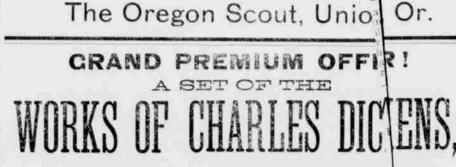
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Janitor's Wife (in basement flat)-Whew! It's killin' hot here. Open the windy.

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