## MR. NORSEMAN.

"Good looking, distinguished and very fond of me-really, why not?" said Mrs. Vanderpool, "Of course he is not young," she continued: "but, after all, I'm a widow of 40." She folded the note she had just re-

ceived and placed it in its envelope,

"I think I'll say yes," she mused. "I am lonely sometimes, and that dear little girl he speaks of may be a very pleasant. companion.

The note that had set Mrs. Vanderpool into this train of thought was from the most devoted of her admirers, Mr. Norseman.

A widow with two hundred thousand dollars safely invested is sure to have admirers, and Mrs. Vanderpool was a handsome woman as well as a woman of means.

Mr. Norseman had iron gray hair and rather an elderly look about the throat and shoulders, but he was a man of elegant manuers. He spoke of his "little place on the Hudson" in a way that madepeople understand that it was a very fine one, and that the prefix was the outgrowth of modesty. The general opinion New York. Did you ever hear such a member when the plains east of the Rocky was that he had retired from business. He seldom spoke of the matter. He had, however, told the widow that he was still connected with certain mercan- father?" tile enterprises "as a sort of sleeping partner," For the rest, he dressed well, walked well, made offerings of roses at their most expensive seasons, and professed bimself to be madly in love with Mrs. Vanderpool.

The fear of being married from motives of interest had often intervened to prevent the widow from accepting the pointed attentions of men younger than herself. They did not arise in thinking ty, and he never touched to do a thing grass, a steer's or cow's, 160 pounds. The of Mr. Norseman, settled and solid as he Wits:

"I'll do it!" the wislow said to herself. "A woman is so much happier with a protector, and I'm sure I should be proud of Mr. Norseman; and after awhile one fades a little, and it is a great deal more comfortable to occupy a matron's position-a widow who has no family is always a sort of elderly girl."

Then Mrs. Vanderpool sat down to her indited on her tinest paper the following enistle:

"DEAR MR. NORSEMAN-Thave received your note and read it very carefully. Without actually giving you a positive answer at this moment, I will say that its contents do not displease me. I am going into the country to pay a visit tomorrow and will remain away three days. On Thursday I shall be at home all the afternoon and should be glad to see you. Yours sincerely.

" ADELAIDE VANDERPOOL," Having sout this billet-doux to the lamp post hox by a servant, Mrs. Vanderpool prepared for her visit to an old aunt at -----, and shortly left New York behind her.

This visit was, I regret to say, a sort of penance which Mrs. Vanderpool imposed upon herself every spring. The aunt was one of those ancient females who, having outlived vanity and the

found him, and, a bony young woman with sharp features, who wore a dress, apron and sunbonnet, all made of the

same blue checked gingham, stalked out of the house, kicked the dog furiously and entered the arbor in three long strides. "Don't look at me," was her salata-

tion. "I haven't had time to wash my face today, let alone comb my hair. What'll you have-ice cream?" Mrs. Vanderpool assented.

cake I've got," said the young woman, "Well, we have to take what we can get here. Tisn't like the city. You're has been destroyed to such an extent that it from the city?"

Mrs. Vanderpool bowed.

ly returned with a plate of vanilla ice uine ranchman, and a man of great intellicream and some ginger snaps, a mapkin gence and keen observation. As Bronco and a glass of water on a tray, and having placed them before her customer seated herself in the other chair and regarded her steadily.

"This is an awful place," said she, "But here I live year in and year out. I reduced in area there can be no doubt," conmind the store and do the homework and timed Mr. Sullivan, "but it is not due to ments, while pa goes kiting around in ignorant system of feeding. Why, I can recase before?"

"I think not," said Mrs. Vanderpool, much amused. "A kind of prodigal lope, and enormous droves of wild horses and

chicken when he comes home, I tell you. He comes to collect all he can; then off again. As for me, I live principally on cold beans, and this is my best gown."

Mrs. Vanderpool looked sympathetic. continued. "Ma was single and kept this store. She married pa for his beau-ty, and he never touched to do a thing afterward. Kited around like he does now. He broke her heart flirting; but now, He broke her heart flirting; but delicate feeder. When these numberless the last thing she said to me was, "Take buffaloes, els, antelope, deer, wild horses care of poor pa.' Well, I slave and he and cattle roamed over the bluffs and plains enjoys himself. He's very stylish. You there was not only always a surplus of the wouldn't believe he was kin to me in my choicest wild grass for their sustenance, but gingham. Jefferson Norseman is the it grew in succident inxurance, reaching a handsomest man hereabouts, and I am height of from three to six feet. This wonplain, and I know it. I take after poor derful buffalo grass covered immense areas, ina in appearance."

"Jefferson Norseman," repeated Mrs. desk and, taking her most delicate pen, Vanderpool to herself. But she kept her eyes fixed upon the saucer before her and governed the corners of her mouth as only a society woman can.

cantankerous," said Miss Norseman, af- feed than there are now, while the same ter a moment's pause, "but you don't ranges now show scant, scattered and stunted know pa. When he is at home he is just growths of grass? The cause was nature. the meanest and batefulest-why, nobody dares come near the house to see me. I might have married when I was depended on nature's bounty for their susteseventeen-even if you are plain, youth nance. Buffalo grass and wild prairie grass is taking-but he kicked my beau out, are like wheat and corn. They will not You see he wanted to keep me here to grow from their roots like cultivated grasses, keep shop while he kited about."

A remembrance of the passing mention of the sleeping partnership in a certain mercantile establishment here in bunches like onion tops, they ate only caused Mrs. Vanderpool's lips to curve a every other bunch as they grazed, and left little. Miss Norseman saw it.

said she. "I almost have to laugh my- This was for the seeding of the ranges for the self; and now he is going to be married." succeeding crop, and nature never failed to "Are you sure?" asked Mrs. Vander- reward this blind obschence to her laws

# ing for his enemy all his life and has just ON THE CATFLE RANGES. BEFORE YOU CONSULT A PHYSICIAN

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"I have seen several statements in the "Ginger snaps or lemon snaps is all the newspapers, and have heard it mentioned with great apprehension by many people in the east, that, owing to the overstocking of the cattle ranges in the west, the pasturage

is only a question of a short time when stock raising must be greatly curtailed and a meat The young woman vanished and short- famine ensue," said John H. Sullivan, a gen-John, his natue on the plans, he is well known throughout the country as a lecturer and writer on matters affecting the interests of stock raisers and their employes.

"That the natural posturage of the great cattle ranges has been greatly injured and plant the garden and see to the refresh- overstocking, but to an injudicious and mountains, extending north through New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana, swarmed with buffalo, eik, deer and anteherds of wild cattle covered the great coun-"You've hit it," said the young wo- try south of the Republican river. They man. "And I have to kill the fatted have all been driven away, and their feeding places given to the ranchman and his stock. but the latter do not approach in numbers the original occupants of this country, who found food supply in great abundance for all their tremendous needs. More than that, one buffalo would eat, and required, more "Oh, pa is a case!" the young woman than twice as much grass for its support as and its nutri, ive bunches-which give if the other name of bunch grass-reached a height of eight inches

#### NATURE'S WISE PROVISIONS.

"What was the cause of this marvelous prevalence of luxuriant pasturage, although there were thousands upon thousands more I guess you think I am untilial and mouths, and much more ravenous ones, to the wonderful instinct, reason or whatever it might have been of the wild creatures that but must rise from the seed. Nature planted a knowledge of this fact somewhere within the wild animals that once fed on the ranges, and, if teeding on buffalo grass, which grows ample patches of the prairie grass standing "I suppose it is funny to other folks," as they ate their way along over the plains.

Constill common sense, and if you make an attempt to think once, the process will be less painful the next time you try. It will lead you to the irresistible conclusion that things and institutions and processions are not necessarily good because established in the remote past. They doe not know everything in those days. They are monu-ments of ignorance with their faces turned o the past and flour backs to the future you cannot stay the hands of time. He

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desire to dodge Time, delight in unpleasant reminiscences and in recording the pas-age of years.

Mrs. Vanderpool knew that her age would be mentioned within the first ten minutes; that she would be forced to remember things she desired to forget: that all those skeletons which the most respectable people desire to lock away in cupboards would be trotted out, and that she would return to the city with a large collection of ancient goods to match-silks of obsolete colors, woolens of a sort no longer woven, cottons of patterns at least twenty-five years old.

She would sleep in a sort of state bedroom, where she always expected to see a ghost; she would be obliged to read aloud from ancient devotional works printed with long s's, or from such novelsas "Sir Charles Grandison" and "Amelias" she would be requested to jg and accompany herself on a little old piano of six octaves, which had not been tuned for thirty years, and to assist in the making of very coarse red flannel petticoats for the poor of the church. Sunday she would spend in a draughty little church. where a well meaning but inaudible old preacher would read one of his old sermons, and where much handshaking must be gone through in the vestilade. Moreover, there would be at least two wearisome tea drinkings-one at the residence of Col. Winackenr, whose memory had grown weak, and who always took her for her own grandmother; the other at that of Mrs. Ledsky, who went to all the funerals she heard of and entertained her guests solely with accounts thereof. However, it was a superstition of Mrs. Vanderpool's that it was her duty to visit Aunt Tabitha, and she always performed it once a year.

On this occasion the old lady's reminiscences were more unpleasant than usual, the novels more wearisome, the sermons more inaudible and the tea drinkings more ghastly, and it was with a sense of relief that she found her visit at an end and bid her aunt good-by. Her trunk had been sent to the depot in the morning, and, as she was fond of walking, she decided to follow it on foot.

"Take the read to the right then, Ade laide," Aunt Tabitha had said. "It's better paved."

Accordingly Adelaide took the road to the right and found it much longer than she expected. As she entered the depot her train steamed out of it, and there was no other to New York for two long hours.

The little wooden building was close and unpleasant, and after pacing it nervously for awhile Mrs. Vanderpool sauntered out again, and turning down a well shaded road came to a little yellow house, the front of which seemed to be a general store, while across the back garden fence she read in black letters the legend: "Ice cream garden." Within the fence stood an arbor. In the arbor was a table flanked by two chairs. It seemed a desirable resting place, and Mrs. Vanderpool entered and sat down. As soon as she had done so a small dog came rushing out of the house and began to bark as furiously as though he had been look | Kyle Dallas in Fireside Companion.

pool, smiling again. "He says it is settled," said Miss Norse-

man. "He got all he could rake and edness of the cattle raisers has put their own scrape for new clothes last week, and behest above the law of natural selection, sold the horse. She's a widow. Well, I and the cattle are forced to feed on a range don't wonder. Pa, with his company until every bunch and spear of grass are manners on, is taking. His private ways gone. There is no seed left to replenish the are different. When she sees him with wasted area, and the herds are moved on to his false teeth out and no padding in his coat she'll be astonished, I rather think; out from the ranges that the rush to raise and what names he can call a body if things don't suit him!"

"Really, you ought to warn the lady." said Mrs. Vanderpool, smiling outright tain. There is territory enough and area this time.

soon as they are settled I'm going to of overstocking comes from the syndicate of break up here and go and live with 'em. He can't refuse his only daughter a home, thousands of acres of the country's area is and I guess the mortgage will be fore- to discourage the small growers and keep closed pretty soon. I'm going to have them out of the region, or acquire possession ease and comfort after that, widow or of their ranches. no widow. I'm a match for pa's new wife. I've got a determined spirit of my own, and if she tries to triumph over ranchmen are wise they will not be discourme hair will fly. Pa will uphold me, for aged by the monopoly cry of overstocking. there are lots of things he'll be afraid of her finding out, and he'll want to keep me quiet. You see, I'm in his power down here, but it will be different then. and a large portion of it along the river is Oh, wouldn't you like to see pa's photo- always in unusually fine grass, although it is graph?"

ishing her cream. "And what do I owe of the range there is an island in the river on you?

man. "Now, don't go until I bring the album.

Mrs. Vanderpool had no intention of doing so. She waited patiently for the seeded down and always in good crop. Now return of her hostess with a rickety photograph album full of the usual repre- strip, say not more than forty feet wide, of sentations of aunts and uncles, cousins his range along the river by fencing it away and acquaintances, and in their midst a face she well knew. There was no possibility of a mistake,

"Now, ain't my pa handsome?" said Miss Norseman, as she spread the book upon the table, open at this place, and showing a certain pride in the exhibition. "Handsome and stylish. Oh, dear! if he was as good as he is pretty he'd be a very nice father to have, wouldn't he?"

"Yes," said Mrs. Vanderpool, a little sadly. It was a handsome face, and she had grown fond of lt. "Yes, I'm very glad I stopped here, Miss Norseman. Your conversation has interested me very much."

"We have had a real nice little visit, haven't we?" said Miss Norseman. "I wish I'd been more fixed up; but I guess I'll be more dressy when I go to New York to live with pa and his second wife.

"My dear Miss Norseman," said the widow, "never calculate too much on anything in this world. It is one of disappointments."

She smiled and walked away. A little further on she sighed.

"Goodness knows it is to me," she said. petulantly.

But on Thursday, when Mr. Norseman called in his new suit, armed with a fragrant bunch of hot house roses, Mrs. Van derpool was simply not at home .- Mar

"The succ ors to these aboriginal grazers would, if left to themselves, render the same obedience, but the ignorance or short sightdespoil other territory. Then the cry goes stroying the pasturage! The fact is there are not half as many cattle on the ranges as the capacity of the grazing country can susfor grass enough to sustain millions more "Catch me," said Miss Norseman, "As cattle than are being raised today. This cry great cattle kings. The policy of these millionaire stock raisers and grabbers of untold THE REASON WIFY.

"If homesteaders and small, independent

They can easily keep their ranges seeded and always ample in pasturage by simple means, prompted by good judgment. Buffalo Bill has a range south of the North Platte river, pastured as much as the rest of the range "Yes, I would," replied the widow, fin- The reason of this is that opposite that part which wild grass grows and is never dis-"Twenty-five cents," said Miss Norse- turbed, more because of its isolation, however, than of a desire to foster it, or the benefit derived from it. This grass goes to seed, and the wind carries the seed to the pasture along the river, and keeps it constantly if Mr. Cody would simply set off a small from his cattle, the winter winds and snows would carry the seeds from it all over his range and keep it always in good crop. The same can be done with ease and little expense by every homesteader and ranchman. A very small portion of each range reserved in that way will seed effectually all the rest of the pasture. "What is true in these cases is also true of

the great cattle king ranges. It is a well known fact that cattle and horses, when they can feed on bunch grass, survive the assaults of the severest winters to a remarkable percentage beyond stock fed on corn and 'tame' hay, no matter how plenty the feed may be, and it would seem that not only considerations of economy, but of mercy, would prompt the preservation of this incomparable pasturage

"By all of this I mean that pasturage is reduced, beyond doubt, on the cattle ranges, but that it is not due to over stocking, for the same ranges have fed ten times as many animals, year in and year out, for nobody knows how many conturies. Greedy monopolists in the cattle business and their injudicious pasturing are the eauses of the spreading grass failure. A little good judgment on the part of stock raisers, and the marking off of an insignificant portion of their ranges from pasturage, will soon replenish the barren acres and keep them in full and nutritious grass. They have only to reinstate nature in her domain and obey for laws, and all will be well."-New York Sun.

Mrs. Southworth has had all the gold pens with which any wrote her stories made into two rings, one for her son and one for her daughter.