CHAPTER L.

A little dell in the heart of a wood was and held animated talk with Nature. deliciously dappled with leafy shadows. The gray-bearded man wandered A loosely clad man, bearded and specta- through the wood with his chin sunk upon field easel, and libeled the landscape at thy, and looked as if he had a considerathen and drawing back his head to survey was like an engle's beak and ascetically It with an air of charmed appreciation. fine, Illis temples were hollowed like and in the shadow of a moss-grown rock, which were large and brown and mournsat a lady some ten or a dozen years ful to the verge of pathos, were the eyes younger, leisurely torturing thread into of a born dreamer and a fanatic by na-

lace with a booked needle. A little way down the dell a boy was ous, with a flash of tears in her eyes.

be so happy? Will it last?"

"Who knows?" he answered. "Human

"Sometimes," she said, "a shadow seems | ing." to fall upon it all-the shadow of a fear." "The shadow of the past-experience. burned children, both of us. Five years' married life is a large allowance. And, peated once or twice, faintly and more after all, our present happiness isn't phenomenal, my dear, though it looks so. We anew almost at a run, but he was old, have health, and we value it because we and the lad was unusually solid and well because we have been so deadly poor. And then," he laughed and half blushed, "I am dangerously happy," she answer-

"Come, let us unpack the luncheon basket. Cold chicken. Salad. Bread. Cheese. Milk. There we are. Fall to. Sit down by your mother, Cupid. Take a pull at the milk, old man, and then you'll have an appetite. What a sudden shadow !"

A cloud had floated between themselves and the sun, and a strange quiet had fallen with the shadow on the woods. "Austin," the wife whispered, "there is that dreadful man again. It seems as if

he had brought the darkness with him." A brown sloping path, covered still with the fir needles shed in the foregoing autumn, broke the wal' of green which bounded the dell, and down this footway, between the silver steps of the birches and the reddish stems of the firs, walked a gray-bearded man, with his head drooped forward and his hands clasped behind him. He looked neither to left nor right, but went by as if unconscious of their presence, and in a little while was lost behind the thicker growth of trees. As he went out of sight the sun broke through the cloud, the leafage was inundated with

song. "Look." she whispered; "the shadow

follows him." "What an odd mood this is to-day!"

said her husband, smiling at her. "And why is the poor old gentleman so dread-"But, Austin, do you know? You can't

have heard. He is known to have hatched plots against the Czar."

"Well, yes. It is known also that he has been wifeless and childless this twenty years. His wife and his two sons died in Siberia. They went there without trial, and people who know him say that the loss of them in that horrible way turned his brain. Suppose anybody stole you and little Austin? Suppose he drove you on foot through hundreds of miles of ice and snow? Suppose that he made you herd with the human off-scourings of the world, and that you died after three or four long-drawn, hideous years? It might be wicked, but surely it would not be quite without provocation if I blew that man sky-high. I don't say that regicide Is a thing to be commended. I don't defend the poor old gentleman's political opinions. But I do say that human nature is human nature."

Luncheon over, he returned to his painting, to find the lights all changed. He worked away, however, with great contentment for an hour or two, while the wife and the boy wandered beyond the limits of the dell. When they came back they found that he had packed up his traps and was lying at length on the moss, with his face turned to the sky.

"I do this better than I paint," he said, cocking an idle eye at his wife from beneath the soft white felt which rested on his nose. "Shall we get back now?"

"I want to carry something, papa," said the boy, possessing himself of the camp stool. They sauntered on together tranquilly through the twinkling lights which dazzled from between the leaves, and their steps were noiseless on the dense carpet of fir needles. The boy laid down his burden to chase a sulphur-colored butterfly. They had gone a hundred yards before they missed him, and when they turned to look for him he was seen at the far end of a wooded vista, seated on the camp stool.

the father. "Isn't there something lonely and almost pathetic in it? He looks as would never come—a figure of deserted childish patience." He hailed the child last the official seized his meaning, and and turned away again. "He knows the road?" he asked. "There is no danger of turn out all the third-class passengers. his losing himself?"

"We have been here twice a day for a round, smooth face, with a touch of applemonth past.

fellow sat on the camp stool behind them

eled, and a little on the right side of his breast and his eyes fixed upon the forty, sat on a camp stool before a small ground. He was tall and gaunt and swarhis ease, pausing at his work now and ble strain of the Jew In him. His nose Near him, on the guarled trunk of a tree those of a death's head, and his eyes,

ture. It was already dusk when the old Ni elambering among the rocks, shricking hilist turned his footsteps into the wood every now and then with ecstatic news of and having just remembered that he had a beetle or a butterfly. He was a sturdy, not broken his fast for seven or eight blue-eyed, golden-haired little fellow of hours, he had somewhat quickened his five, the picture of health, and he was usual thoughtful pace, when the sound risking his limbs and chattering to all aul- of a sob reached his ear and he stopped mate and inanimate nature—a delightful suddenly to look about him. Within a boy, and all alive from his golden head yard or two sat the lost child on the to his restless feet and tips of his brown camp stool, with his back against a broad little fingers. The mother snatched him tree trunk. The old man knelt on the to her arms and covered him with kisses. grass and looked at the sleeping boy. His Suddenly she looked up, flushed, half pite straw hat had fallen off and lay beside him, his golden hair was tumbled and "Austin, I feel afraid. Have I a right disordered, his long dark lashes were still to be so happy? Has any one a right to wet, and his rosy cheeks were blurred and soiled with the traces of his tears.

"Eh! La, la, la?" said the old fellow, affairs run in averages, but then the av- in a pitying accent, "Lost! Did we erages are not individual. We have had sleep in despair, dear little heart? in almost trouble enough in our time to have tears? in terror? And God sendeth a paid for a little joy. Let us take it grate- hand, ere yet it is night time. To the child, rescue, and to the old man teach-

Then he took the child softly in his arms, and gathering up the hat and the The burned child dreads the tire. We are camp stool, entered the wood. As he did so, a faint and distant cry reached his Illness and poverty out of seven years of ears, and he stopped to listen. It was refaintly, and then died away. He started have each missed it in turn. We have a grown for his years, so that the burden little money, and we think it a great deal soon told on him, and brought him to a walk again. It was a full mile, from the spot to which the child had wandered to "we have a little fame, and that is all the Cheval Blanc, and when the little the pleasanter because we were so long hostel was reached the bearer's back and neglected. Sweet is pleasure after pain." arms were aching rarely. The landlady met him in the passage with a cry.

"Oh, the little Anglais! You have found him, monsieur? Jeanne, run to the woods and tell them that the child is

found." "You know him?" asked Dobroski.

Who is he? Where does he live?" "He is the child of the English at the hotel des Postes," answered the woman, standing on tiptoe to kiss the boy. 'He has been lost this five hours." Dobroski turned into the street, and the woman followed him talking all the way. 'He is the only child of his parents, and their cherished. Imagine, then, the despair of the mother, the inquetude of his father! They are rich. See how the child is dressed. There is nothing you might not ask for."

The old man nothing. He surrendered his charge at the hotel, where the boy was received with such noisy demonstrations of pleasure that he awoke. Being awake, and recognizing his surroundings, he adapted himself to them with an immediate philosophy, and demanded something to eat. A second messenger was dispatched to the wood to bring back the party who had gone in search of him. life again and the birds renewed their

His mother kissed him frantically and ried over him, but his father set out for the Cheval Blanc to thank his resuer. He found Dobroski seated in a little room with a sanded floor, and began to stammer his gratitude in broken and mutilated French.

"It was a piece of good fortune to find him," said Dobroski, speaking English, to the other's great relief. "I am delighted that the pleasure was mine."

"I don't know how to thank you," said the Englishman, a little awkwardly, lugging a purse from his trousers pocket. For a moment Dobroski fancied the stranger meant to offer him money, but he merely produced a card, "That's my name," said the Englishman, blun-"Austin Farley. Upon my deringly. word. I really don't know how to thank

"My good, good sir," returned Dobroski, "what would you have had? What was I to do? He was sure to be found, and it was my good fortune to have found him.

"You must let his mother come and thank you, sir," said the Englishman. 'Upon my word I really don't know what to say to tell you how grateful and obliged I am. His mother has been in the greatest anxiety. You must let her come and thank you.

"Well, well, Mr. Farley," the elder man answered, himself a little shy at the other's concealed emotion. "If you will think so mere an accident worth thanks to anybody- But pray let us say no more.'

CHAPTER IL

There was a great crowd of people at the railway station at Namur, and the Luxembourg train had no sooner steamed into the station than it was besieged by the mob, and all the carriages were taken by storm. One tourist, who had furnished himself with a first class ticket, and had shouldered himself through the crowd to the buffet, was exceedingly wroth on his return to find that the carriage he had occupied was filled by third-class excursionists. He spoke French with a fluency, and an inaccuracy in combination with it, which fairly took off his mental feet the official to whom he appealed, and in a very passion and torrent of his ora-"Look at the little figure, Lucy," said tory rippled audibly the accent of Dublin. He talked all over, arms and hands, finger tips, head, shoulders, and body. He if he were waiting for somebody who talked with all his features and with all his muscles and with all his might, and at proceeded with inexorable politeness to The triumphant tourist stood by, sudden-"He knows the way," she answered. ly smiling and unruffled. He had a color on his cheeks, a nose inclining some-So they marched on, well pleased, talk- what upward, and an expression of selfing of indifferent matters, and the little satisfaction so complete that it aroused

the frony of one of the ejected. "He is well introduced to himself, that fellow," said he, but the tourist did not hear, or did not care if he heard. He stood tranquilly by, holding the handle of the door, until the carriage was cleared, and was just about to ascend when a

slow, quiet voice spoke behind. "Got that through, old man, ch?" The tourist turned suddeny, and stretched out a hand to the speaker. "What? Maskelyne, me boy. Deloyt-

ed. Where are you going?" "I am going to Janenne by rail," said the other, accepting the proffered hand with a hearty shake, once up and once down. "From there I go on to a little place called Houfoy, to see some old friends of mine."

"I'm going to Janenne meself," said the Irishman. "Can't we ride together?" "I suppose we can," returned his was just as calm as the Celt had a min- alongside, providing for doors opening ute or two before been eager, and his directly into the stable. In case sliage voice was distinctly American. He was is fed to milking cows, directly there very precisely and neatly attired, his is a danger of its odor filling the stafigure was tall and elegant; his face was handsome but melancholy, and curiously pale. The eyes were the best featureblack, soft and lustrous, but they looked as if he had never smiled in his life. "I the stable and by proper ventilation. say, Fraser," he said, in his slow, mild voice, when they were both seated, "where did you pick up your French? I never heard anything like it."

"I've knocked about Paris a good deal," said Fraser. "I speak Jorman with the same facility, though it's probably me Scotch extraction that gives me that."

Midwa ybetween Namur and Luxembourg the two travelers changed trains for Janenne. The engine steamed lazily through a most lovely country, and the young American, looking continually out of window, seemed absorbed in contemplation of the landscape. But it eguld scarcely have been the landscape which half a dozen times called a dreamy smile to his soft eyes, and once a blush to the sallow pallor of his cheek. When the train drew up in front of the little red brick station, a building planned like a child's toy house and not much bigger, the blush came to his cheek again, and his hand trembled slightly as it caressed his black mustache.

"Well, it's good-by for a time, old fellow," he said, shaking hands with Fraser. "But I will see you again to-morrow or next day, most likely, if you can find time to turn from affairs of state."

"Are those your friends?" asked Fraser, looking through the window as the train crawled slowly along the platform. "An uncommonly pretty gyurld The ould boy looks like an army man. He's waving his hand at ye.

"Yes," said Maskelyne, with his soft drawl a little exaggerated. "That is my man. Good-day, Fraser, Tell O'Rourke I'm down here and that I'll run over and have a look at him."

A minute later he was shaking hands with the young lady who had excited Mr. Fraser's admiration.

York?" "Thank you, Miss Butler," he answre-

came to Europe are very well indeed, will afford some protection. Major Butler, I am charmed to see you looking so robust. I had not hoped to see you looking so well."

"Dyspepsia," said the major. "When

At this point Fraser came up with perfect sang froid, raised his hat to the girl and accosted Maskelyne. "I say, ould man, tell me what's the

pest place to put up at here?" Mr. Fraser raised his hat to the major. member of your British House of Commons,"

"Delighted to meet you!" said the major, but he did not look as if this statement could be accepted.

(To be continued.)

Origin of the Union Jack. The British union jack, the king's

colors, combines three crosses—the cross of St. George, the cross of St. Andrew and the cross of St. Patrick these three crosses occurred in an in- rod in the wall near the top to act as teresting fashion. Primarily England's flag displayed a red cross on a white ground. The white cross of St. Andrew made its appearance side by side with that of St. George during the reign of James I., the Scottish king who ascended the throne of England. It was not until later, however, in 1707, that the two crosses were combined on the one banner and the white em- press the paper closely. blem of St. Andrew ran from corner to corner of the blue field and crossed the red emblem of St. George,

Nearly a century later the red dlagonal cross of St. Patrick found a place on the same flag. It was after the Irish parliament was united to the British that this change took place.

In England it is stipulated that all colors, as flags are termed, shall be hand made. At first they were the work of women members of regimental families, but later the privilege was given to contractors, who number less than half a dozen, it is said. If, however, the wives and daughters of officers want to make colors for their regiments they are permitted to do so, but as a rule these regimental colors are submitted to the garter king at arms for his approval before they are presented to the regiments for which they have been made.

Joshing Her.

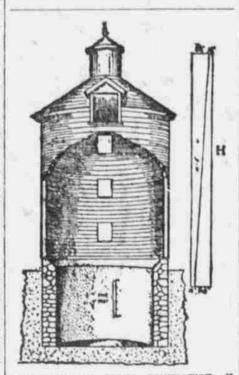
Mr. A .- Going downtown to select your spring hat, eh? Well, you better wait until night. Mrs. A. (in surprise) -Night, George?

Why? Mr. A .- Didn't you say it was going to be a dream?



Building a Silo. In locating a sile it is well to renember that the feeding of the silage is an everyday job during the whole ing equal, the nearest available place is the best. If the ground is dry outble to the detriment of the milk. This can to some extent be avoided by keeping the cows at the opposite end of

Silos may be built of wood, stone, brick or concrete, or partly of one and Where lumber is cheap and stone high,



ROUND SILO ON STONE FOUNDATION-II SHOWS METHOD OF SAWING BOARD FOR CONICAL ROOF.

wooden silos are generally built Where stone or brick can be obtained though farmers are busiest in spring. readily these materials will have the preference. Concrete silos are the most "Welcome to the Ardennes, Mr. Maske- durable and all things considered may lyne," said Angela, with frank good hu- be the cheapest in the end if cement difficult work combating weeds, but 1861-Adelina Patti made her first ap-"How are all our friends in New and gravel or cobble stones are near at the time so devoted will be regained hand.

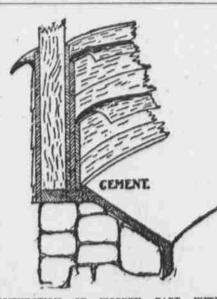
Round silos give the greatest casmile which was all the brighter and the pacity for the wall space and in the sweeter because of the usual melancholy case of wood construction, lighter maof his countenance; "I cannot undertake terial can be used. In the Northern to tell you how all your friends in New States and Canada the possibility of York may be, but the few scores of whom freezing must be taken into considerahave heard in one way or another since tion. The sheltered side of the barn

There should be a substantial masonry foundation for all forms of wood silos to bring the woodwork everywrote you I was really ill. I am all where at least 12 inches above the right now. But I've been a good deal earth. The bottom of the silo may be worried, and when I'm worried I get 3 feet or more below the feeding floor dyspepsia, and dyspepsia means despair. of the stable so that 4 to 6 feet of That your baggage? Got the ticket for stone, brick or concrete wall may be counted on. For a silo 30 feet deep a foundation wall of stone should be 18 inches to 2 feet thick.

Tamp the ground forming the bottom of the silo, so that it will be solid "Hotel des Postes," said the major, and then cover with two or three inches of good concrete. This is ad-"Let me introduce you," said Maske- visable because clay soll will spoil the lyne. "Major Butler, this is Mr. Fraser, sliage if permitted to rest on it. In case the wood portion of the silo rises 24 or more feet above the stone work and the diameter is more than 18 feet. it will be best to stay the top of the wall in some way. If the woodwork rises from the outer edge of the wall, then building the wall up with cemen? so as to cover the sill will give the needed strength, because the woodwork will act as a hoop; but if the sllo stands at the inner face of the wall it will be best to lay pieces of iron

The studding of the all-wood round silo need not be larger than 2 inches by 4 inches, unless the diameter is to exceed 30 feet, but they should be set as close together as one foot from center to center. This number of stude is not required for strength, but they are needed in order to bring the two layers of lining very close together, so as to

When paper is used to make the



CONNECTION OF WOODEN PART WITH STONE WALL.

joints between boards air-tight, as represented in the illustration, it is extremely important that a good quality

Treating San Jose Scale

The aggressive orchardists of Maryland are able to control the San Jose cale, but in a number of localities this pest affords serious difficulties. Wherever osage orange hedges become infested the difficulty of eradicating the San Jose scale is increased.

A number of experiments were tried by the Maryland Station with different Insecticides in combating the pest. Lime and sulphur mixtures were used containing from 20 to 30 pounds of lime and from 15 to 25 pounds of sulphur per 50 gallons of water. The lime-sulphur-salt mixture, tested by the authors, was made according to the winter and spring. Other things be formula 20-15-10-50. Lime-sulphurcaustic soda preparations were also employed, as well as a mixture con-"Baggage is registered." He side the barn the silo may be built taining 15 pounds of sulphur and 10 pounds of caustic soda per 50 gallons of water.

In most cases the weaker lime-sulphur preparations were about as effective as the stronger, but in a few instances an increased effectiveness 1264-English barons victorious at was noticed where 35 pounds of lime and 30 pounds of sulphur were used 1464-Yorkists victorious at Hexham per 50 gallons of water. Perfectly satisfactory results were obtained from partly of another of these materials. the use of lime-sulphur-salt, and limesulphur-caustic soda also proved fairly effective. The sulphur-caustic-sods mixture was not so satisfactory. Kero- 1610-Assassination of Henry IV. of sene limoid did not prove to be a good substitute for lime-sulphur. Certain proprietary remedies were tested and notes were given on the preparation of 1783-8t. John, N. B., founded by U. E. the various insecticides which were used.

Fighting Weeds.

If the labor annually bestowed in the 1796-First vaccination by Dr. Jenner. endeavor to eradicate weeds could be applied at the proper times not only would the nuisance be removed, but the labor lessened. In the case of weeds the slightest amount of labor saved in omitting to kill them when it should be done entails greater labor at other times. Nor is all labor on weeds 1811-Battle of Albuers, between French lost. During the eradication or destruction of weeds the regular crops 1839-Caroline Murat, sister of Namay be cultivated and the land put in better condition. One of the greatest mistakes is in not destroying the weeds 1840-John M. Niles of Connecticut bewhen they first appear. It will require less labor to destroy a hundred weeds single plant after it has made considfact that every weed that reaches maturity and produces seeds leaves greater work to be done afterward. Al- 1856 Queen Victoria distributed medals yet by properly preparing the land for 1860-Republican convention at Chicago the intended crop they gain time. For a year or two the farmer may find it fourfold in after years. Weeds can 1872-Pere Marquette and party started best be destroyed when rotation is used, and the ground should be plowed for corn early enough in the spring to 1885-Louis Biel, leader of the rebellion allow of the sprouting of weed seeds. This sprouting of the weed seeds is the most important part of the process, and the farmer should be willing to per- 1892-Great damage caused by flood at form any amount of labor if he can sprout them at a time when they will not interfere with a growing crop.

Experience with Manure Spreader. My experience with the manure spreader teaches me that the modern method of applying manure to land is far in advance of the old practice, says a writer in Farm and Fireside. In applying manure with the spreader it is put on uniformly, and all parts of the field are equally benefited. When the manure was dumped in piles, it frequently happened that the work of spreading was postponed for some time, and the result was that much of the fertilizing value of the manure leached out or was lost through fermentation. The manure spreader not labor, as the work is all done at one time. It does two very important things and does them well-it thoroughly fines the manure and distributes it evenly.

Managing Bees.

It is always best to start with a full colony of bees, and one that is in every respect in first-class condition. It is true that one can buy a part of dearest in the long run, and more liable to be a failure. A strong colony est area is owned by the government, of bees in one season is capable of storing 100 or 200 pounds of honey; besides, they may swarm and make from one to two colonies. Bees should always be in a condition to take care of themselves, and do not require such difficult manipulation as that of a nuthing in working order the moment the bees are located and the entrance open.

The Boll Weevil.

cotton is the best variety for use in uation. sections infested with the boll weevil. An additional religious order is now Northern-grown seed, in order to re- represented in the Milwaukee archdiotain its early maturing qualities, must cese. The Rev. Conrad Ebert, O. S. B., be renewed from its Northern sources a Benedictine father from St. Vincent's at least every other year. The results arch abbey, Beatty, Pa., having been apobtained from these experiments con- pointed chaplain of the Sacred Heart firm previous work along this line, and be used that will not decay and is cultivation of the crop, and the de-university he was chancellor at the time struction of cotton plants in the fall, of his death,



(War of the Roses). 1500-Louis XII, defeated the Venetians

at the battle of Rivolta. 1525 Anabaptists defeated at Franken-

hausen. France and accession of Louis X111. 1642 Montreal founded by Maison-

Loyalists. 1791-Lord Cornwallis routed the army

of Tippoo Saib, 1795-Alliance of Paris.

1804 Lewis and Clarke started up the Missouri river on their trip of exploration.

1804 Napoleon Bonaparte proclaimed Emperor of the French. 1809-British took possession of the

island of Anholt. and British.

poleon I, and ex Queen of Napless,

came Postmaster General of the United States. when they are young than to kill a 1841-Fall of rock from Cape Diamond,

Quabec, killing 25 people. erable growth, to say nothing of the 1848-Insurrection in Vienna. Emperor fled to Innsbruck.

1853-First railway train left Toronto. to the wounded heroes of the Crimea.

nominated Abraham Lincoln and Hannibal Hamlin.

pearance in London. from Michilimackinac to trace the course of the Mississippi.

in Northwest Canada, surrendered. 1886-Britain took possession of all Burmah, annexing it to India.

Sioux City, Iowa. 1895 Count Kalnoky, premier

tria-Hungary, resigned.

1807-Turkey agreed to an armistice with Greece. 1898 Battleship Alabama launched at

Chester, Pa. 1899-Edward Everett Hale resigned pastorate of South Congregational church, Boston, after forty-three

years of service. 1900-Gen. Buller occupied Dundee, South Africa.

1902-Coronation of King Alfonso XIII. at Madrid.

Rate of Forest Destruction. According to a bulletin issued by the forest service of the Agricultural Department, every person in this country is using over six times as much wood as only saves the plant food elements of the individual consumption in Europe, the manure, but also saves time and and the country as a whole consumes over three times what the forests of the United States grow during the year. The consequence of this policy is an inevitable timber famine. It is pointed out that the increased population since 1880 is barely more than half the increase in lumber cut, so that the increase of forest destruction cannot be explained entirely on the theory of increased population. The Northeastern States have passed their maximum production, and the Southern States are near their maximum, while the State of Washington a colony for less money, but it is the now ranks first in the volume of timber cut. At present one-fifth of the total for-

> ber this year is not less than 150 years. The Negro and the New South.

> The average age of trees felled for lum-

Ray Stannard Baker, in the second of his series of articles for the American Magazine, dealing with the negro problem, condenses his observations into this cleus, or pounds, of bees, and a queen, phrase; "They want the new South, but etc., as full and strong colonies are the old darkey." He said he had the now sent in the ordinary hives used experience of being told that no northin the apiary, and are equipped with erner can understand the negro as well the necessary fixtures to have every. as those who have lived with them all their lives, and then of finding "that these men rarely knew anything about the better class of negroes, those who were in business or in independent occupations, and who owned their own The co-operation with the Bureau of homes." On the other hand, the best Entomology of the Crop Pest Com- negroes did not know the higher class of mission of Louisiana a number of cul- the white people in the South, and based tural experiments were carried out in their suspicion and hatred upon the acts different sections of the cotton belt, of the "poor white trash." To this he during which it appeared that Triumph attributes the danger of the present sit-

sanitarium in that city. the author therefore recommends thor- | An effort is to be made to erect a colough preparation of the soil, early lege building as a memorial to Bishop planting, the use of early varieties of McCabe on the grounds of the American cotton, abundant fertilizers, thorough university, Washington, D. C., of which