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OREGON. ENTERPRISE

A woman's head may soon adorn a postage stamp. Man is no longer it.

The question of nex never appears so gigantic to a man as when he starts out in search of a servant girl.

The recent death of the author of "Ben Bolt" has started the old song on its last annual farewell tour.

When the truth about war comes out it is like the measles, disagreeable but better thus than If it struck in.

Mr. Stend will donate to the British museum the pipe used by Mr. Rhodes in his "devout dreaming," as Mr. Kipling terms it.

William Waldorf Astor has given \$100,000 to an English university, but when last heard from he was still waiting for that title.

How customs change. With a single notable exception, the hotels of Chicago will be conducted hereafter on the European plan exclusively.

A Southern man advertises for a lost cow "with one horn that gives milk." There would be more money for her in a museum than in the dairy.

"What makes novels popular?" inquires the Washington Post. Clever authors. Nothing else can, although advertising sometimes helps.

Reports from New York are to the effect that Mayor Low has about made up his mind that it is a waste of energy to try to please all the people all the time.

Miss Stone attributes her release from the brigands to the efficacy of prayer. The brigands, however, probably take a more materialistic view

The fact that England has taken about \$400,000,000 down to South Africa and burned it up makes the taxpayer grunt a bit as he gets his shoulder under the load.

The Chicago woman who wanted a divorce because her husband quoted poetry to her has been defeated in court. It really begins to look as if poetry and the poets were coming to the front.

An Indiana man has a box of cigars that his wife gave him as a Christmas present thirty-nine years ago. He seems to have ever since been endeavoring to jack his courage up to the point necessary to tackle them.

Mark Twain has bought a \$50,000 home. Mark has of late scolded about as much he has been funny. He would confer a great favor upon the humorists all over our broad land by explaining whether he got the price of the pince by being cross or gay.

Is the fountain of youth to be found in a berry patch? The Anamese believe that strawberries will make old people young. The theory would raise strongnot that the Anamese also hold that a a man, communicate hydrophobia to him. The search for the fount must continue.

Tommy Atkins may be an absentminded beggar, but he is not a forgetful one. In the past year he-that is, the British soldlers in South Africasent five million dollars in postal orders to relatives at home, and this de spite the fact that he is on pretty small pay. Such thriftiness proves that, although he may not be invincible in the field, he can win victories over his own appetites and temptations-and that is to be the best kind of soldier.

There is a type of hero that the conditions of modern life have deevloped, and which seems destined to prove that knighthood is far from going to seed and is, in fact, still in flower. This is the elevator hero, the man or boy who when the fire fiend rages keeps to his post and performs his duties. One narurally expects that a captain will stick to his ship and that an engineer will be true to his engine, but no such responsibility rests upon the elevator man, whom many might think justified in deserting his place. Yet how frequently one reads of his braving the perils of an ascent into smoke and fiames and of being the means of say ing hundreds of panic-stricken human beings. The life of an elevator man, unenviable in its seeming monotony and dreariness, seems little calculated to develop heroism, but this quality often appears in unexpected places, or rather in unsuspected persons. Men who have not yet decided in their minds whether they ought to remove their hats in an elevator in deference to feminine occu pants might be on the safe side should they uncover to the possible hero that lurks in every elevator man.

The distressing discomforts and disadvantages of being rich have been expatiated upon by the votaries of penury from time immemorial. Poverty gazes pitifully through the barred windows of wealth and perceives its deprivations and limitations. The poor have the boundless freedom of nature with all its unrestrained abandon; the rich are hemmed in by the circumstances of opulence, restricted in their enjoyments to the very things they possess. In this view may be found the conso-

fore the Society for the Study of Life in the Tuxedo, in New York, Percival Chubb summed up in a very interesting and original way the "misfortunes of the children of the wealthy." Mr. Chubb is reduced almost to tears as he contemplates the pitiful cleanliness of Expensive Illustrated Editions of His the children of the rich, their "anaemic primness" and their deprivations in the way of mud pies and other possessions that delight the soul of a child. "A good roll in the mud is what they need," says Percival Chubb. Mud pies, he declares, would be their "salvation." There is no doubt that this question of mud is sadly neglected in most homes wealthy home in fifty where there are children that has a mud ple attachment the cheap, popular editions have for or any facilities for taking a roll in the mud. In this way the souls of the childwarfed. Their development is not of fiction, scarcely ever ask for a book normal. When they grow older they will not know mud when they see it.

his savings so they will be safe and that he doesn't meet up with some terest or dividends and against careless by a Chadband? investment in industrial stocks. In com- "And yet, if you mention the name mon with most business men he seems of one of these wonderfully portrayed to regard first mortgages on farm lands characters of Dickens in the presence as one of the best real estate invest- of a roomful of young people of to-day ments possible, but warns all purchase it is 5 to 1 that they will stare at you ers of mortgages to see that no prior lien and wonder what you are driving at rests upon the property in question. Just try it on and see if I am not This is all sound advice and worth the right. I'll just mention an example attention of prospective investors, but of this. My sister-in-law, a quiet, elit is to be wished that still other prus derly woman, was humorously describdent and successful men of business ing at dinner a few evenings ago the cially of the person of limited means. she had employed a short time before The owner of a considerable fortune There were eight young men and womgenerally has special opportunities for en, their ages ranging from 18 to 22 finding where he can best put his mon- and all of them considered pretty well commissions for expert advice. It is saved up a few hundred or a few thou- law, in concluding her narration. sand who finds the problem most troudisposal. Yet the rate of interest on in- those eight young people looked blank was a few years ago. In a majority of ing what in the world she meant, cases he finds himself in a dilemma between investments which are safe but asked one of the young women. pay a very small return and those for him he must watch his investment the young woman to read 'Martin er hopes in the average mind were it must look after it, keeping his eyes the book from me the next day, conrabid dog can, by biting the shadow of interests and preparing to meet them, tary work of Dickens from cover to proportion of the loss borne by the investors is due to the idea that an interquires no further thought or attention. the watchword of all investors under ordinary conditions.

STRAW "PLUG" HATS.



Bell-crowned high hats, it is believed will be adopted during the summer by London's smart set for their coachmen. Their adoption in this country is also regarded as probable.

All grades of servants have heretofore been provided with appropriate headwear for hot weather service excepting the "man on the box."

Praise for Patti.

Last winter Mme, Patti was staying for a few days in an isolated village at the extreme end of Yorkshire. To kill the monotony of the place the prima donna went one night to a concert given in aid of a certain village institution. Not half of the performers turned up.

Appreciating the difficulty, Mme. Patti-incognita, of course-offered to oblige the audience with a song or two. Then she sang, in her own glorious

way, three of her sweetest ballads, At the close the chairman approached and, in solemn tones, thanked her.

"Well, miss," he said, "you've done uncommon well. And although 'Arry 'Ock, the juggler, who thinks nowt of takin' 'old of 'ot pokers and a-swallorin' needles, couldn't turn up, yet you've pleased us very considerable, miss."

She Worked It. Her Father-My daughter tells me

that you wanted to see me.

Mr. Timmid-Why-er-there must be a mistake somewhere. She told me that you wanted to see me.-Philadel-

phia Press.

FEW YOUNG PEOPLE KNOW HIS FAMOUS CHARACTERS.

Novels Are Still Frequently Called For, but Cheap Editions, Which Betoken Popularity, a Drug on Market.

"The sale of the works of Dickens has been gradually but surely diminishing during the last ten or fifteen years," said a book dealer. "The finely bound editions are, of course, still of the rich. We doubt if there is one in fair demand by persons engaged in assembling libraries of their own, but some years been more or less of a drug on the market. The young people. dren of the rich are stunted and even those who are omnivorous readers or Dickens.

"I re-read two or three of Dickens' let alone be able to handle it. In the books every year for the fun of the race of life their names "will be Mud." thing, and I know of plenty old fogles of my age who do the same. The in view of the fact that the gospel of young people who fall to familiarize success is being preached so generally, themselves with Dickens deprive themand advice as to money-making meth- seives of a lot of diversion. The Dickods is so freely offered to young men, ens characters are around us everyit is somewhat singular that compara- where. There are very few odd or tively little is said as to what shall be quaint eccentricities of human beings done with the money when it is earned. that Dickens didn't touch upon, and Yet it is doubtful if the man of mod- one who has these characters in the erate income has a more difficult ques- works of Dickens stored away in his tion to consider than that of investing mind scarcely ever gets through a day shall give him some reasonable return. body or other in the fiesh who recalls For this reason an address recently de-some corresponding or similar type in livered by Vice President Forgan of the Dickens. Who, for instance, doesn't First National Bank at the University | know any number of Micawbers, who, of Chicago was particularly timely and like the original of the species, are alinteresting. Mr. Forgan advises the ways waiting for something to turn man who has money at his disposal to up? Haven't we all been thrown into try any proposed investment by three contact with numerous Dick Swiveltests; First, safety; second, profit; and, lers? Hasn't every one of us with any third, permanence. He cautions them experience in the game of life met and against all schemes which promise to loathed at least one Pecksniff? Haven't pay extravagantly high rewards in in- we all been imposed upon and bored

would amplify it for the benefit espe- garrulousness of a trained nurse whom ey. At least he can afford to pay large educated for their years, at the table,

"That nurse must have been Sairey the man who after hard work has Gamp reincarnated, said my sister-in-

"Well, the middle-aged and elderly blesome. Naturally he desires to get the folk at the table all chuckled at the best returns possible on the sum at his comparison, of course, but every one of vestments is now much lower than it ly at my sister-in-law, plainly wonder

"'Who was Sarah Gamp?' finally

"My sister-in-law, realizing the utter which are more or less doubtful but hopelessness of endeavoring to draw a promise a considerable reward. The proper portrayal of Sarah Gamp for most important fact for the small in- the benefit of persons who had never vestor to bear in mind is that no matter | become acquainted with that amiable how he means to make his money work | character, was forced to recommend constantly. Whatever he buys-mort- Chuzzlewit.' The young woman solgages, stocks, bonds or real estate-he emnly made a note of it, and she got open for all changes that may affect his fessing that she had never read a soll-Care and labor are required to keep cover. She found Dickens so dull, she money as well as to earn it. A large said! And I have heard many young people of the present generation say the same thing-that Dickens seemed est-bearing investment once made restupid and prosy to them. How they can say such a thing, much less expe-"Safety and small returns" should be rience the feeling, is quite beyond me.

"Thackeray, too, perhaps a keener, if less mellow, writer of fiction than Dickens, is sadly neglected these days. There is little or no call for his books. The uprising generation seem to have no interest whatever in Thackeray. They all know about Becky Sharpe because a play written about that demirep has been produced in recent years, but they appear to know no more about Arthur Pendennis, or Capt. Costigan or Barry Lyndon, or even Henry Esmond, than they do about the characters in the mystery plays of the middle ages.

"If the young people were to devote themselves as assidnously to Dickens and Thackeray as they do to the balderdash which seems to form their mental staple," concluded the book dealer, according to the Washington Star, "they would develop into better men and women for it."

THE SINGING VOICE.

The Best Rules for Keeping It in Good Condition.

The greatest choir in the world is said (and we believe with truth) to be that attached to a monastery at St. Petersburg, erected in honor of Alexander Nevski, patron saint of Russia. It consists of about thirty monks, chosen from the best voices in all the Rus sian monasteries. It is really worth a journey to St. Petersburg to hear that choir sing.

A contemporary speaking of them announces that they believe that the eating of carrots has much to do with sustaining the strength and sweetness of their voices. Great singers are often great cranks. A list filling a column might be made of the things which they have credited with having a fine effect upon their voices; and the list would be very contradictory, some warning others against what their equals have commended. If it be true that carrots tend to make such singers as these or to improve voices, there are many reasons why the fact should be made known in this country, where | carried it off.

force the Society for the Struke of Ittal are undergoing an unfavorable modification. Really fine bassos are difficult to find, and a great musical authority affirms that tenors are growing scarce. If this continues predominant voices will be of the class which a poor, innorant woman whose husband was a good singer but very ill-tempered, tried to describe. Being asked whether his voice was tenor or bass, she answered: 'He says it is barytone, but at home it is bear-i-tone." The best diet for the voice is that which keeps the digestion perfect and all the organs and muscles employed in respiration unin-

A Touching Tribute.

soprano, the other day, "was paid to who does not have it can scarcely exme by a poor old woman, who must pect to be more prosperous, and may have amused those who heard her. I not be boosted into a higher place even had sung two solos at the evening by the efforts of others. service of a fashionable church, after It is possible, however, to so direct which I boarded a car. The old wom- that ambition and encourage it as to she recognized me.

funny part was when the conductor from the farm, and to force them to came for our fares. The old lady remain there would be almost as bad counted out ten pennies before I could as imprisonment to them. pass over my nickel.

'Two! Two!' she said to him, as she nodded t me. 'I wants to, lady, for I their reading. Certain books may likes your voice so much; I likes your arouse an idea that they would like to

"So, while I felt that perhaps the poor old soul could ill spare her extra pennies, I let her make the sacrifice secause of the evident pleasure it gave her, and no compliment I ever received has touched me more deeply than her oft repeated words, 'I likes your

They Left.

communicative conductor to the man passengers, and the more nervous farm work. ones, especially the women, began to grow apprehensive.

"'Yes.' said one, 'my case was a pretty bad one, the doctors said."

"'So was mine,' replied the other fellow. 'It seems good to get out of the Municipal Hospital, doesn't it? "'That's what it does,' said the first

"Sitting next to them was a man who had been taking it all in. At this point be leaned over and said:

"Say, when did you fellows get

"'Only yesterday,' loudly remarked one of the kidders.

"'Is that so,' exclaimed the man, 'So did I. What ward were you in? "Well, say, those fellows jumped off

the car as though it had been struck by lightning, and you couldn't see their heels for dust."

Havana Street Cars.

One of the principal features of the the same purpose. introduction of electric cars. There poultry, because the care of them may room, where there was an interesting in the capital, but the equipment, con- the petting care given by one who enthusiastic mention. When the track But whatever the stock might be, let it miles and Wizard Edison's big electric the young owner may feel proud of it, dred and fifty thousand inhabitants misshapen mongrel that would be the wanted to ride at once. One of the pe- laughing stock of his companions, culiarities of the service is the tendency of the motormen to run ahead of the exceedingly dangerous. The frequency desired effect. These yellow fellows their own. They learned to care for are strangers to the automatic brake. They have been so accustomed to driving steeds that have to be urged by the constant application of whip and spur, that they seem to have no fear of one that will run away. As a consequence, the Havana street cars put the island express trains to shame,

Totems and Mascottes,

tem protects the man, and the man needed. testifies his esteem for his protection by not killing it should it be an animal, and not destroying it should it be a plant.

The Plucky Baboon.

One day a German traveler and his with a band of baboons in a valley. The apes all hurried away before the travelers, all except a poor sickly creature, which sat upon a rock and howled and trembled with fear. The dogs of the travelers made a rush for the spot. but before they could reach it an old baboon darted down the hillside, picked up its poor companion from under the very noses of the dogs, who scattered rather than fight the newcomer, and

GIRLS, ALSO, ARE PRONE TO LEAVE THE FARM.

A Judicious Study of the Child's Natural Inclinations May Give the Parent an Idea of the Right Course to Pursue.

Much has been said and written about the tendency of the boys, and the girls, too, to leave the farm and seek some other occupation, which will prove more remunerative, or which they expect will be so. We do not "The most touching compliment I blame them, for ambition is the right ever received," remarked a well-known of every one, and the young person

an, whose clothes indicated great pov- confine it to the farm, instead of senderty, got in and sat down beside me, ing it behind the counter, or on an elecher face fairly shining with pleasure as tric or steam car, or on board a steamship. We knew that the natural talent " 'Lady, I want to tell you how I and the inclination of some boys, and likes your voice, she exclaimed in rath- girls also, is for a mechanical occupaer broken English. It goes right to my tion. They can scarcely be kept from heart, and makes me so happy, just as it. They want to be making someif I'd heard the angels sing. I thank thing with hammer and nails or needle and thread all of the time. Others have "Of course I thanked her, but the other tastes which lead them away

> There are others whose ideas of life off the farm is largely influenced by go in search of adventure among the Indians, or as bandits to hold up railroad trains, or as sailors visiting foreign countries or wrecked and living as Robinson Crusoe did on an uninhabited island. A few more years and a little more experience usually gives discretion enough to show them the folly of such dreams as these.

But the farmer who desires to keep some one or more of his children at "It does me good to see a smart home with him, to take up the busi-Aleck get the worst of it," said the ness there when he shall give it up. has no one but himself to blame if he on the back platform. "There were does not succeed in doing so. Setting two of them on my car yesterday, and aside those who have a decided metheir game was to scare people into chanical or mercantile turn, and they thinking that they were just recover. are not many when the parent is not a ing from smallpox. They talked loud- "born" mechanic or trader, the others ly about it for the benefit of the other can be made to feel an interest in the

> There are few boys who do not love animals, at least such as they can pet, and they like them none the less if they can see a profit coming directly to themselves for their care of them. Most of them also like to see the crops grow; fruit more often than vegetables, because they can enjoy the proceeds of their labor.

If a boy is given a calf or a colt, and is allowed to feel that it is his own, and that it will be so when old enough to be profitable or useful, and that he will receive the profits of it, not, as is too often the case, the boy's ealf and the father's cow when it comes to be sold, he will care for it well enough to probably make it the best animal of its kind on the place. He may be made to pay for its feed, and to care for it himself as he grows older, but if it is a good one to begin with, he will find it a profit in that. A cosset lamb or a breeding sow have served

Americanizing of Havana has been the | Even better may be a little flock of were formerly about six miles of track be taken by either boy or girl, and with sisting of little, bob-tailed cars and loves them, they are almost sure to scrawny, undersized mules, did not yield a profit. Possibly the Belgian about in the most reckless manner. combine to make a service worthy of bare might suit some others as well. was lengthened out to twenty-four be good of its kind, and pure bred, that flyers put on, all of Havana's two hun. and love it, as he could not love a leau,

There are others who have been retained on the farm and made to love schedule. They tear through the nar- farm life and farm work by a little row, crooked streets at a rate that is tract of ground, on which they could have a garden, a strawberry bed or a of fatalities does not seem to have the fruit tree, the products of which were them, and were anxious to learn from the experience of others. They studied the details of caring for the crops, as older farmers do not often study, and we have seen the boy's garden and the boy's animals good enough to put to shame the best that the father, with greater experience, could produce,

To make this more effectual the younger student should be provided The totems cherished by some of the with such books and papers as treat Indian tribes suggest the French mas- upon the care of that to which he may cotte. A "totem" is the generic word have devoted himself. If he reads a for a class of material objects which good agricultural paper every week he a savage regards with superstitious may become interested in some other a savage regards with superstitions awe, under the belief that between him branch of agriculture than that he has and every member of the class there started in as a beginning. If he does exists an intimate relation. The to- let him branch out, but discourage that tem may be a wolf, a beaver, a buffa. fickleness that wants to swap the calf lo, a salmon a snake, the wind, birch. for sheep, the sheep for hens and the bark, the leaves of trees, the sun or hens for rabbits each year, especially the snow. But whatever it happens to If the desire for trading is based on an be, the connection between it and its idea that the new acquisition will not protege is mutually beneficial. The to-

Not all boys are industrious or enterprising, but many might be made so, if when young they were taught that to work, to try to improve on existing methods and to economize were necessary to success. To try to drive them on a road that they do not like is worse companions while in Abyssinia fell in than useless, but they can often be led along pleasant paths.-American Cultivator.

BERMUDA'S NEW DOCK. It Will Replace the Old One Built

in 1869.

The great floating dock which has just been launched from the yard of Messrs, Swan & Hunter, of Wallsendon-Tyne, was built by the order of the admiralty and is to be placed in his

Majesty's dockyard at Bermuda, where it will replace the old floating dock that has been there since 1800, which s both obsolete and insufficient in is dimensions. It is interesting to compare the old and the present docks, for they show very clearly the great iscrease that there has been in the size of ships of the English fleet since the old dock was built, for it, like the present one, was designed with a view to accommodating the largest vessels that were then built or building. The length of the old dock was 381 feet and its lifting power was 8,000 tons, which was sufficient for the ships of the Beller ophon class, although it was capable of bringing the keel out of the water of vessels up to 10,200 tons, such as the long, fully rigged line-of-battle ships Agincourt and Minotaur.

The present dock is 545 feet long and its lifting power up to the pontoon deck level is 15,500 tons, which can be increased up to 17,500 tons. It is the invention of Messrs. Clark & Stanfield. from whose plans it was built. This type, of which many examples already exist, notably the large 18,000-ton dock for the American navy which has just successfully lifted the battleship IIInois, was specially introduced by that firm with a view to producing a streeture having a large amount of longtudinal rigidity... The necessity for such rigidity will

he apparent when the different types of vessel that the present dock will be called on to lift are remembered. Primarily it has to lift the line of battle ships of 15,000 tons displacement, with a length of bearing keel of 343 feet, but in addition it has to deal with cruises of the Terrible class of about the same displacement, but with 383 feet of bear ing keel, and, lastly, auxiliary cruises like the Campania, weighing some L. 000 tons, with a bearing length of keel of 502 feet. It is evident, therefore, that great longitudinal strength is nee essary, since while the dock has to be long enough to deal with the 500-foot Campania, practically the whole displacement of the 545-foot long pontoons have to be utilized to lift a resel bearing only on some 384 feet of their length. Apart from this, the fact that the dock on its voyage out to Bermula may have to encounter the long rollers of the Atlantic, also makes it imperative that a very stiff form of structure should be employed. Like the original Berninda dock the present one is a selfdocking dock-that is, it can lift all parts of itself out of water-a most necessary facility in the subtropical sea of

Bermuda. The dock itself, says the London Graphic, consists of five portions, comprising three pontoons which form the main lifting portion of the dock, and two wide walls, which, while affording a certain amount of lifting power, primarily serve to give the dock stability and to regulate its descent when the pontoons are submerged.

NOT LOADED.

True Story for the Fools Who Aim Unloaded Weapons at Others.

The persons who "didn't know it was loaded" need all the warnings and all the object-lessons that can be placed before them.

Some fifty years ago Roger, a celebrated tenor, gave a supper, at which Berlioz was present, and also the masical critic, Fiorentino.

In the early hours of the morning lorentino got up, "to stretch his legs, collection of firearms. In a few minutes he came back, carrying a gun, and in Finally he turned it upon Berlioz.

"I am going to kill Berlioz," he said. 'He is a formidable rival. He is in my way as a musical critic."

Berlioz turned pale and shook with fear, but his host assured him that the gun was not loaded.

Fiorentino changed his aim, "Berlies isn't worth killing, after all," said be-"I shouldn't get his place, for they'd say I'd used undue influence. Now I've a grudge against grand opera, and against Meyerbeer for not having handed me over a part of his gains. So I'l kill Roger, for that will stop the receipts at the opera house."

Thereupon he took aim at his host who, feeling sure that the gun was not loaded, did not budge a inch. But is another second Florentino changed his mind again.

"There's no pleasure in killing Reger," said he. He isn't even afraid of dying But I must kill something. I'll kill his portrait."

He turned the muzzle of the gun toward a full-length picture of the tenot. pulled the trigger, and to everybody's horror simply riddled the canvas with

Writing His Last Words. Albert Bigelow Paine, the poet, who wrote "You Ought to Be in Kansas When the Sunflowers Blow," has been called the champion long-distance stammerer of the earth. One daywhen he had spent the greater part of a minute in asking a friend what time it was, the friend, after telling nim. remarked:

"If you ever intend to become famous by your last words, you would bette write them out."

"W-w-w-h-h-h-h-y?" asked Paine. "Because," replied his friend, "if you were to attempt to say them you'd nerer live long enough to finish the septence."-New York Times.

a girl a knowledge of art and music 19 help her through life, the time comes when she finds that that which helps her most is patience.

After all the money spent in giving

A woman is so anxious to go is heaven in order that she may keep on knowing what her husband is doing-