SECTION SECTIO



Christmas.

had stolen a brief and hopeless holiday from toil that in this one hour of the world's joy she might breathe the incense leave the hospital. of an unknown existence of happiness, of gifts, of plenty, of a fabulous and dream-

us furs from polar regions, where only from Egypt, India, Siam, a bewildering the Christ-myth so far in the dim light wares side by side with the unequaled pro-

Amid this Christmas joy Philip Mere-dith walked with an acrid and indefinable had settled over him like a fog. He made a strenuous effort to forget. He had told me have them." himself that the coming of this anniver-

was the eve of rows down the room in pitilessly quiet array. On one cot lay a woman, who was The air was a mystery to the hospital officials. She Boston and Chicago. Through her effrosty—men's boot had been brought in late in the afternoon forts, it is said, many notable converheels made the of the day before insensible. She was sions have been brought about, and as show creak under young and beautiful; her clothing was that she is a slender, pretty girl, with an earthem as they passed of a gentlewoman; she had all the marks nest address, her influence can be readwith the quick tread of refinement, albeit with certain signs of those who had of toil, but every mark that could identibut a few hours left fy her had been carefully clipped from her in which to antici- garments. For hours the watchers thought pate the coming of the angel of death would stop at her bethe Christmas saint fore he took the one next her. Yet he and the advent of Christ-myth in their passed her by, and in the early hours of front of a saloon on South Clark street.

the morning she revived and murmured The evening was damp and murky, and Christmas greetings mingled with the words they could but indistinctly under a few loafers were the only spectators. orders of the shopkeepers to hasten the stand. Toward noon she revived so that delivery of goods, the furs and satins of her conversation became intelligible. But the millionaire's wife brushed against the with the return of consciousness she seemfaded, threadbare shawl of the shivering ed to guard her secret more closely. She woman from the city's darkest slums, who refused to answer the questions of the hospital physicians, and insisted that she would soon be strong and well and would

the nurse selected the finest bunch of them to her patient. She lay, limp and silent, in her cot. It was her first experience in a hospital. She reflected vague-ly, that it would be her last. She had and as the second man disappeared fainted on her way to the river, it is true, into the saloon, the recipient of anothbut that was no reason why she should

It was a large white box; around it were wide, pale blue ribbons. A spray of holly "Shall I open it for you?" said the nurse leasantly. "It was sent especially for pleasantly.

nurse's kindness was almost pathetic. "There is no one to send me flowers," she said, "but you may open it for me." The nurse did so. A rush of fragrance vision of the pale woman with the glory of midsummer, dazzling in their brightrow winning the boy's undying admiraness. They lay in their satin-padded home

sary should not overwhelm him with that looked at it as one might look at a dear agony of recollection which he knew down face that had been hidden for years. Her

SAVING OF CAPTAIN TURNER, examination has been made, and this simple test has never falled. In the Aid-de-Camp Minnie Morrow's Expecase of suspended animation, where rience in Slum Work in Chicago. others had pronounced death, he ob-Many earnest workers in the name of served the shade distinction and saved charity are numbered in the ranks of the man from being burled alive. This the Volunteers of America, and not the is a fortunate discovery.

least of these is Ald-de-Camp Minnie

Morrow, now stationed at the Chicago

post. Miss Morrow has had a wide ex-

perience in slum work, having seen ac-

tive service in New York, Philadelphia,

Although Miss Morrow is very mod-

est in speaking of herself, she tells with

enthusiasm one recent experience. The

Volunteers were holding a meeting in

One of them the ald-de-camp noticed

especially, leaning against the green

doors of the saloon. He was an intelli-

about to speak to him, when a dirty-

looking fellow shuffled up, and, slap-

followed his friend into the dive.

"Striking him for a drink."

ever, drew the attention of all:

ping him on the shoulder, mumbled a

the band was attracted by the incident,

Miss Morrow's attention was diverted

him during the meeting. Even the

words of the leader-something about

Moses and his rod-did not properly im-

"Moses he strikes the rock for water,

and de sport he strikes his friend for a

Slipping quietly out of the circle, the

girl called to the young heathen. They

soon became good friends, Miss Mor-

tion by her imperturbability when he

fly understood.

PICKPOCKET

Left His Diamond in the Place of a Empty Purse.

This story did not come from the man interested; it came from the lady who was with the lady who was interested. Perhaps that fact will relieve the mind of the man "who did." The two ladies were crossing from

Hoboken the other day, and in the ferryboat sat next to a flashily dressed man, who were many imitation diamonds and much jewelry. When the ladies left the boat one felt for her purse and din't find it.

"There wasn't much in it," she explained philosophically to her friend. "I wasn't going to buy anything, you know; I was only going shopping. But it served me right for putting the purse gent-looking man, and the girl was in my pocket."

The friend agreed consolingly, and they walked on for a moment, when few words. After a short argument the | the lady whose pocket had been picked first man shrugged his shoulders and pulled out a small hard lump of glass

from her pocket. "The poor thief," she said: "here's A small boy who had been following one of his diamonds!" They laughed and went on uptown. In the course of time they were up in Union square, and for the fun of the thing decided to go into Tiffany's and see what the thief's "dlamond" might be worth. So they went to the diamond sharp and asked by the boy, and she did not lose sight of if the glass was really worth anything.

> a diamond, and a very good one." Then he studied it a little longer and said that it was worth about \$800. For some reason the man who lost that diamond hasn't advertised it yet. This story will do that for him.-New

"It's not glass," said the expert; "it's

Whence Our Handkerchiefs Come. Very few people are aware that the consumption of handkerchiefs throughout the United States amounts to about 75,000 dozen daily, says the Washington Star. This means 27,375,000 dozen yearly, or 328,500,000 single handkerchiefs. To satisfy this enormous demand there are always kept in stock. according to quality and finish. But the other!" figures are not exaggerated, and they Gerald had been doing some rapid throw a strong light on the gigantic di- thinking. mensions of an important branch of the dry goods business.

A comparatively small number of ing. ly from Japan, which country sends us called there-" annually between 17,000,000 and 18, "What were you doing at the Harka-000,000 Japanese pongees. The best cam- longs'?" it replied: "More than is dreamt of in from the north of Ireland and also from rather striking girl in appearance-St. Gall, Switzerland. Japanese silk | Girl! She's 37 if she's a day!" handkerchiefs are worth from \$3 to \$40 per dozen, while the imported cambrics immense. It may amount to \$100,000, and-000, but accurate figures cannot be given.

Removing a City. The Japanese government has ordered the destruction of the city of Teckcham, Formosa, and removal of all its inhabitants to a new location. The city is situated on the northwest coast of the island, and has been frequently subject to pestilence. In 1896 and 1897 plagues visited Teckcham with enormous fatality. This fact being called to the attention of the government, an investigation was ordered by sanitary experts, who reported that the city was know!" built upon a swamp, whereupon an order was issued to the governor to select a new location as convenient to the old one as possible, where the natural conditions were healthful. A new city was laid out, and each property-holder in the old one was assigned a site that corresponded in area with that he occupled at Teckcham, and was given twelve months to remove his buildings and belongings. Sewers, railroads and sidewalks, public buildings, water works, and all other public improvements were laid out by the government in the new city without expense to the er buildings in Teckcham are built of accounted for on the theory that gas along the machine to the winding roller very light wooden material,

Eight thousand carrier pigeons are

kept for use in the German army.

originally from India and not from Egypt as their name implies.

the present time coins bearing the names of emperors who lived two thousand years ago.

life of trees by boring a hole into the trunk in a downward direction and filling with sulphuric acid. In every mile of railway there are

seven feet and four inches that are not covered by the rails—the space left between them for expansion. Seymour Keyser, postmaster at Man-

belm, N. Y., has an apple tree which was brought from Holland in the seventeenth century. It still bears fruit.

Told a Secret of the Kitchen. An eating house proprietor in Tacoma. Wash., arrested for selling game out of season, escaped on evidence satisfac-

Somehow it is easier to sympathize with a girl who gets a burn in cooking than with one who is burned in curl-

BY A HAIR'S BREADTH. The Great Hend of the Young Man Saved Him.

"You haven't given me your-your usual greeting, Byronia," said the young man, with something like a cloud on his brow. "Is anything the mat-"Haven't I, Gerald?" moodily re-

plied the young woman, drumming absently on the table with her fingers. "You know you have not. And you

haven't answered my question, either." "What question?"

"I asked you if anything was the matter." "No-yes, everything is the matter.

it's nothing new, though. Gerald, aren't you getting tired of this?" "Tired of this," he echoed, feeling his hair beginning to rise on end. "Tired

of what?" "The whole business! See here, Gerald. Your people have always wanted us to marry, havn't they?" "Yes."

"So have mine. We haven't any rela tives on either side that have opposed the match, have we?"

"No." "No. They've all done the best they could to throw us together."

"Well, what of---' "And when you proposed to me I fell right into your arms, didn't I?"

"Well, you did come pretty near itthat's a fact," admitted Gerald. "I haven't any small brothers, either,

to play tricks on us or make fool speeches to you while you are waiting for me in the parlor, have I?" "No. And mamma never listens at

the keyhole, or calls down the stairway to ask if that young man is here vet. does she?" "Surely not."

"Surely not. And papa has never asked you if you could support me in the style to which I have been accustomed, has he?"

"Not he. He knows-" "Yes. He knows. And we've never quarreled, either, have we?"

"No. But, Byronia, dear-" "You've never been the 'east bit jeal

ous of anybody else, have you?" "No. But-"No. Neither have I. Doesn't all

that show, Gerald, that we really don't in New York City, at least 350,000,000 care for each other? No-stop-hold handkerchiefs. It would be extremely on! Let me finish. How do we know difficult to say what such a supply of that we are not making a dreadful misgoods is worth in the aggregate, as take? Think how terrible it would be handkerchiefs sell at wholesale at any. If we found out when it was too late dried, roasted, ground, and substituted where from 30 cents to \$40 per dozen, that we were never intended for each for coffee by the poor.

He sat with his head in his hands for two or three minutes without speak-

handkerchiefs are manufactured in this "I don't know but you are right, By country, and those that are made here roula. You know Miss Harkalong? I are mostly of inferior quality. The am forcibly reminded of something she interfere. finest silk goods are imported principal- said to me the other evening. I had

bric article comes from France and "Simply making a call. She said to Belgium, and linen handkerchiefs come me-the eldest one, you know-tall,

about the course of true love never runfrom Brussels sell from \$5 to \$7 a doz. ning smooth, and then she said: 'Mr. en, and th ecotton product manufactur. Higginside, I have been expecting ed in Pennsylvania and New Jersey every day to hear that it's all off bemay be had for thirty cents a dozen, tween you and Byronia Billiwink. The capital invested in this business is There hasn't been enough opposition,

"She said that, did she?" "Yes, and I laughed a little, and said

I shouldn't won-" "She'd been expecting to hear that it was all over between us, had she?" "Yes. I only mention it to show that

the same idea had occurred to others, "Liz Harkalong had the assurance to

say to you that there hadn't been enough opposition to our marrying, had "Yes. I suppose she--"

"The dried-up old maid! What bus! ness was it of hers, I should like to

"She may have heard the same thing from others, you know---

"I don't believe it! The malicious old cat! Gerald-dear-" "Well?" "We'll marry now to spite her, won't

"Yes, if you-look out, dear. You'll

my scarf pin."-Chicago Tribune.

is known as singers' sore throat may

become less frequent when electric

Homely Devices.

can manufacture presentable furniture

from packing cases and boxes, but

Jerome K. Jerome clearly doubts it.

of an Idle Fellow," he gives an amus-

ing account of a call he made on an ac-

tor whose father experimented in that

sort of thing: He took me into the din-

ing-room to show me the latest outrage

-a new bookcase. A greater disfigure

ment to the room, which was other-

wise prettily furnished, could hardly

be imagined. There was no need for

him to assure me, as he did, that it had

been made out of nothing but egg-

boxes. One could see at a glance that

It was made out of egg-boxes, and bad-

ly constructed egg-boxes at that-egg-

boxes that were a disgrace to the firm

upstairs to my friend's bedroom, where

stood, or wobbled, a wardrobe made of

It may be true that ingenious persons

lights are universally adopted.

Throats and Electric Lights. The difference in the condition of the

England. Gypsies are supposed to have come

There are in circulation in China at There is a method of destroying the

tory to the jury that his wife could pre-

tice a very small supply of clothes within, although my friend is a dressy man. "You see," he explained, "I dare not use It more than I can help. I am a clumsy chap, and as likely as not, if I

happened to be in a hurry. I'd have the whole thing over," which seemed probable. I asked him how he contrived, and he admitted that he kept most of his things in the bath-room. He showed me a chest of drawers. One draw-

er stood half open. "I'm bound to leave that drawer open," he said; "I keep the things I use in that. They don't shut quite easily, these drawers; or, rather, they shut all right, but then they won't open. It is the weather, I think. They will open

say." He is of a hopeful disposition.

and shut all right in the summer, I dare

In St. Petersburg no ontdoor musica

performances are permitted.

A red hot iron will soften old putty so that it can be readily removed.

False teeth are now made from paper, and are said to last a lifetime. The Chinest national anthem is so long that people take half a day to listen to it.

It is stated on high authority that one-half of the flesh eaten in Germany is horse meat.

It is reported of a Kensington cat that her last family of kittens has brought up her total to 105.

The oldest coin known is in the mint collection in Philadelphia. It was coined at Aegina in the year 700 B. C. A horse will eat in a year nine times his own weight, a cow nine times, an

ox six times, and a sheep six times. According to the beliefs of the Arizona Indians, the cliff dwellers built along the bluffs because they feared another deluge.

It has been estimated that electric railways have already displaced 1,100,-000 car horses. This is probably less than the actual number.

In France, if a structural defect in a bicycle causes an injury to the person using it, the manufacturer is legally accountable for damages. In many parts of Germany the roots

of the dandellon are gathered late, sirable men to town, Cyclometers are usel in cabs in Ber-

lin, Leipsic and Dresden. They record the exact amount of miles traveled and the legal fare of the occupants.

The slowest breeders of all known animals, a pair of elephants would become the progenitors of 19,000,000 elephants in 750 years, if death did not

A single bee, with its industry, energy, and the innumerable journeys It has to perform, will not collect much more than a teaspoonful of honey in a

single season. Gray hairs at an early age are here-right. ditary in certain families. It is thought to be a result of men with dark hair marrying women with dark hair

through several generations. Cries of sea birds especially sea gulls, are very valuable as fog signals. The birds cluster on the cliffs and coast, and their cries warn boatsmen that

they are near the land. The oak furnishes food and home

and the pine for 151. In addition, these trees respectively furnish lodging

ter there would be no living in the is always influenced by the payment of country, for after every inundation money. frogs appear in most incredible numbers.

The name "Rothschild," so famous in Shield," and is taken from the sign of a shop in the Jews' quarter, Frankfort, importance of the matter. While the where the foundations of the family fortunes were laid.

The air tight compartment theory of building ships was copied from a provision of nature shown in the case of the nautilus. The shell of this animal has forty or fifty compartments, into which air or water may be adscratch you'll scratch your face against mitted to allow the occupant to sink or float as it pleases.

Lighting Gas with the Finger.

This statement is somewhat startling less danger from air currents. Where | way of entertainment the two workany great number of gas jets are used | men at the machine performed the exthe air at the ceiling of the room has periment of lighting the gas. They A herring weighing six or seven the vitality totally burned out of it, joined hands, one laid his hand on the A gun which can fire thirty thousand ture. An open door or window letting roll, the other reached to the gas brackbullets a minute has been invented in in fresh air creates violent agitation in et, turned on the gas, held his finger to the air, sometimes sets gusts of air the burner, and the gas immediately whirling through a room, especially at | burst into flame, the current passing the somewhat raised portion, where through both the men's bodies without the performers are situated. A special- the slightest bad effect. ist in throat troubles thinks that what

New Way to Arrest Bleeding. By the electric hemostat of Lawson Tait bleeding is arrested without the use of a ligature. It is practically a pair of forceps for nipping the artery, but the forceps contain a platinum wire heated by electricity, and the compresend artery is cauterized in a few seconds, thus preventing further escape In his latest book, "Second Thoughts of blood.

The Skunk a Friend to Hop Grower, The much-despised and maligned skunk has at last found friends who respect, cherish and encourage him. They are the hop-growers of New York State, who find the skunk their main reliance in keeping down a very destructive grub which otherwise would ruin their crops.

Pay in the Japanese Navy.

A Japanese admiral receives, by a recent ordinance, 6,000 silver dollars a year, a vice admiral 4,000, while first and second class captains get 2,496 and that had turned them out. We went 2,263 respectively.

The voice of a man popping the packing cases. I was surprised to no- question has the true engagement ring, of baby must be twins.

Atchison Globe Sights. The druggist and the doctor are

People are tired of seeing smart chil-

dren do smart things.

Some people act all the time as though they were at a picnic.

Every man who starves his wife is said by the neighbors to be rich.

The woman who never marries never finds out what a poor cook she is. A good many cooks make a good quality of hard tack and don't know it.

It is never safe to accept an amateur singer's verdict of an opera company. A woman's idea of getting real reckless is to cut loose, and tell all she

Cirosis of the liver is hard to spell; think how much harder it must be to

Atchison has a man who refuses to go to places because his wife won't go

Every girl who has never known a grief in her life tries particularly hard

to look pensive. A woman never becomes so rich that

she can resist the temptation to wear calico shirt waists. After a woman passes 35, if she mar-

rles at all, the chances are that she will marry a man younger than herself. As a rule, those who talk most about longing for a higher life do least to improve the life they are compelled to

You can occasionally meet all kinds of people; even the man who means it when he asks you to come and visit him.

About half the time a man feels like a cat which has just eaten the canary; he is getting a lot of abuse for eating a mighty poor bird.

The man whose hair has come out can make himself very interesting to any woman by announcing that it came out through a fever. There isn't any one so good that it

doesn't make him mad to go home to dinner, and find some one sitting in his chair at the table. Whenever we see a man having a 'good time," we are glad that we have

quit. There is, nothing so dismal as having a "good time." It should be as much the duty of the 'committee of safety" to get loafers

out of town as it should be to bring de-Whenever you see a girl with her hair neatly braided in two braids you can make a pretty good guess that her

mother is a neat housekeeper. A man went into a store to-day, and said: "I want enough rope to rope my bed." Are you old-fashloned enough

to remember a bed that was roped? Young people are apt to stuff their pocket books with paper, to appear rich, Older people, however, have found it wise to appear poorer than they are.

It is well to remember that if your friends think you are a charming conversationalist, your enemies regard you as a great gossip, and that they may be

Corean Geomancers.

The influence of the geomancers extends from the King to his humblest subjects, and illustrates the cunning and simplicity which are combined in the Corean character. These professional oracles are consulted on all occasions by all sorts of people. The King never thinks of doing anything without first asking their opinion. They are for 309 species of insects, the elm 61, more important to him than legal advisers are to rallways and other corporations that employ them, and they are and shelter to 150, 30, and 29 species. attached to all the departments of the Were it not for the multitude of government. At the same time they are storks that throng to Egypt every win- notoriously corrupt, and their advice

If any one desires to obtain a favor from the King he usually endeavors to secure the good offices of the geomancer finance, signifies in German "Red who is likely to be consulted, and the amount of the bribe corresponds to the geomancer pretends to consult the spirits and observe the movements of the stars, his client knows that it is the money that governs his action. Nevertheless, when the client is required to perform some official act, he consults the same old humbug, who has been bribed by some one else to influence his decision, and he is perfectly aware of the fact.-Chautauquan.

Perfectly Practical.

An odd and convenient custom exists throats of public speakers and singers at first sight, but is quite a common in Genoa. Many of the well-to-do peosince the introduction of the electric experiment in some mills and work- ple as well as those in moderate cirpeople, but they were required to pay light is most marked. They have less shops. Those employed in paper works cumstances do not own either horses the cost of the removal of their own irritation and less weariness during know that a large amount of electricity or coaches; they own only an interest property. Most of the houses and oth- and after their performance. This is given off by the paper as it travels in them. Four or five or a half-dozen great families club together and buy a and other flames dried out the atmos- at the end. While visiting a paper mill coach and horses, then they arrange phere and consumed atmospherical ele- in Fife lately, standing at the end of among themselves the days the differments necessary to the best condition | the machine where the paper was being | ent families will use it. Thus one famof the organs. In addition to this, the wound on the roller, I felt the sparks fly uses the coach on Mondays, another temperature is more even, and there is quite sharp through my clothes, and by on Tuesdays and a third on Wednesdays, so that an establishment that would be impossible for one family becomes perfectly practical when the cost is divided among five or six. Each famounces has about thirty thousand eggs. and is heated to a very high tempera- paper as it was being wound on the fly has a set of doors for the coach with their own coat-of-arms on the panels, which are changed according to the family which is going to use the coach. The builders of these vehicles seldom think of building a coach without five or six sets of doors, and arrangements are made so that they are very easily changed.

> Whre Does Papa Come In? The Leipzig Tageblatt devotes a col-

ump to the marriage market. An advertisement published lately was as follows: "A son, elderly, solld and serious, is seeking for his father (a strict and solid man in a quiet business) an alone-standing widow and maiden with some ready money. Offers, with full statement of particulars, to be address-appointment between the hours of 9 and 11."

Remedy for Burns.

A Frenchman has discovered a remedy instantaneous in its effects for the horrible burns caused by the use of oil of vitriol. It is a soft paste of calcined magnesia and water, with which the parts burned are covered to the thickness of an inch. It alleviates the pain almost immediately, and when the paste is removed no scar remains.

Ungrammatically speaking the plural

storied tales of pagan magnificence.

starved eyes in dimmer unreality than the A flood of brilliant light poured out from the shops. Such was the luxury of the holiday season that not only the signs of winter were evident, but the garnered treasures of all lands. There were fruits from Persia and Arabia, gems from every nation that the sun shines on, luxuriintrepid explorers have trod, silks from lands where the sun pours a fiery flood the year round, the choicest and daintiest bits array from the islands of the sea and from the capitals of the European and Asiatic nations. Countries whose history told of of history that its origin is lost, piled their

tempt the hearts and the purses of men. pain at his heart. A gray, leaden mood like fragrant jewels.

The Christmas flowers had come in and like ease, a vision that floated before her American beauty roses in the lot and took

> "Here is something for you," she said. lay on the top. She looked at it listlessly. press her. The boy's next effort, how-

ductions of the new world, rivaling in filled the air. The roses burst upon the

"Oh, how beautiful?" she cried. "Let



"IT IS HE!" SHE CRIED. It was the first Christmas he had spent in the ward to be lifted from its pillow. ing himself that he would forget, that he go at once."

pain all that could wound him now. florist's shop made him turn his head for a left her. "I must go to him," she re me-nots. The sight gave him a pang. He and looked at her and then conferred in a recalled the morning they had first met. low tone with the nurse. "She may go," It was a morning in spring, fresh with in- they said. nocence. Her eyes were blue-blue like So she took her roses and walked down the forget-me-nots. Then, less than a the street. It was a beautiful morningwent later, they were wed, and the one the sun shone brightly and the air was Christmas they had spent together had crisp-one could not have guessed that the seemed to him more exquisite in its per- angel of death had hovered near her durfect happiness than the one on the plains ing the night. She walked some distance of Judea could have been to the shepherds. and then she neared a church. On its Then came misery; scarcely had the echo steps, just stepping out to go down the of the Christmas bells died away in the avenue, was a man. His restless agony air than that fatal episode had occurred had driven him forth in the early morning that had parted them. It arose in a trifle, to try to exorcise the demon that would as most of the world's misery and wars not let him rest. He had passed the have, and then before he knew it he had church, and, drawn by an impulse he could said words that had made a gulf between

So the year had dragged out its course and this terrible holiday was at hand. It flaunted itself before his eyes-its joy

mocked him at every step-his ineffectual attempts to forget it brought it more vividly before him. Again the opulence of a florist's shop met his gaze. A sudden resolution came to him; he stepped up to the window and

speculated between orchids and lilies. "Ah. Philip, I see you are choosing my Christmas gift," said a voice at his elbow. He turned-it was his cousin, a woman born to bring to others some of the light and joy denied them in their own poor lives, "Do not hesitate so," she continued. "you know how easily I am pleased in the matter of flowers. Shut rour eyes and choose whatever you see first when you open them, and it will suit

"It will give me more pleasure to suit your taste than to trust to a haphazard choice," he replied. "Come with me straight into the shop and say what you will have."

"Oh, Philip," said the woman, her eyes filling with a soft mist, "you are niways good and generous, and I will let you give me flowers, but not for myscif. you forgotten my poor people in the hos-pitals? Give me the flowers for them, I ennot have too many of them, and, oh, Philip, you cannot imagine how much joy they will bring the sick and suffering.

lilies of the valley-what will you?" It was Christmas morning in St. Jo seph's hospital. There was a faint antinarrow white cots stretched their serried of hair pins.

filled him with an unacknowledged terror. thrilled the nurse and caused every head

without her, without Mirabel. And, tell- "It is be!" she cried. "It is he, I must would not remember, he straightway remembered with the intimate fidelity of sick woman was well. She arose from that pale couch with sudden vigor-her A breath of fragrant air from out a eyes were bright-every trace of Illness moment, and as he looked he saw forget- peated, time and again. The doctors came

them which it seemed could never be With the strains of the "Gloria in Excel-bridged. She said she would go away and sis" ringing in his ears he went out. As neither define nor resist, he had entered.

> swam before his eyes-his knees shook under him. He hastened toward her.

"Mirabel!" he gasped. She looked up at him with a smile "I was going to see you," she said sim-The morning sunshine made a halo about her head. Her eyes were filled with a dewy sweetness. The purple shadows of the aftermath of pain were slipping away on the horizon before the glory of dawning day. He felt dazzled. His heart leaped, then burned within him. He drew

down a quiet side street. She smiled at "I knew you would find me some time," she said, with an infinitely gentle air. "When they brought me your roses in the hospital this morning and I saw your dear name once more I knew that our trouble and separation were over forever. Sweetheart, how good it is to see you once

her arm within his own and they turned

with those Christmas roses, and in the twenty years ago. He had observed sudden illumination of his mind and heart he felt as if he had narrowly escaped falling over a precipice.
As they walked down the street together the hells rang "Glory to God in the Highest," and white pigeons circled around the

He understood how fate had played

steeple. It ly's Tax on Bicycles. The Italian Government has imposed "You may have all you want," he sold a tax of 10 lire on bleycles, and in fubeen pald.

What the chrysauthemum needs to septic odor in the air. The long lines of make it a handsomer flower, is a box

er friendly slap on the back, the gamin not carry out her design. It was only a yelled question of time. The nurse approached her. She bore a large box.

you by a friend." The pale patient almost smiled. The

impudently drew from his pocket a bottle of diluted alcohol and asked her to have a drink. As she took them a card fell out. She The boy proved to be what is called a "white-liver," having been addicted to the use of alcohol as a beverage since in his innermost soul he could not endure. eyes dilated. She was silent for one mo-For days the approaching holiday had ment, then she cried out in a voice that 8 years of age. With infinite tact, Miss Morrow, after learning the boy's story. drew from him a promise to call on her

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at the training fort, and it is with par-

donable pride she now speaks of her

protege, Captain Charles Turner, one

of the youngest and most efficient

workers in the ranks of the Volunteers.

Thespian Tramp Has to Spout Hard for a Little Stale Pie. Mrs. Smith was sitting by an open window, directly over the kitchen, and was deeply buried in a novel, when she was starfled by Hannah's shrill

"What do you want?" A gruff voice with a comical note in "But my name ain't Horatio." an-

voice below, crying:

swered Hannah.

nor even Sweet Marie."

ing and sarcastic reply.

"I sald, 'What do you want?" "And I said," replied Mr. Weary Willie, "'More than is dreamt of in thy philosophy, Horatio,' but what I really want is something to eat."

"Nor yet, again, I fancy, is it Trilby,

"How would a cake of soap strike you?" sald Hannah, with fine scorn. "Inasmuch as you are a woman and you threw it at me it would not strike me at all."

"Poor man! I suppose you are al

most starved?" was Hannah's unfeel-

"Well, I would be if all women were as cold and cruel as you." "Well, I suppose you expect escalloped oysters and champagne." "Softly, girl; this is not heaven." Mrs. Smith's curiosity was aroused by this time, and, leaning out of the window, she descried a long-haired exactor, with a "lean and hungry look."

"Hannah, Hannah," she called, "give that man a piece of that apple pie left over from Sunday." Accepting the pastry with a profuse bow, he held it up to heaven and apostrophized: "And yet they say we do not

work for our daily bread." The First American Patent. It is claimed that Joseph Jincks, of Lynn, Mass., was the first recorded inventor in America. In 1655 he was granted a patent for an improved scythe. He also made the first castings in this country, and, in 1652, made the dles for the famous "Pine Tree" shillings. In 1654 Mr. Jincks made for the city of Boston the first fire engine in America, and his name is also assobattle with the world by herself; he made he stood on the steps of the cathedral and clated with other inventions of that a brutal reply. Then they parted, but looked casually down the street he saw when, after a few days of devastating what made his heart stand still. A mist in 1641 the General Court of Massachusetts granted a ten years' patent to Samuel Winslow for a process of making salt. Patents were granted in England before that under the common law, but it was in 1790 the first United States patent law was passed. The

> the English system into the country .-Saturday Evening Post.

colonies of Massachusetts and those of

Connecticut were the first to introduce

Death's Mark in the Even. Whether a man be really dead or no may be read in the veins of the eye This important discovery has been made by an eminent American oculist, says Pearson's Weekly. There has always been a widespread, haunting fear among people of being buried alive, and this new discovery will remove this

The doctor's experiments began som

fear.

that in life the veins and arteries of the reting have distinct differences in color The veins contain a dark, blackish blood, while the arteries contain bright crimson. At the back part of the eyeball these two shades of blood may be seen, under the light of the ophthalmoscope, dividing the retina. Even in the case of the blind this distinction in shade may be seen, unless, of course, "Here they are, roses, violets, orchids, ture all machines will have to carry a an opaque film has formed over the inpare mutton to make it taste like venimark showing that the yearly tax has jured eyes, or the eyes have been entirely destroyed. In death, however, the shade distinction entirely disappears. The blood in both arteries and veins is transformed into a pinkish color of uniform chade. An exhaustive ing her hair.