into town on the stage to-day?"

But he came back after a while and asked if there wasn't some private place he could stay. My wife happened to be in the store jest then, and he persuaded her to take him in. He's some sort of an advance agent for a gospel mill, I guess."

The young man who was the subject of this conversation, Fred H Curtin, was a Sunday School missionary, sent by the board from Yale Seminary. "I am neither grub nor butterfly," he said, pleasantly, when troduced by Mrs. Wilson as "rever end." "I am only sent here for the summer and then I must go back to complete my studies before I can be made a full-fledged minister. But while I am here I shall do my best to preach and teach in the Sunday school which I hope you will establish. That is, I'll preach if you'l come to hear me," he added. laughing.

By the next day at noon it wapretty generally known that the "parson," as they called him, had come to make their village his head quarters for the summer campaign or Sunday school mission work. Bu the fact that his errand was known did not keep the missionary fron calling upon all the families in the town and the adjacent country to invite them to the meeting he proposed to hold on the following Sunday.

He found them willing enough to join with him in the effort to secura school, the more so because the town of Lariat had for more than a year boasted of a Sunday school Cartin came at length to mention the school at Lariat as a means of introducing his project.

Lariat did Indeed have a Sabbath school of which it was justly proud. The n-is-ionary superintendent of the northwestern district had tolo young Curtin the circumstances of its organization, but it was not until this crowd up here doesn't want any Fred had reached the ground and peer to-day." spent a day and a night with the a school would be yenich was meant to be a whisper: "What's on purely business principles." The superintendent of missions had told the matter with the parson? Stumm is called without a trump this time?" him that there was, so far as he knew, not one single professing Christian concerned in the management of the graph on the meeting had been of reganization. But the people had not be teled to the back of a brought wanted their children gathere I into a school and he had cheen the most available teachers out of the matrisin at hand. When the young mission array arrived at Lariat he had linguised on the leader concerning by him that there was a rought be and the waster of the party, removed the warp per from the cards, drew out the sicn of the party, removed the warp per from the cards, drew out the solon winding up the assent. In front were two horsemen, be on the lock of a brought that the person of the material at a little man, well known to a school and he had cheen the most available teachers out of the material at hand. When the young mission array arrived at Lariat he had finglined the earlier of the party, removed the warp per from the cards, drew out the section winding up the assent. In front were two horsemen, be on the lock of a brought the world would declare for or against the production of the material at a little man, well known to a little man, well who would declare for or against the production of the material at late the without a trump that the back of a brought to a little man, well known to a little man, well t

round here for two days workin' the feel sure that there ain't a single guards, or the first man that reaches he couldn't get a crowd together no- assembly which I see before me who person, just take the guns out of the how. We'd give him the slip on ain't got the welfare of our thriving belts o' them fellows, will you? hay meadows we had to. But he ever helps to boom Star City meets rest to me. Then just take that preached to us by installments all port. We want all the special at you with an' tie the hands of all day. When night come he organ tractions that there is a goin'. Most them fellows, and we'll take the ized the school on the hay wagon on of you know this young man that whole gang o' them back to Lariat. keeper of the archives, who read pretain directly to the game. Even those of the average of their sex, and the road home-so as we shouldn't has cast in his lot with us. From all Draw the knots tight-it won't hurt get scattered again. We all prom- I can judge of the plan he's proposed 'em. Their blood s.ems to circ'iate

learns the most bible verses. So the ettlements of the whole region, affair Loomis says he won't, and I school has a reg'lar boom all the nolding occasional services wherever promise you I never will." time."

of the lessous, and who leads in

prayer?"

HOW THE PARSON SHOWED HIS better prayer than the Lord's Prayer; he's got to cross the creek here. If you should go to-day into the enif anybody else does he can blaze Let's have some fun with him."

stations nor mining camps, but rival City was to secure a sultable building courteously and was riding by when Lariat is always ready to respond, the house in fresful cricicism, until towns struggling for the possession in which to hold his meeting. The they called out, "Hold on! We "Yes, and one that's grit, clear down Lena declared she would not stand it of the county seat when the new school directors were in a quarrel, county of Custer should be set off, but the very man who had refused They had been ranches in the early the use of a school building had of- rope dexterously wound itself around in Congregationalist. days, but now that the country was fered to head a subscription paper to the fore leg of his pony. beginning to be more thickly settled pay for the use of a good-sized hall a village and post office had sprung over one of the saloons of the town.

them. Then the question of seating and pulled the pony's mouth open, it has seldom, if ever, been described, an attempt to convey some idea of it will be a smile illuminated her pale face.

"Who's that stranger that come arose. Extra chairs were not very pretending with great gravity to an attempt to convey some idea of it. plentiful in the houses. Stumm, the examine her teeth. Suddenly he "I don'no," Major Wilson, the keeper of the saloon below, used the gave her head a vicious twist, almost toward 4 o'clock on Saturday after-postmaster of Star City responded. room for storing his beer kegs, both bringing the little animal to her noon that the servants commenced past 4." postmaster of Star City responded. room for storing his beer kegs, both where he could get full and empty. It was he who sugboard for a few days and I sent him board for a few days and I sent him to the Last Turn or the Brick Front. poards von Russell's lumper yardt to the Last Turn or the Brick Front. oudt and sdretch 'ein der peer parrels | kick the beast. gross to make seadts?"

> When the Sabbath morning came 'urtin ascended the outside staircase o the hall with a beating heart, half expecting that there might be noody gathered to hear him after all. l'o his surprise he found the board grinned. ents already well filled by the women and children of the settlement. Postmaster Wilson stalked up to him s he sat facing the audience.

"Don't you begin this meetin' ou only give 'em time."

First they sang, the preacher leadng and others joining as the owners crowd." of the voices grew more bold. Then prayer and more singing, with readop by this time and the missionary egan his sermon feeling quite enouraged. He had some ability a in extempore speaker and was under ull swing when there was a rattle mder the floor at his feet; then a ection of the floor swung upwardnd the frowzy red head and beard f Stumm, the saloon-keeper, ageared.

"I peen sorry to 'sturb you, poss at de breachin' prought a pig growe and I haf more peer soldt ash I expected. So I must haf some of den eer kegs-if you blease," he added. eeing that the postmaster's eye waixed coldly upon him.

There was a half-suppressed snick r in the back of the hall as Stumn telivered himself of this long speech the missionary stood staring at th ntrader for a moment, but the laugi rought him back to the realizatio hat he must keep his grip on th neeting if his work was to be a uccess.

"Well, hurry up and get one he kegs down. One will be enough:

a school would be which was "run one hoarse voice now spoke in what is that you are disturbin' the peace greatest pashas, having already on purely business principles." The was meant to be a whisper: "What's

thing up, but it was hay harvest and voter in this large and representative Sunday mornin' an' got off to the young city near to his heart. Whatfollered us up a horse-back an' with our cordial approval and sup-

re could secure a hearing.

here men lay on the grass behind a Here, shake. By-gauger," searchroup of willows that fringed the log through his vocabulary for the reck a short distance out of Laria. spiritual truths of the lessons, I guess Cheir faces were broughl with the said. Yes, we'll be there, and we'll maybe they don't have 'em in this sun and reddened and swollen with set anywarres you put us." school, but I can tell you how they fiquor. Since long after daylight That night the mission ry premanage the prayin' part. That was they had been lying under the will as his hearers had never heard home Sunday he says, I ain't got no pray- posite side of the creek, sat up and although it was the height of their miliar chair in favor of Turkhan So the game went on, and there in' books here to-day, but I have rubbed his eyes. Stretching out a busy season. Star City caught the Pasha.

mave some business with you."

"Want to trade horses?"

"No; mine suits me very well." It was the Missoula Kid who con-

"Don't!" warned the missionary, "Don't!" warned the inissionary, springing to the horse's head, while a bright flush mounted to his check afterward troops filed up the hill and his hands nervously knotted and lined both sides of the road from meaning Judith Solomon. It was

until I can call the boys in. The chumps down at Star City, with quiet dignity. The room was picture-sque. There were six chairs here. We're not that kind of a

"Gentlemen," protested the missionary, keeping his temper admiring from the scriptures and still ably, "I have an appointment to fusion or mistake, awaiting the admother song. They were warmed preach in Lariat to-night; and I am going to preach there. There must be some mistake."

"So you say we're lyin', eh? Get right down on your knees an' promore mornin', or we'll run you out." ry would say.

rders."

you want to be muzzled."

From the same quarter of the racket of yours so as to boom Star only two or three, all the rest of count them to make sure. Mrs. which had accumulated under the

Hold onto one of 'em and bring the

It was the Missoula Kid who Late one Sunday afternoon in July spoke first. "Parson, we'll be there, mildest word he knew, "you've got

terprising new county of Custer you away after we get done. All that The men sat up, grumbling pro- would find two presperous churches, Lens, the cook in the Solomon The stage from Hunter's Camp to knows the Lord's Prayer by heart fanely at being roused, but having alert, sprittal, aggressive and run House, and Nellie, the maid of all Verndale made two trips per week close their eyes, an' them that don't still enough bad whisky in them to on the most approved business prin- work, were on the verge of a strike each way, stopping at Star City and ain't to take their eyes off'n the make them ready for any brutal ciples. Both are under the care of before luncheon was served. That Lariat. Verndale was a supply sta- cards. When I tap the bell, all be- amusement, especially at the expense one pastor-a man, as Major Wilson, was because Mrs. Solomon, had been tion on the Pacific Railroad and gin at once.' An' so they've kept it of one for whom they bore no love. of S. ar City, will tell you, "who in a state of fletget from the moment The missionary had crossed the won't take dust from anybody in the she emerged from her room. Nothment some sixty miles inland. Star The greatest difficulty which the creek and ridden up to the men bestate, no matter who he is." And ing quite suited her and her voice City and Lariat were neither supply young missionary had found in Star fore he saw them. He greeted them to this sentiment Deacon Loomis of rang through the rooms and halls of

new grand vizier is one of the most may not be without interest. It was nand have the incheon rerved at half themselves into fists and then unclasped themselves. The cowboy grinned.

"You be the parson, ain't you?"

Come from Star City ab? Well

the landing stage at Sirkidjy to the interesting to watch her as she picked the chips out of the box and placed them on the table. Being young Come from Star City, ch? Well, pleted for the reception of the new we're the committee app'inted by occupant of the principal office in pallor, and possessing more than usthe citizens of Lariat to run you out the empire. In the great council ual grace in all her movements, her of town. You may suit them chamter the scene was unique in its preachin', but the thing don't go present and past, and though an had even guessed what was about to happen, each one took his place silently and regularly, without convent of the still unknown chief. At the head of the hall a small

vacant space was left, around which grouped the present ministers and those who had previously held portslowly up the carpet with one short the ground, breast and torchead. Soloman said: "Gentlem n, you know what I'm This rythmical greeting, accentuated and get ready. We haven't any nere for," he began. "I have not by the movement of scarlet fezes in come here to make money. I have unison with open hands, given in religious conference. Get onto that of his colleagues, subordinates and Again the firm lips closed. "I mobody knew upon whom the choice of the sultan had fallen. Many "Then we'll have to proceed accordin' to instructions." Taking a greasy theater program from his pocket he pretended to read. "The first charge against you, Parson, is that you are working this religious racket of yours so as to boom Star City for the county seat. The second

same ceremony, was standing in the other women that she had forgotten pas-ed them over to Mrs. Solomon, guards, or the first man that reaches center of the ministerial group. to ante or that it was her turn to say who proved to be the biggest loser of the day, and had to turn over \$15 to parehment to his lips and forehead. man with very thin lips and a sharp, buted by some of the others losers, rietts that the Kid was goin' to tle this homage to the words of his imperial master and the Hatt was them fellows, and we'll take the whole gang o' them back to Lariat. I Draw the knots tight—it won't hurt is imperial majesty, the when she bet she said nothing, but for about five minutes there was a long the rietts that the Kid was goin' to tle this homage to the words of his imperial master and the Hatt was straight nose, who was addressed as traight nose, who was addressed as went to the chief winner, Mrs. Cardozo. From the time she squared, the woman showed that their tongues were no different from pretain directly to the game. Even those of the average of their sex, and some of \$1.45, costs, and for the intrinsic rest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent, per get scattered again. We all promiised him we'd stop workin' on Sundays and site (b the Sanday school
days and site (b the Sanday school)
and we hev."

One young farmer to whom Fred
iPen Loomis is a husiler, you bet.
Whatever he takes hold of doesn't,
Whatever he takes hold of doesn't,
we have the promise in the related by the promise of the school as this is carried to
merely go, if's got to hum. He
ain't very plous, Ben ain't—used to
early plous, Ben ain't—used to
early the promise but he never gets full on Start
if lee on Loom, times; but he never gets full on Start
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it lee on Loom, times; but he never gets full on Start
it lee on Look at that Sunday school of
him. He had a tree last Christmas
—rigged her all up himself for a surrise. Then he offers prace to the
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during the quarter, and be gives a
dollar a Sunday to the kid that
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all the full that his interests of the well of the training that the devotion, well that his interests of the wel hard to imagine anything more nounce that luncheon was served. striking than this prayer, amid such "Come, dears," said Mrs. Solomon

With it term nated the investiture. The new grand vizier adjourned to greeted this remark. his room with his ministry for coffee "Oh, pshaw!" said Mrs. and later on the old and new viziers. The game is just getting interesting. and ministers repaired to Yi'diz to We can cat and play." manage the prayin' part. That was they had been lying under the will the thing that stuck Ben at first. He didn't want to be the leader because he knew somebody had ought to pray, an' he thought it wasn't pray and they had been lying under the will as his hearers had never heard hum and ministers repaired to Yi'diz to pay their first, or last, respects, to their lord. Meanwhile, snother their lord. Meanwhile, snother dittle room would not seat the proper thanks and the winner, still true to the silence, merelp glanced crossly at it has never failed to do all that is they not try a remove the thing for him to do. But work the thing for him to do. But work they had been lying under the will as his hearers had never heard hum and ministers repaired to Yi'diz to pay their first, or last, respects, to their lord. Meanwhile, snother their lord. Meanwhile, snother their lord. Meanwhile, and the winner, still true to their lord. Meanwhile, snother their lord. Meanwhile, and the winner, still true to their lord. Meanwhile, snother their lord. Meanwhile, and the winner, still true to the thing for eight years, and it in his family for eight years, quite the thing for him to do. But near by. The youngest of the men. a revival which swept the town of Porte, for Said Pasha, who has been "Oh, very well," said Mrs. Solo-Benjamin he was in for it, and he the Missouli Kid, wakened by the Lariat and the whole country round, minister for foreign affairs for nine mon, "if you object, why we'll con- bottles free at Hillsboro Pharmacy. Banking hours from 9 a. w. to 3 p. w. worked it out like this: the first sound of galloping hoofs on the op- T e people came night after night, years, was bidden to vacate his fa- tinue."

to the roots of his teeth, Rev. Fred. any longer, and Nillie was reduced to At the same moment a horse-hair erick H Curtin."-Gilliam W. Ford tears and helples-ness. Mrs. Solomen barely touched her food at breakfast or luncheon, but after the NAMING THE GRAND VIZIER, latter had been disposed of, she be-The ceremony of "naming" the came somewhat calmer, and when Nellie cleared the things off the was the most intense rivalry between had this was engaged for the sumducted the parley. He now came impressive sights imaginable; and, as fore her a carved oak box, a happy "Mind, now," said Mrs, Solomon,

paraphernalia. This was the first intimation given to the world that and pretty, in spite of her extreame heur or two previously none there and on the table before each chair she placed three piles of chips, consisting of twelve blues, ten reds and twenty

It was I o'clock. A few moments later the bell rang and the company which Mrs. Solomon had been expecting began to arrive. Within ten pecting began to arrive. Within ten minutes all had come. They were \$10.00 Systematic Plan of Speculation. se that you'll leave the country befolios. As each came in he pared although one was gray-haired and one was still in the flush of youth. "I will not," was all the mission-salute. As soon as he reached the The door had hardly closed behind end all present returned the te-"Then we'll have to carry out our mena's with a sweep of the hand to been barely exchanged, when Mrs.

time to waste."

come to preach Christ. I have gone snence and in the dim curtained and disappeared within her room They followed her to the next floor among the people of this whole valight of the council chamber, defies When they returned to the parlor thong the property them to better, adequate description by the pen. floor a great transformation had taken purer lives. I have tried to follow And then the newcomer returned the salutes separately, beginning at treet costumes had been removed the left-hand side, round the square and replaced by comfortable dressing superiors, and one more candidate gowns. No further ceremony was indulged in. They took their places for the vizierate was effaced. For around the table, Mrs. Solomon at

it the imperial Hatt, he pressed the very slight, dark-complexioned wo- That amount, and \$10 more, contri-The dark-bearded sheikh repeated straight nose, who was addressed as went to the chief winner, Mrs. Carsuitan, knowing the devotion, well placed her chips with a soft, cat-like perfect babel of talk as each told her annum, from the 20th day of February proved of Said Pasha, intrusted to motion in the center of the table. Her versition at not heaving done some 1863, and for the costs and expenses o. said

world and its vanities. It would be appearance of Nellie, who came to an-

surroundings and on such an ocea- with a sigh, "we'll stop for a short time and have a little luncheon." A chorus of indignant objections

and a perfunctory cabinet council, "what is the use of stopping now?

was no further interruption to the sent for some cards an' next Sunday spurred boot he kicked the other two we'll have all things in good shape. men into sensibility. Solomon arrived at premacy was lorgotten—lost sight of colic, cholera and imilar complaints.

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