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a tough, hard trail we've come, dog. d the camp is far away. for the life of us both, dog, r dark is the end of day!

Got down to your work, you dog of Get down to sour work, I say! Red is the sun in the southern sky;

Red is the trail he hind the sleigh; Red is the foot of the sled-dog gray; Cold is the end of day.

Get down to your work! Shall a man Throw a man's life away?

The trail grows dim, and the tree trunks gray:

In the northern sky the maidens play; he goblins dance in the Milky Way; Black is the end of day! Harper's Magazine.

PRIVATE LANGFIELD.

HEN the men of the service left Valdez to build the military lines through the interior of Alaska, Langfield went with them. He was undeniably plain, undersized and over sensitive, and that was why he felt certain that Dolly could never love him. To be sure, he had had no intention of loving her, but when six feet two of well-developed manhood,

to do with each other. Tom and Dolly had known each other in the States, and Langfield watched him to inspire a woman's love, and So he packed his flute and of each office in its State. his knapsack and left with scarcely a

He had a way of shrinking into himself that only Shivers, the camp mas- Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Minnesota, cot, a lank, mongrel Siwash with the stump of a tall, understood.

Langfield seldom joined the camp-Langfield was the first to offer his services. He was not afraid of contagion, he told the sergeant, and anyway there was no one at home who needed him. postoffices from one or more stations. After that he and Shivers took up their quarters in the hospital tent.

The fever had its run, but only one, thanks to the nursing, was borne up the trail and laid away under the snow. Langfield planed a piece of spruce scantling and drove it in by the mound, required to make a Chicago city distribut his hand was unsteady, and his

eyes were heavy and dull. The top sergeant, on his rounds the next morning, found him sitting up in to the carriers of the Chicago delivery. lons of cells in their brain machinery his blankets. His face was swollen He must know not only where every none are left to fill, all having been

citedly to Shivers. "You mustn't let Dolly get the fever," loving him," Langfield continued de-"It'll be cool up there under the snow," he began again, "and I won't be heavy

forget-that my hair was-red." The men were very tender to Langfield after that, and Shivers seldom left

ing the dog close to him, "maybe she'll

his bedside. When, some weeks later, he became convalescent, he seemed smaller and slighter than ever, and his hair shone more vividly red against the pinched, white face. They carried him out into the sunshine, but his eyes wandered regretfully up to the snow,

in a month he was at his post again. doing the work of two men, with

scarcely the strength of one. He went down the mountain one night an hour behind time. The trail was slushy, and the early gray twilight lent a soft indistinctness everywhere. Suddenly he paused. From somewhere there came a faint cry. weak and indistinct, but underiably

Langfield made a trumpet of his hands. "Hel-lo!" he shouted, and strained his ears for the reply.

Some ten feet down the trail a glacler stree in had gullied out the bank. Its icy, slate-colored waters fell almost perpendicularly over the rocks. Creeping to the slippery edge, he peered over and called again. A faint voice answered.

A steep, shelving path was just visible, and he clambered down to it, scratched and torn by the brambles at every step. A little further on a roll of blankets impeded his way, and he knew that somewhere in the ravine be-

low he would find a prospector. The man proved to be a big fellow, but the light was too dim to see his face. The force of his fall had wedged | nled? one leg between the crevices of rock. and it took Langfield's entire strength to extricate him. He pressed his canteen to he stranger's lips, and rubbed

him vigorously.
"It's no use," said the man at last, "I can't make it!" and sank limply on the bank.

The night wore on. Slowly the gray skirts of dawn swept across the east- him. He rose to his feet, though he ern sky. The prospector could not see Langfield's face, but the slight, drooping shoulders seemed familiar. The pain was growing unbearable, and he below them in the brush.

Langfield started. "Yes, yes," he an- Tom-

Mail Clerks' Memories I Heavily Taxed. *******************



RAILWAY POSTAL CLERKS UNDER EXAMINATION OF SCHEMES.

would be filled with the name of a average mind. the wonder is that the clerk's mind at railway mail headquarters. Packs of use?" in the person of Tom Perry, came down does not falter under the pressure. De cards, each card bearing the name of 21,000 cards (which take the place of postoffices throughout the country. He with hopeless pain the renewal of their letters in examinations) with an aver- "throws" the cards, distributing them friendship. She had grown shy with age per cent of correct distribution of to proper routes, just as he would packhim since Perry came, and there could a fraction over 99 per cent. He knew ages in a postal car. After he finishes bewildered. be but one reason, he argued. He did | how to reach that many offices in sev- the examiner goes over the cards and not blame her; there was nothing in eral States by the shortest, quickest charges up the errors the clerk has bly, ob co'se," said the old woman, own stories it appears that their marroute, and he knew the correct location | made and gives him his percentage of

A clerk on the New York and Chicago railway postoffice must know the cor-The men were not fond of Langfield. rect location of every postoffice in a group of States made up of Illinois, South Dakota and Nebraska. In these seven States there are 12,317 postoffices. Not only is the clerk required fires, but when the fever broke out to be "up" on the general scheme, which means the correct location of the postoffices in each State, but he must know how to reach the whole 12,000

A clerk running between Chicago and Minneapolis underwent no fewer than seventy-eight examinations in fifteen years, learning 13,306 offices in fifteen different sections of the United States. have reached the capacity of their In some of these examinations he was bution, which means that while run- that it would be absolutely impossible ning over the country at the rate of a to learn another State or part of a mile a minute he must distribute letters State. It would seem that of the milland discolored, and he was talking ex- public building and leading mercantile taken up in the prosecution of the exhouse is located, but also how to divide acting duties imposed by their occupathe numbers on a particular street so tion. he said, "she's so little. Nor Tom- that he can "tie out" his letters to the Another queer phase of the work is

Think of such a task, taking into con- is required to remember. sideration the puzzling similarity of The evidence of wonderfully reten-

correct distribution. The clerk also is examined on general and "standpoint" or station schemes at different times.

There are some features about the work that one would think would render it impossible for a clerk to maintain his "lay" of the States, which he is expected to work. He may have a run which lands him in Chicago to connect three leading railway postoffices running between Chicago and New York. With but little notice he may be taken off the run and be brought to Chicago in the afternoon instead of 2:20 a. m. Notwithstanding this interruption, he goes on with his work with

but few errors. It is asserted at railway mall service headquarters that there are clerks who minds in the matter of remembering

connections or something else which he

to pack. And say-" He sat up, pull- names that are used to designate post- tive memories is found in the general offices. Then, too, must be considered run of examinations made at headquarthe fact that there are hundreds of ters. In one year at the offices of the cases where in each State is a postoffice sixth division of the railway mail serof the same name. For instance, in the vice in Chicago 2,427 examinations States named above there are five post- were made. Cards to the number of offices named Hamilton, six Grants, nearly 3,500,000 were "thrown" and the four Garfields, four Genevas, four average per cent of correct distribution Smithvilles, four Spartas and five Jef-Treached 98.48-Chicago Record-Herald.

you down for-your wife's sake."

"I have none," he said,

derstood.

back," he added.

roared like a cataract in his ears.

back in a spasm of pain.

Perry made an effort to rise, but fell

"She loves-my God, man!" he cried

vehemently, "are you an idiot? She loves-you!"-Ladles' World,

Gave Him an Idea.

"Well, of all things!" exclaimed Mrs.

"I wonder where they give short-time

the truth? Think of it the next time

said.

he did his voice was a trifle husky.

swered absently. "I'd forgotten," and jumped to his feet.

The morning light was flooding everything, and it fell upon the two men. as they looked into each other's eyes. Langfield drew in his breath with sudden sharpness. The other muttered ly-" he blurted out. "Shean oath and leaned weakly back toward him. "You!"

The man nodded. The lines on Langfield's face were tense and drawn, and he steadled himself with an effort. "Well," he said at valley. "There was someone else," he last, "it's three miles to camp, and we'd

better be moving." There were a few drops left in his canteen. He offered them to his companion, converted himself into a prop for the wounded side, and the slow, painful journey down the trail began. Neither of them talked much. The mist hung midway on the mountain. and when they emerged from it the

company's quarters lay on the ledge below. Already the camp was astir. The two men upon the path paused, exhausted. Langfield eased the sick man down and threw himself beside him. He had not eaten since the day before, and was weak and glddy. For the first time Perry's helplessness tempted him. Why should this man

Langfield mechanically slipped his Henry Peck. "This paper tells of a man hand to the sheath in his belt, stole a who was declared insane and his wife glance at his companion, and saw that got a divorce and now he gets the his eyes were closed. He drew out the courts to declare him sane again. Now, knife and held it behind him.

have everything which he had been de-

Just then Perry gave a stifled moan. The sound brought Langfield to his and walking swiftly through the hall, ner's Magazine. senses. What was this he had intend- murmuring: ed to do? A fit of trembling seized reeled as he did so. There was a swift movement of his right arm, and something glanced in the light and fell far

"No one needs me," he thought, "and

rates on padded cells."-Baltimore American. Did you ever have a person tell you a lie and you knew he was not telling

you start to tell a falsehood.

what do you---'

The Washington Girl Found Out How to hake Sweet Potato Pie.

AUNT CINDY'S RECIPE.

ing in Lynchburg, Va., and while there was greatly impressed with the perfections of the sweet potato pies that old Aunt Cindy, the cook, used to send up for the delectation of the company. Such richness, such sweetness, such flakiness of crust, such delicate and delicious blending of flavors were never before obtained by mortal hand. So, armed with pencil and notebook, in true cooking school style, and fortified by

cret. "Come in, honey, come in, an' make yo'se'f welcome," said Aunt Cludy af- or golden wedding declare that they fably, when her visitor modestly pre- never had a quarrel; that the serenity sented herself at the kitchen door. It of their companionship never has been is needless to say that Aunt Cindy was interrupted by harsh words or the most a relic of antebellum days, and valued trivial bickering accordingly.

into the kitchen to learn the sweet se-

"I want to get your recipe for sweet wiped with her apron.

the old woman.

"Well, yo' know how aigs is, honey," from Circle City prospecting, Langfield spite these facts, cases of insanity a postoffice, are furnished a candidate replied Aunt Cindy, judicially; "some's found intentions and love had nothing among this class of public servants are for examination. He takes a position big an' some's little; sometimes dey's hood with a nod. rare. One Chicago postal clerk main- in front of a case of pigeon holes label- skeerce, an' sometimes dey ain't. I des tained for several years a record of ed with the names of different railway puts in de aigs 'cordin' to de size ob culate the same fiction about them-'em an' how many I'se got."

use?" asked her questioner, somewhat gives him playful fillips on the cheek,

"When we all got company, as we mos' ried life has been uninterrupted beautiin ginerally has, I uses mo', an' when tude. They bask in each other's don't take so many."

"How much butter?" Aunt Cindy emphatically, evidently together, though not without little thinking she was accurate at last, quarrels, may behold how extremely "Ain't nothir' good widout butter, an' peaceably the first young couple dwell I always puts in er plenty."

young woman.

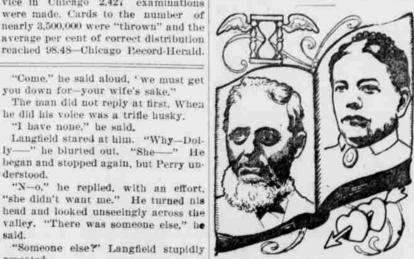
Some folks likes 'em sweeter'n others; riage has not been as successful as it we all likes ourn tolerbul sweet."

ed before the book was closed in des- past quarrels and past bardships, re-

ed the old woman. "Sometimes I puts be undone. In er little cream, but yo' don't haf to Such self-criminations will do no do dat; des 'cordin' to wedder you's got harm. Such renewals of the yows of any er not; an' er pinch o' spice, but affection will make a day or a week

aunty," said the Washington girl, po- each other. But no young couple should up her book and pencil and left the in a while, exchange sharp words, lose kitchen.

promise me you won't let Tom." Shivcorrect carrier, according to the route that not always do the clerks who can't understan' nothin' yo' tells 'em," Nothing could be more untrue or more with an average correct distribution of ords in the car. A man may have a I was out of dearing. But as Aunt Cindy and when any couple say they have "You know she couldn't 99.88 per cent. In twenty examinations State in the most exact manner, but turned toward the stove, says the lived together fifty years, or even ten yourself?" He fell back on the pillow he came out of nine of them with a lack ability in remembering rallway Washington Star, her reminiscences years, without a quarrel, they are were lost in a cloud of fragrant steam either the one exceptional couple out that arose from a saucepan where of one thousand or they say what is "right smart o' butter" and "sugar to not true. True, the husband may never tas'" were bubbling in toothsome har- have attempted to stab his wife, nor



WILLIAM NABER AND WIFE.

"Yes," answered the other, "and it seems the fool couldn't understand!" There was a moment's silence. "She's waiting till the company's ordered Langfield drew his hand across his forehead. The snow, high up on the They were married at Holy Trinity was spurious. This test consists meremountains, seemed a swimming sea of Church, 5th street.-Cincinnati Post, white; the little stream beside them

In seventy-five separate and distinct | Melt the sample to be tested in an national cemeteries the bodies of near- old iron tablespoon, hastening the proly 300,000 soldiers who died during the cess by stirring with a small splinter of civil war are interred, and the decora- wood, as, for instance, a match with tion of their graves with flowers on the the phosphorus removed, or a toothfixed day has become a national cus-pick. tom. Some of the cemeteries contain Then, increasing the heat, bring to each a silent army of over 10,000 sol- as brisk a boil as possible, and after diers, in serried ranks, marked by the the boiling has begun, stir thoroughly white headstones, on nearly half of the contents of the spoon-not neglectwhich is inscribed, "Unknown." The ing the outer edges-two or three times world may be searched in vain for any- at intervals during the boiling, always thing similar or kindred. There is no shortly before the boiling ceases. But Mr. Peck was out of the room other such impressive sight.-Scrib- Genuine butter boils usually with

> so rich that we can afford a butler who they boll, and produce practically no will laugh at our way of pronouncing "foam." The composition article may French dishes.

the more likely it is to be called "Clear. ed from the genuine article.

HAPPY WEDDED LIFE.

A Washington girl was recently visit- MANY LIVE IT, BUT ALL HAVE THEIR DISAGREEMENTS.

> When the Old Couple at Their Golden Wedding ray They Have Never Quarreled, Do Not Take Statement as Literally True, for They Probab y Have.

An old couple in New Jersey recent ly celebrated the sixty-eighth anniversary of their wedding. The newspaper permission of her hostess, she ventured reports closed with the statement; They have never had a quarrel." Frequently, indeed, aimost invariably, couples on the occasion of their silver

Never give any credit to such statements. The persons who make them potato pies, auntie," seating herself on may really believe them at the time. the chair Aunt Cludy had hospitably as warmth and kindness of infatuation intensified by the occasion corrupt the Law, chile, I des cooks out o' my memory of aged couples and move hald; I don't go by no writin'," replied them to boast of their good fortune. No one should criticise this falling, which "Certainly, but your proportions must is harmless and even beautiful, but always be the same or your results which nevertheless is treason of the would vary," The Washington girl was cold truths. The old man sits at the WIP HINGS that a rallway postal fersons, and so on. In some instances a cooking school graduate with "one head of the table with his old wife at clerk must remember have in there is a postoffice of the same name cup" of this, "two cups" of that and his side. Both have been toasted and creased in such volume that one in each of the seven States. As one may "three cups" of the other fresh in her it is necessary to reply. He rises and would think every cell of his brain imagine, this only tends to confuse the mind. "Let's begin with the eggs," she says: "We have lived together for continued, observing the old woman's half a century and have never quarpostoffice or rallway connection, and Periodically the clerks are examined puzzled face. "How many eggs do you reled," and the good wife, in her black gown and her best laces, beams on her children, her grandchildren and assembled friends, and confirms the false-

Frequently, too, younger couples cirselves. In company they are very de-"How many sweet potatoes do you voted to each other. She continually and "dearest" is the coldest name by "Dat's 'cordin' to de size ob de fam- which he addresses her. From their dey sin't nobody but des we all, hit glances and are exalted, transfigured by love.

Other young couples, who are fond "Right smart o' butter," responded of each other and who get on very well together. Perhaps a young wife will "How about sugar?" questioned the accuse herself of being too quick of temper and too sharp of tongue. Per-"Sugar to tas', honey; sugar to tas'. haps both will think that their marmight have been. Then they may put "What else do you put in?" was ask- their arms about each other, deplore new their vows of love and resolve to "Oh, des whutever's handy," answer- make the future atone for what cannot

have been. It is well for husband and "I am very much obliged to you, wife now and then to beg pardon of their tempers and spoil a dinner by But Aunt Cindy was not to be de- quarreling, their marriage is a failure: the wife plotted to poison her husband, but be sure they have more than once HAVE BEEN WEDDED FIFTY YEARS. scolded each other, taunted each other, been angry at each other and, in short, quarreled outright with each other. They have been reconciled, of course; their life together has been harmonious, except for occasional discords; they really love each other; but believe this, they have had their quarrels. San Francisco Bulletin.

IS YOUR BUTTER GENUINE?

No Need for Doubling When There Are simple Ways of Testing It. There are so many kinds of butter

and butter substitutes on the market nowadays that the housekeeper is often unable to ascertain if she has really got the genuine article or not. Here are two tests that will enable anybody to discover whether spurious butter has been foisted on them. One of the best ways to learn just

what sort of stuff is being spread upon Mr. and Mrs. William Naber recently the family bread is known as the "boilcelebrated their fiftieth wedding anni- ing test." It was invented by a detecversary at their home, Enochsburg, Ind. tive about ten years ago, and was, of Naber is a retired furniture manufac- course, used simply for the purpose of turer, well known in Cincinnati, where discovering whether or not merchanhe and his wife resided for many years. disc being sold as the genuine article ly in boiling briskly a small portion of the sample and observing its behavior the while.

very little, if any, noise, and produces We have a great horror of becoming butter and oleomargarine sputter as an abundance of "foam." "Process" produce a little, but the amount is so The larger the mortgage on a farm, small that it can easily be distinguish-

The utensils required for another lean republic.

method of testing are one half-pint tin measuring cup, common in kitchen use, marked at the half and quarters, or a plain one-half plut tin measure, or an ordinary small tin cup, two and threequarters inches in diameter and two inches in height, holding about one gill and a half; a common pan, about nine and a half luches lu diameter at the base, and a small rod of wood the thickness of a match and of convenient length for stirring, and finally a clock or watch.

This process for distinguishing ofeomargarine is as follows: Use sweet skimmed milk, obtained by setting fresh milk in a cool place for from twelve to twenty-four hours, and removing the cream as fully as possible.

Half all the half-pint cup with this milk, or fill the smaller cup mentioned two-thirds, measuring accurately the gill of milk when possible; heat nearly to boiling, add a slightly rounded teaspoonful of butter or butter substitute, stir with a wooden rod, and continue beating until the milk boils up.

Remove the milk from the heat as soon as it has boiled up, and place in the pan, which has been prepared, containing pieces of ice with very little ice water, the ice to be in pieces the size of one to two hen's eggs.

Fragments of ice melt too rapidly, There should be enough of the ice to cover two-thirds of the bottom of the pan.

As the ice melts the water will, of course, rise to a higher level. Stir the contents of the cup rather rapidly with a rotary and a crosswise motion in turn continuously throughout the test, except during the moment of time required for the stirring of the ice water in the pan.

This stirring should be at intervals of one minute, and is accomplished by moving the cup about in a circle around the edges of the pan,

If the sample is ofcomargarine, says the London Mail, by the time the stirring has been going on ten minutes, sometimes in a very much shorter length of time, the fat will gather in a lump or soft mass, and will harden quickly. If it does not gather it is either genuine or "renovated" butter. Either of these two methods of testing will enable you to find out what sort of stuff you are buying for butter,

GETS OUT DIVORCE CHART.

Gives States of the Union Where the Law is Lenient.

An enterprising publishing firm has put on the market a rather unique document. It is nothing less than a divorce chart of the United States, from which unhappy couples can quickly learn in what State they can get be separated with the greatest celerity and ease,

"By a mere glauce," it explains, "the particular information sought may be obtained. The form and manner in which the laws are placed before the reader are as simple of comprehension dey ain't no spechul rule bout season- more pleasant, perhaps, than it would for the layman as they are for the lawyer.

The chart, it is to be feared, will do much to put a damper on the divorce litely, if insincerely, as she gathered believe that, because they fall out once industry of South Dakota. Idaho, Nebraska and Nevada are equipped with just as rapid-fire divorce laws as the more widely advertised State. In fact, they beat South Dakota on one very ers whined and thrust his muzzle into of the latter. This same clerk made stand the best examinations and make she remarked when the young woman unjust to themselves. All married State does not permit the remarriage of a guilty defendant the othe lay no restrictions on either party. They also require less notice of an action than South Dakota, construe causes just as liberally and demand no longer residence.

But easy divorces can be had in the East just as well as in the West. Staid old Connecticut, Maine and Delaware bother themselves not about length of residence, so long as the cause originates on their soil. They also provide a liberal number of causes for couples desiring separation to choose from.

South Carolina is the most inhospitable State of all to the would-be divorcee, says the Salt Lake Herald. The laws there are strict, to the verge of blueness. But in the majority of States this interesting chart shows that to a couple so minded divorce can be very easily obtained and in some the untying of the knot is not much more difficult than the tyling.

The Pullman Sleeper. "I heard a funny conversation not

long ago on a Pullman," sald a traveling man. "It was bedtime and two fadies near me were getting themselves ready to turn in. They were talking about the inconveninces of it, when I heard one remark: "'Well, I must say that I do not like

these sleeping cars at all."

"'Oh,' responded the other in a more cheerful frame of mind, 'wait till you have lived awhile in a flat, as I have, and you won't think the sleeping car is so bad, after all. "Detroit Free

A Proposition.

First Summer Girl-I liked George at first, but I've become tired of him. Second Summer Girl-Yes? That has been exactly my experience with

First Summer Girl-Indeed? Why can't we arrange an exchange of prisoners?-Puck.

According to Contract.

Joakley-I understand there's considerable talk now in naval circles about some orders that were forged very skillfully.

Coakley-Aha, another scandal, eh? Jonkley-Oh, no. They were orders for some 8-inch guns .- Philadelphia

Educational Institutions in Mexico. There are thirty-three museums, 139 libraries, forty scientific and literary societies, and 702 newspapers in the Mex-