

CHAPTER XVIII. Lady Grace Farqubar's had guests instant's delight. In two days the business of the several departure, much to ber-humbant's delight. In two days the Wrs. Clarten would be the only dotter remaining. Mr. Hastings scarcedy works to Miss Eyrs. When he did, he noticed with some secret plosaure that her color came and went, and that she secret restress and measy. Lady Grace was in the caught her by the hand. "I have come to and has favor of four-tady Grace," he sold. "I are screeced by source of the source left off foring you?" He drew her toward him in a strong they all to come and spend two of threes "Who you all to come and spend two of threes "A thick is crear," he will be answered and the disposed to grant be the source left off foring you?" The tree more rested on his herear, "Think's former, "he will prever left off foring you?" He drew her toward him in a strong they source left off foring you?" Think's former, "he will prever left off foring you?" He drew her toward him in a strong they source left off foring you?" He drew her toward him in a strong they source left off foring you?" He drew her toward him in a strong they source left off foring you?" He drew ther toward him in a strong they source left off foring you?" He have that best which is most dearly , bare remembrance of which has made

Lay Grace hesitated. "I should like it very much." she wold, presently. "Due Mir Clayton has the great-est diality to leaving home when he is

with my hushand." "I am very glad, "she said, kindly. "I Mr. Haarings was, however, more sur-cental than Lady Grace enterprised, and trenths. The tenth was, there was a very flue Dirary at the Court, and Sir-(flueron had for some time guad here are liken of all obstricted and the en-argement between them heing rathled by the consent of all parties. Mr. Hastings within to know its be three. When everything was settled, Winifred build of the error was a site of the wast. There are any here are any here are any here are within to wait, when everything was settled, Winifred build of the error was with could be there are any here are any here are any here are "Remember, darling." he said, when

heard of the arrangements with conflict. "I have loved you for more than tw ing reelings. She was almost sorry that yours. Having made me so informable

in his phasion. When they acrossed at the Court Mr. Hastings and his friends were standing on the steps to receive them. This time he did not lift Winifred terms. This time he drives not net with the vertices and while per vertices, but went at order to Mrs. Gayton. Winifreed feft the difference, a little litterity, per fait, and yet with a quick count constrainess that the had no right to feel it. But a she was shown to her room, a glad thought blotted out the hitterness. Was ereldent that the walls were hung or favorite prints, and that vases filled with searist germining and fornsfavorite combination-were dispose bout the roun? Scarcely, It mus have been a wich in please her; and it h 113.54

wared about giving her pleasure by all the love had not died out. There was a dinner party in the even Ing a very ger, pleasant party, that everyone enjoyed. Atterward Winitron sang, and was brighter and happier that

she had been for many works. Mr. Hastings had scarcely spaken to her, but yet she was conscious that he was not indifferent to her. Mr.

The next day he asked her suddenly if she would like to see her old home one

"Yes," she said, quietly; "will you take Mic. 'It you go alone with me I will," he

anawered. I will go, if Ludy Grace does not ob-

Shall I ask her?" "Do.

And they went toward Lady Grace, who was sitting reading by the open with

from?" she wald again. "If you open it you will soon see, dear," Whitred replied, haughing. "I don't quite like to do it," Mrs. Clay-ton remarked presently. "I suppose it is because I am nervous and unwell; but I always feel as if every letter I remired contained bad news. Will you open it for ma?" "I say no objection," and Lady Grace

amiling, "except that you always used to be as terribly quarrelasing. I think I must exact a promise first that there shall be as the promise first that there

all be no disagreement on the way." "I promise." laughed Hrrol.a "And 1." added Winifred, a shade more

other. "Of course I will go at ance." Mr. Clayton said; "but obsign in size of these foreign holes is a marty bioinnes. I will get a time table and see how scon I can off I must get you to telegraph down Mrs. Grant at Brighton-I promised to there is any further news.

On arriving there he found mother tior, with a foreign postmark and opened it at same. It was written by the doc-tor in good French, and informed Mrs. Chapten deficiently that her bushend had just breathed his last. "This is a sad business," said Sir Clay-ton, reterring to the hotel; "you must have no time in getting there. I fear he will found,

Affred Clayton always stayed when he was in town. By good fortune he had

re up. The story was briefly fold and two men looked doubtfully at each

niso was correct, and that the rich man

ad hern interred some days before with

the correspondence. The obsequines intui-of and Lupin, the value of the dead

an, were valuable in their information, rout Lupin he learned that Mr. Clarton

had engaged him in Paris six weeks pre-viously, having parted in a quarrel with his English servant.

At first Mrs. Clayton was shocked and

he buried long before you reach the place, and there will be no chance of bringing the help to England. Of course, if ------"Of course of course," exclaimed Al-fred Clayton, heatily, and gracping the baround's hand be hurried off. He was

the next heir to all that splendid prop-"When your guests are grow, I want you all to come and spend twa or three days at the Conet." "I think it is true," be whispered, "that we have that best which is most dearly wan." rty, but for the time he felt no exulta-on at the thought of stepping into the shoes of the man who lay dead and alone in a foreign country. On reaching village he found that Hir Clayton's

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It was almost dark when they returned "Your idea of the length of hair an

had been included in the invitation, early you owe it to me to lose no time presence could but avoken unplose in aroning for P. Pray get that herei Torestore a could but a when unpower and memories in Mr. Hastings' mind. Torestor come, the morning was lovely, and 0 was arranged that Mrs. Clarkin, and Winifeed should ride, and that Nir Clarkin about drive Lady Grace over the toward was delighted when he was append of the intended marriage, and

much better that she should con

she had taken in bringing together to people who cared for each other. The

rom?" she wald again.

desired.

ring the preparations for such a happy out as dear Winifred's marriage; and apprised of the intended marriage, and insisted that Winifred should be married from Hurst Manor. She had a fancy for being married in the little church where she had so often art when she was only FACTS ABOUT KING ALFRED. a farmer's daughter. She was not the simple little country girl now, but an ele-gant young lady, accustomed to insury and good accusty. Errol would have liked

and Constitutional System. It was Freeman, we believe, who proportionless, but that was not to be as he

Sir Howard Champion gave her twenty thousand poinds, and Sir Clayton ten thousand, while Lady Grace provided her with a magnificenc trouvseau. Mr. Hastwith a magnificent transsens. Mr. Hast-ngs had the family diamonds reset and unted for her, and would have had her wear some of them at least at the "Please not, Errol," she pleaded, "I do

or like all this grandeur. I would with r not forget that my early life was sim-Alfred, if objection be freedom from less fire. Mrs. Clayton was of course to have been at the wedding. She was looking forward to it, glad at heart at the part Whether or not it is because he was so weeks before the day fixed she received there is nothing recorded of him to his intely found the arsenic to be a letter with a foreign postmark. "Who can it be from?" she said, turn-ing it over is her hand, and speaking to Win(fred. "I do not know the hand; it

seems crabbed and foreign, and has been forwarded from London. It is addressed to Milady Clayton, too." And Fee con-tinued to look at it without, however, "Who can it be we do of him. sandth anniversary of his death, which one of was conducted in England, would gold. loubtless have received much more at-

tention here had it not been eclipsed by an appalling national tragedy. Certainly the occasion was and even is yet well worthy of our notice. That may

that we know little of him. But all

that we do know is both good and



Exhaustive tests for yours have con inced Joseph L. Ferrell that sulplists of aluminum is the best free rooting for think the hospital would appreciate cond. Unlike willphate or prosphate of ammonia, which check flames by emitme and sleep at her house toesight." "I think," said Sir Clayton, "hat white is are making permatrikes, I will drive and to the house in Picesdilly and see ting ammonia gas, the atominum com-

The late discovery in strawherries of silevite acid, a specific in acute cheumutism, has seemed to confirm the idea. that these terries are a desirable artile of food for rheumatics. The effect of the fruit cannot be due to the sali- is simply an adjournment of a few cylic acid, however, as less than the days from St. George's day, from adredth of a grain per pound is which the leases of their accestors

Important tests of the fatal proportion of carbonic oxide in the air have was fixed at whe time of one moon been made by Prof. Momeo at the Tarin after the spring equinor. May day as Physiological Institute. A heroic sub-lect was confifted three times in a hermetically mealed iron chamber, the air sametion of centuries, if of nothing of which was mixed first with 1.553 of else. May 1 is the day on which hold carbonic oxide, then with 1-285, and Robin Hood was hied to death by his lastly with 1-233. On the last experi- treacherous relative, and sped his last the reaching the ment the man censed to breathe, being arrow, which marked where his grave

restored only by oxygen. while urging that the proposed has bigioni survey of the Narth Sea should logical survey of the Narth Sea should of Rome. Robin Hood was the hero seek means of favoring lishes and their food supply, Prof. W. C. McIntoan de-

clares that no important species is in danger of becoming extinct. The fishes were not externinated by the swarms phoeles of the day when coudi gigantic destroyers of reptillan times, when the destruction must at least have equaled that of to-day by this knight of their own,

man, and future extinction need not be feared. Alcohol is coming into considerable working at the mechanic's hench, feels

At first Mrs. Gaylon was showned and stunned at the unerpectedness of the flow. She had disthed har hostond, but it seemed as horrible for him to have died in that terrible way, so far from home and without a single friend. Her first resolution was to heave Endon Vele, and she sent an argent message to her sunt to join her. This time Lady Marion mode to heave the anomaly be available. use for illumination in France. The flame is made luminous by the addition of sufficient coal-oil or crude hena delay in answering the summan, ady Grace begged Fee to remain, "You are very kind," she answered, "I flame is used to give incandescence to an searcely thank you enough for your ong hospitality, but I would rather go. 'ndor the circumstances. I could but mar-he cheerfulness that ought to reign here. a Weisbach mantle. The latter is the more important method. Some lamps have from sixty to eight hundred can dle-power, and these large portable lamps, carrying their own illuminant seem to have advantages over gas or would rather go away quietly to some electricity for many purposes. The fresh glace. If you invite me later, I best of the burners yield about thirty aball be very glad to come to you again." (To be continued.)

Tests have recently been made on the Boston and Maine and the Florida Character of Founder of English Legal East Coast Bailroads to determine the value of oil as fuel for locomotive engines. On the Florida Bailroad it was nounced Alfred the Great to be "the found, after a month's experimenting most perfect character in history." The with a locomotive bauling its regular declaration was a particularly sweep load, that 132.8 gallons of oil did the ing generality, which a less positive work of one ton of coal. Another test writer might hesitate to make. Cer- showed 131.8 gallons of oil to be equivtainly there are other characters in his-tory, sacred and profane, deserving of and Maine experiments the ratio was areful consideration before the Judg- 140.26 gallons of all to one ton of coal. nent of supreme excellence is irrevo. It was found that the engine could be cably pronounced. And yet, when we urged to a greater capacity with ome to contemplate the character of than with coal, and this with a shoke

faults, we might concede that it prefly thoroughly realizes it. It is true we do not know much about him. But it is County, Ontario, Canada, who for also true that all we do know is good. years were baffled in trying to extract the precious metal from its matrix by largely the historian of his own times, the presence of arsenic in the ore, have more discredit. So far as our knowledge of profitable than the gold. This is due im goes, his character and career were | at once to the great purity of the Canaflawless. This is the more significant dian arsenic, and to the rapid exhauswhen we remember how praise and tion of the arsenic deposits of England blame are commingled in the records and Germany. At the same time, the of other sovereigns of those days of introduction of a successful method whom we know as little or as much as of separating the gold increases the profit of working the Canadian depos-The commemoration of the one thou- its, because every ton of the arseulcal

carries from \$4 to \$60 worth af HOLDING HIM TO HIS WORD.

It Does Not Pay to Make Too Sweep-"My dear," said Mr. Puffer, with

"Do you know what precautions the proprietor of this hotel has taken

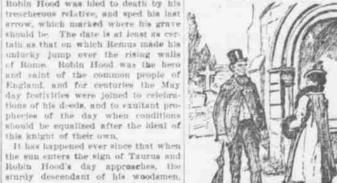
Mr. Puffer solemnly helped himself to a large, thick alab of the pudding, ad began slowly stowing it away. 'Martha," he said, gravely, after a

minutes of this labor. up that I am a little-just a triffe-too old and atout to pick cherries as well as I did when I was a boy, don't you

riss?"-Youth's Companion. BOLD ROBIN HOOD'S DAY.

An immense lot of leases still date from May 1, says the New York Com- just what everybody else says." mercial Advertiser, but not many of the lessors or lesses know that this oppressive,

used to run. This again dates from DOW? the more remote period when the date Mrs. McGarigle-Job. is it? Shure a day for strikes of workmen is not a thing of recent years. It has the Sure of His Ground.



whom he wots of. He grows impa Wife of New Minister-Now, Davie tient toward the "fat brashoppes and the archbysahopes," and works him. you'll have to look after the church self into such a fighting mood that better than this or we will have to if interfered with he would not heat. think about getting a new bendle. tate to take a fall out of even the Davie Oscalle of long standing, semicroscalle of Nottinghame." So he τ /re y--Mistress Nichellson, we whiles Davie Greadle of long standing. throws down his tools and hies him change oor minister, but we never off to the "green forest," where shaws change oor bendle.

He Never Worried.

gether with a brass band and plenty of gether with a brass band and plenty of refreshments. Perhaps he will bring to terms the prend Norman who owns at a wayside station of the Midland Great Western to terms the prond Norman who owns Hatlon of the train came along and the shop; perhaps not; anyway, he has she got in. The hours drugged by, and

His Ples.

Not So Reckless.

An Accommodating Stork.

at each stoppage she asked if it was The floral festivities of the day, in Silgo. Finally the guard became irrithese times and in this country usually adjourned to the first Saturday in May you know when we reach Sligo." *Bu I've been nearly all day on my jour ney." "Well, madam, I've been on this rallway three years, and I'm not worrying." "Poor man!" she reforted, "you must have started the next station beyond mine."

MISSED HIS ENGAGEMENT.

ed to strongly affect the jury." 'Yes," replied the judge, "I was afraid at one time that you would sue ceed in getting your client convicted in spite of his innocence." "Do you take this internally?" asked the customer as he put the bottle in for the wagon one of the prisoners his pocket and took his change. "Me?" said the druggist's new assist-

gagement at the police station.

"Please ship at once by freight, on me go," the prisoner finally whispered. "No use, John. Even if I let you out of the room," said the detective. crackers, also one barrel sonp. It

rate you are eating them," continued OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

HUMOROUS SAYINGS AND DO.

INGS HERE AND THERE. if I own

Jokes and Jokelets that Are Supposed to Have licen Recently Born-Sayings and Doings that Are Old, Curious and Laughable-The Week's Humor. a donation of some nice, luscious cher

> "I can't see what you find in me to dimire," said the lovelorn youth who had recently blown himself for a

May 1 the Anniversary of the Death of the Noted Woodsman. "Why," gurgled the fluffy haired an get of his domestic dreams, "that's

And Immediately the silence became As Corrected.

Mrs. O'Hoolihan-Pfwhat koind av a job is yez ould man afther hovin

an' it be an illigant sittuashun as the graph operativer bw's afther hovin'. It's travilin' about diggin' phost holes fer th' coompany he is, d'y moind."



never think of strewing flowers on a nan's grave until after he is dead." Hacked to Win. She (after the engagement)-Why vere you so nervous when you pro-

> He-Oh. I was merely acting a part, I didn't want you to know how sure I was of your answer.

Not Ressauring.

urainst fire?" asked the nervous old

"Sure I do," replied the knowing outh. "Do how has got de joint in-

shoor'd fer two times de worth uv it.

His Preference. Magistrate-It will be either \$10 or

hirty days, Uncle Rastus. You can

Uncle Rastus-Ah's much erblige, yo'

onnah, an' Ab reekon yo' all had bet-

Stranger-You have a fine farm

Farmer-Right yew air, stranger. I

low as it be one o' the finest in these

Stranger-What is your best paying

Farmer-Summer boarders.-Chicago

want to risk taking cold. What shall

"Take it hot," replied the wise pill

In the Puppy Class.

'Twas Ever Thus.

Professional Advise "Doctor," said the timid patient, "I'm fond of the water, but I don't

indy as the beliboy recorded her to a

room on the fifth floor.

inve your chalce.

tah gib me de money, sah.

His Specialty.

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News.

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Affluence. "Rich? Why, she never has to think of the matter of cost at all." "No?"

"Not for a moment. She can afford to wear what she likes, even though it is something cheap."

Automobility.

"Steam, ch? Isn't it rather noisy?" "Oh, no. Except for a slight puffing when it is climbing a very steep hill or running over an extraordinarilg large person, quite noiseless."



"Mamma, give me a penny, please, for a glass of lemonade." "But, dear, if it's only a penny, it can't be good."

"Yes, it is, but they're selling it cheap 'cause a dog fell in it."

No Reciprocity. Fairy in the pink shirt waist-Reggie boasts that you're his best girl! Sweet young thing in blue-Maybe I am, but he ain't my best feller by a long shot.

Recognized at Last.

He-But what reason have you for refusing to marry me?

are a survival of the old Roman festivities in honor of the goddess Flora The May queen is Florn herself impersonated. The rigging up of a boy sort is an impertinent and ridiculous innovation, which should, if pos-

sible, be abolished.

a strange fever hurning in his blood.

He feels that he would like to have

reckoping with certain "rich earles"

be sheen and shards full fair," to-

"My plea," said the young lawyer, who had just won his first case, "seem Wily John Chinaman Could Not Escape From Police Clutches. Some time ago a squad of Manhatan police raided a fan tan game in Chinatown. Eleven Chinamen were captured and kept in a third story front room in charge of Detective Drennan until the patrol wagon came for them. While they were waiting

said to Drennan. "Me got to go. Me got velly import-

ant. "Great Scott, no! I sell it."ant engagement." "I suppose so," said the detective, Stray Stories. "but you've got a more important en agement at the police station. The Chinaman begged like a good few days ago by a Chicago grocery fellow, but Drennau was obdurate.

"Me give you five dollals if you let opt "the police would catch you at the weighed nine lb. lower door. They are guarding that."

Then I consent," smilled Lady Grace. They went away silently together, neither speaking until they reached the end of the broad gravel drive, a Then Mr. Hustings broke the silence. Shall we go through the woods?"

"I should like to very much," she at worsd, "I have not been three since-

And then she stopped suddenly, remem hering on what occasion she had been "Since when?" and he looked keenly at

her.

"Oh, a long time ago-more than two 3 cars "Do you remember that bank?" Errol

asked, suddenly. "It was there I first saw you.

Presently they came to a gate; the wame gate they had stood at more than two years ago the same at which they had parted, she soffering, he stung by remores. He had brought her here on purpose to test the strength of her love and furgiveness. He did not open it for her to pass through, but stopped and joaned against it. She stood in front of waiting patiently, and he looked in tently at her

"It is two years and two months sin we were here together last, Miss Eyre You are greatly changed since then." "For the worw?" she asked, quickly, "Not as the world would think." Este

"But as you think?" "I scarcely know. They say we are all the happier when we lose our impulsive ness and warmth of heart, and he old and indifferent. You have found it doubt?"

His tone was almost harsh, and she looked up in his face andly, and yet with "I cannot be angry at your saying so,

Mr. Hastings. You have the right to

And yet I would rather hear you deny it indignantly, Miss Eyre."

"If I denied it, would you believe me?" He was slight for a moment, while there was a struggle going on in his heart. He had too much chivalry of feeling to wish her to confess here'lf wrong and plend to him, and yet there was a latent pride of spirit that made him feel it would be unmanly, undignified, for him make the first advance now, after all it had gone before. He watched her, unwilling to help her, yet feeling vividly

that she was suffering. "If," she faitered at last-"if I thought that in spite of all that is past, you did not hate me-" and she atopped.

"You know what I feel for you," he said, quietly, "am I likely to change?"

"Then I should like to tell you how much I regret the past," she went on, in a low voice. "You do not know how bit-had told the coachman that it was a matter of life and death, and the old man, hecause my pride would not let me own I-loved yon. I am ready to make my hecause my pride would not be use over a sorry against the shale distance at the top of tavorites the whole distance at the top of their speed. Sir Clayton reached London

in said for the reason already express "Of course I will. What a scrawl?" And Miss Eyro proceeded to tear the en-velope. "I should imagine it contained ed. A man whom so high an authority as Freeman declared to be the most ome mysterious secret, from the way h perfect character in all history, and gummed together. I must take a knife who has so strong a claim to that disad slit it open from the side." tinction, is, certainly worthy of the whole world's study. We have said

With some trouble she got at the con tenns-a dirty scrap of foreign paper. with a few crabbed hieroglyphics, and be

And she tonsed it across the table,

"Milady and honored excelency-I av great. It was a great thing to found te profonde regrette to annonce to rou dar te Millor Clayton-monsieur yor hus-hand av bin rook wid de horrible moladie the English nation. It was a great thing to found English literature, was a great thing to found the sea power of England. It was a great if cholera an want to see you. I av sent ar the principal docteur in an at olers. GODEFROI LUPIN thing to found the English legal and

constitutional system. And these said when you insi things Alfred did. To have done any cherries yourself?" A horror seized upon Mrs. Clayton, Shof nover loved her husband; intely she one of them would be sufficient to inid hated him; but the idea of his bei If alone among strangers brought th

ears to her eyes. "O, Winifred?" she exclaimed to her places him upon an eminence of greatfriend, in whose face she read consterna-tion, "I must go to him at once." ess not easily to be rivaled. These achievements

"You cannot, Fee; weak as you are it would be madness. The address is some descure village in Switzerland. Let us a and ask Sir Clayton what had beat he

Who do you suppose this letter to be ritten by ?" Sir Clayton asked, when he of read the curlous missive

"I cannot tell. Perhaps the hotel keep-

"Had he a foreign valet, do you know, Mari

'Not when he left London, Simme eas with him then; but he may have left. was always threatening to leave, and en, of course, it is most probable that b'rancia would engage a foreigner.

"Something must be done at ours. You annot go yourself, Marion-that is quite out of the question-neither can I very Perhaps Alfred Clayton is in was coming up, I know, I will own; he was coming up, I know. I will elegraph to him. Stay, I am not sure

where he would be. I will go up to Lonmyself at once. Sir Clayton rang the bell and or-And

well.

madre

Saxon and all the English-speaking ered the carriage world, owe a debt of much grateful re-"But I feel that I ought to go myneif. Sir Clayton; the letter said he wished membrance to the illustrious sovereign

who was able to say of himself with "My dear, do not think of it; the jour truth: "So long as I have lived, I have ney would kill you. To cross the channe in this cold weather and with these tem striven to live worthily, and after my death to leave to my descendants my stuous winds, would be nothing short memory in good works."-New York

Sir Clayton dressed hurriedly for his Tribune. journey, jumped lato the carriage and drave off to the station, leaving Wini-fred to explain matters to his wife. He just caught the up train by a minute; the Volumes in the British Museum The number of volumes in the Britsh Museum Library, according to a re-

cent counting, is now over 2,000,000, There are more than 16,000 volumes of

London newspapers, about 47,000 volumes of provincial newspapers, count-ing Welsh as well as English, 10,000 es of Scottish papers, and 9,000 from Ireland,

drst impetus. The United States does

not owe much to many kings. But it

toes, in common with all the Anglo-

dismay, as a pudding was placed on the table be- answered: "That's alle light. You let fore him, "don't you think you are sort of running to cherries lately? Of roof, and go down other building. course I hope that I shall always be

ing Statements.

herished by you, but when it comes to cherries in some form every meal,just cherries or stewed cherries or cherry pie or cherry pudding,-1 believe 1 could cheerfully donate some of our cherries to our less fortunate

neighbors." "Well, John." said his wife, calmly, "I suppose you remember what you said when you insisted on picking the

"Ah, Martha," said Mr. Puffer, ed sure for him everiasting and grateful placently, "there was a clean-cut, neat, remembrance. To have done all four workmanlike job for you, in spite of all your fears and opposition. In-stead of the grass under the tree be-

are titles to ing piled a foot deep with a litter of world wide fame. But they peculiarly leaves, twigs and branches broken commend Alfred to our grateful memfrom the tree, as it invariably is For, with all credit to other ra- when you send a boy rampaging after Barton. ial elements which have largely en- the fruit, I cleaned that tree without tered into the making of its greatness, any damage to it, and consequently this nation was primarily and chiefly with hardly a single leaf to be raked of English origin, and it owes such orig-in to the achievements of Alfred which cherries without breaking any of my we have named. It sprung, in both the arms or legs or necks, as you so cheerfully predicted, too. Still, while I New England and the Virginian colonies, from that English nation which admit 1 am proud of the job, I do not Alfred founded, through the exercise think it absolutely necessary to live inof that sen power which also had its be- definitely upon those cherries I gath-

English legal and constitutional ays- of the few quarts you gathered, John." said Mrs. Puffer, positively. "I canned

> "Well, where does this satiety of cherries I've had inflicted upon me for the past two days come from, then?" demanded Mr. Puffer.

"Do you remember what you said when I asked you if the few you picked were all it was possible to get from the tree, John?" asked Mrs. Puffer, with a twinkle in her eye.

"Why, ye-es," acknowledged Mr. Puffer, thoughtfully and suspiciously, "What was it?" persisted his wife,

I'd eat them, stones, stems and everything." admitted Mr. Puffer rejuct antly.

and stems," said his wife, demurely.

"But little Jimmy Ballou got enough

As quick as a flash the Chinaman The Vagaries of Fashion me out, me go upstairs, get out on

Police no catches me. "Can't do it, John." Drennan permisted. "They've got you prisoners all counted. If I turn over only ten 111 have troubles of my own.

"Me fix that," the Chinaman answered, without a moment's hesitation. "Me go to window, call a Chinaman friend up from street. When he come to this door you pull him in and I run out. See? You have eleven ners alle same, and police can't tell one Chinaman from other."

notwithstanding his cunning, John had to go to the station, and his velly important engagement" Will broken .- Brooklyn Eagle,

Horses Scare and High.

"I have not known a period when Mrs. Commonhen-Don't mind her, horses were so scarce and high," said Mrs. Commonhen-Don't mind her, T. E. Gilbert of Cincinnati at the Hotel my dear. Long skirts are doomed. It "I am in the business and will soon be our turn.

have of late been scouring Kentucky and Ohio with a view of purchasing good-sized bunch, but had very poor success. More people want to buy than sell, and prices are at a point where it is impossible for dealers to the one who carries the key to the jam make any profits. The country was closet at our house --- Boston Trandrained of horse flesh during our war script.

with Spain, and further depletion was caused by the Boer war. It will take

The boss plumber had become a mul several years to make up the deficiency, ti-millionaire and was going abroad for his health. On the voyage over a comobile craze has had no perceptible school of whales were sighted and th fract on the demand for high-class boss plumber was seen to rub his

> "Why is he so happy ?" asked a curious tourist. "He can't help it," whispered the

Circumstantial Evidence.

Tommy-Was that your mother

Willie-I guess so; 't any rate she's

Force of Habit.

saw with you yesterday?

"He imagines each spout is bursted water pipe, to be repaired by ntm at his old rates." Valu. "Did you find the Chinese a vain people?

"Very. To hear a Chinese brag you ould almost believe an American was talking." Enough Said. Noll-So Jack asked permission to

kiss you, ch? Hess-Yes. Nell-You refused it, of course? Bess-Certainly. Nell-What did he say then? Bess-Nothing. Actions speak los

er than words-and Jack is all right as an actos

She-Papa objects. He mays you are in actor.

He-Give my regards to the old boy and tell him I'm sorry he isn't a newspaper critic.

Self-Approval.

"Well," said the detective, "there is one thing upon which we may congratulate ourselves in this case." "Why, you haven't even found an

important clew." "That's just it. We can rest an-

sured that no innocent person is go-ing to suffer."-Washington Star.

From Experience. "Rudolph, dear, the people next door rish to borrow our lanterns for a lawn fete.

Thom's lend them ??

"But they can't hurt the lanterna."

"Oh, you don't know. If you loan them the lanterns they'll want to borrow tables, cloths, knives and dishes. Then as our lawn is larger than theirs they'll want to borrow that. Afterward they'll ask our children to help out as walters."

Womanlike.

Mrs. Popley-What do you think? Baby spoke her first word to-day! Mr. Popley-Well, well: And it won't be many years before she'll be haying the last word .-- Philadelphia Press.

A SYRODYHL

David Warfield, the actor, was a very promising scholar as a lad when attended the public schools of San Francisco.

"I remember an examination," said he. "which was the hardest thing I ever had to get through. The teacher, I understand, has kept some of my answers, which she says are much more humorous than edifying. Among a bunch that she sent me recently my answer to the query, 'What is a synonym?' It ran:

"'A synonym is a word we use in place of one we don't know how to oll.

"Clever, wasn't it? Yet a lot of fellows appropriated that as their own, and Belanco says other fellows were just as bright as I was, years before I was born. Isn't that discouraging to a budding genius?"-St. Louis Democrat

Fronts Destroy Vines. It is estimated that half the vine crop of France was destroyed by the troats of April.

A Definition. "Pa, what is a fray?" "Why, my son, that is what a per-on who has pever been in a fight calls it."-Puck.

Theaters in New York. Thirteen new theaters, to cost \$8, 000,000, are being built in New York

Once more the umpire is doing his

and high prices will continue. The auanimals, and I do not believe that it hands in ecstasics. will ever get so violent as to make people indifferent to the delight of alt-

ting behind a pair of high steppers."-Washington Post. When Talk Comes High.

"Oh, well, talk is cheap," sneered the augry lawyer. "Not that kind," replied the judge "Ten dollars," please." promptly. Syracuse, N. Y., Herald,

the twinkle widening. "We-ell, I believe I said that if any body could get any more off that tree

"I havn't insisted upon the stone

city. "Eh!" exclaimed Mr. Puffer.

to last about three weeks longer at the annual stunt as a martyr.

ginnings from him. It was organized ered." opon, and even yet largely retains, the "You haven't caten a single one out ems which date from him, and it uses the English language and inherits the all of them." English literature, to the world-compelling greatness of which he gave the

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