## Between Two Fires

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"A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds." -Francis Bacon.

CHAPTER XX -- (Continued.) the Colonel; the question was how to which, I hastened to add, I entertained out wit him. I unfolded my plan to the no intention of performing. Signorina, not at all disguising from her

be ignominious, it could not substantially bank, and carry off all the money in the aggravate our present position. 'Are you going to take any of the money away with you?" she asked. "No," said I, "I don't think so. It would considerably increase the risk if I very neat game, too, if you play it propwere seen hanging about the bank; you erly know he's got spies all over the place. Besides, what good would it do? I when they hear the Provisional govern-

couldn't stick to it, and I'm not inclined | ment is looting private property?" to run any more risks merely to save the bank's pocket. The bank hasn't treated me so well as all that. I propose to rely not appear in the matter." on your bounty till I've time to turn asked her when we had arranged the other catch the exact drift of the thing.

"I think not," she said. "I believe the Liberty street."

"At two o'clock in the morning exactly, by then, and no one will notice you. You like, set fire to the place. have a revolver?"

can help it; but if you do, don't leave pose that's coming next?" him to linger in agony. Now I'm off," I continued. "I suppose I'd better not come and see you again?"

been here two hours already." "I shall be in my rooms in the afternoon. If anything goes wrong, send your lars, which he promised so readily that I carriage down the street and have it strongly doubted whether he ever meant stopped at the grocer's. I shall take that to pay it,

The Signorina agreed, and we parted tenderly. My last words were: "You'll send that message to Whitting-

ham at once?" "This moment," she said, as she waved

me a kiss from the door of the room.

CHAPTER XXI. I was evidently in for another day as unpleasantly exciting as the one I had spent before the revolution, and I reflected sadly that if a man once goes in for things of that kind, it's none so easy to pull up. Luckily, however, I had several things to occupy me, and was not left to fret the day away in idleness. First I turned my steps to the harbor. As I went I examined my pockets and found a morning-a handsome installment. lars. This was my all, for of late I had deemed it wise to carry my fortune on is, they don't care twopence either for me my person. Well, this was enough for the present; the future must take care of ätself. So I thought to myself as I went along with a light heart, my triumph in love easily outweighing all the troubles and dangers that beset me. Only land me safe out of Aureataland with the Sigmorina by my side, and I asked nothing

more of fortune! Let the dead bury their dead, and the bank look after its dollars! Thus musing, I came to the boat house where my launch lay. She was a tidy little boat, and had the advantage of being workable by one man without any difficulty. All I had to arrange was how to embark on her unperceived. I summoned the hoatman in charge and questioned him closely about the probable state of the weather. He confidently assured me it would be fine but dark. "Very well," said L "I shall go fishing;

start overnight and have a shy at their The man was rather astonished at my

unwonted energy, but of course made no "What time do you start, sir?" he

"I want her ready by two," said I "Leave her at the end of your jetty, ready Tor me. She'll be all safe there, won't

"Oh. yes, sir. Nobody'll be about, except the sentries, and they won't touch

I privately hoped that not even the sen tries would be about, but I didn't say so, "Of course, sir, I shall lock the gate. You've got your key?"

Yes, all right, and here you are and much obliged for your trouble." Highly astonished and grateful at re-

eelving a large tip for no obvious reason (rather a mistake on my part), the man was profuse in promising to make every arrangement for my comfort. Even when I asked for a few cushions, he dissembled his scorn and agreed to put them in. "And mind you don't sit up," I said as T left him.

"I'm not likely to sit up if I'm not obliged," he answered. "Hope you'll have good sport, sir."

From the harbor I made my way straight to the Golden House. The Colomer was rather surprised to see me again so soon, but when I told him I came on business, he put his occupations on one wide and listened to me, I began with some anxiety, for if he

sus ected my good faith all would be lost. However, I was always a good hand at a lie, and the Colonel was not the Presi-

"I've come about that money question," "Well, have you come to your senses?" he naked, with his habitual rudeness. "I can't give you the money," I went

"You sit there and tell me that? Do you know that if the soldiers don't have money in a few hours, they'll upset me? They're ready to do it any minute. don't know now when I give an order through my bead."

"Fray be calm," said I. "You didn't Let me finish !" "Let you finish!" he cried. "You seem

pose, if you hadn't interrupted me," I said and runaway lovers. quietly, but with inward exultation, for 1 To my mind it is nearly as difficult saw he was just in the state of mind to to be consistently selfish as to be absowalk eagerly into the trap I was prepar- lutely unselfish. I had, at this crisis, ev-

What do you mean?" he asked. I explained to him that it was impossi-

reputation was at stake; it was my duty We had no time to waste in abusing to die in defense of that money—a duty

the difficulties, and even dangers, attend- bound not to surrender the money, I am ant upon it. Whatever may have been not bound to anticipate a foreible seizure her mind before and after, she was at of it. In times of disturbance parties of this moment either so overcome with her rufflans often turn to plunder. Not even fear of the Colonel, or so carried away the most rigorous precautions can guard by her feeling for me, that she made noth- against it. Now it would be very possiing of difficulties and laughed at dangers, bis that even to-night a band of such pointing out that though fallure would marauders might make an attack on the

> "Oh!" said the Colonel, "that's the "That," I replied, "is the game; and a

"And what will they say in Europe,

much explanation. You will, of course,

"I should like to be there," he remarkround. Now, shall I come for you?" I ed. "If I weren't, the men mightn't "You will be there, of course, but in-

cognito. Look here, Colonel, it's as plain Colonel has one of my servants in his as two pens. Give out that you're going pay. I can slip out by myself, but I to reconnoiter the coast and keep an eye couldn't manage so well if you were with on The Songstress. Draw off your comme. The sight of you would excite cu- panies from the Piazza on that pretense. riosity. I will meet you at the bottom of Then take fifteen or twenty men you can trust-not more, for it's no use asking more than you can help, and resistance is please. Don't come through the Piazza out of the question. About two, when evand Liberty street. Come round by the crything is quiet, surround the bank. drive." (This was a sort of boulevard Jones will open when you knock. Don't encircling the town, where the aristocracy hurt him, but take him outside and keep was wont to ride and drive.) "Things him quiet. Go in and take the money. ought to be pretty bus yabout the bank | Here's the key to the safe. Then, if you

"Bravo, my boy!" said the Colonel. There's stuff in you after all And what "All right. Don't hurt anyone if you are you going to get out of it? I sup-

As the reader knows, I wasn't going to get anything out of it, except myself and the Signorina. But it wouldn't do "I'm afraid you mustn't, Jack. You've to tell the Colonel that; he would not be lieve in disinterested conduct. So I bargained with him for thirty thousand dol-

"Do you think there's any danger of Whittingham making an attack while we're engaged on the job?" The Colonel was, in common parlance getting rather warmer than I liked. It

was necessary to mislead him. "I don't think so," I replied. can't possibly have organized much of a party here yet. There's some discontent, no doubt, but not enough for him

"There's plenty of discontent," said the Colonel. "There won't be in a couple of hours."

"Why not?" "Why, because you're going down to the barracks to announce a fresh installment of pay to the troops to-morrow

to keep them quiet for one night. Fact or Whittingham; and if they think they'll get more out of me they'll stick to me.' "Of course," I assented. Indeed, it was true enough as long as the President was not on the spot; but I thought privately, that the Colonel did not allow enough for his rival's personal influence and prestige, if he once got face to face with the

troops. "Yes," the Colonel went on, "I'll do that, and what's more, I'll put the people in good humor by sending down orders or a free social in the Piazza to-night." "Delightfully old-fashioned and barosial." I remarked. "I think it's a good idea. Have a bonfire and make it complete. I don't suppose Whittingham freams of any attempt, but it will make the rlot even more plausible,"

"At any rate, they'll all be too folly o make trouble," said he.

my directors and ask instructions for the evestment of the money."

"You'll live to be hanged, Martin," said the Colonel, with evident admiration. "Not by you, ch. Colonel? Whatever might have happened if I'd been obstinate! Hope I shall survive to dance at your wedding anyhow. Less than a week

"Yes," said he, "next Saturday's the

He really looked quite the happy bridegroom as he said this, and I left him to atemplate his bliss.

"I would bet ten to one that day never comes," I thought, as I walked away. "Even if I don't will I'll back the Presilent to be back before that."

The Colonel's greed had triumphed over his wits, and he had fallen into my snare with greater readiness than I could have The question remained, What would the President do when he got the Signorina's letter? It may conduce to a better understanding of the position if I tell what that letter was. She gave it me to read over, after we had compiled it together, and I still have my copy. It ran as follows:

"I can hardly hope you will trust me again, but if I betrayed you, you drove me to it. I have given them your money; it is in the bank now. M. refuses to give it up, and the C. means to take it to night. He will have only a few men, the rest not near. He will be at the bank at who was trying to think of "clothestwo, with about twenty men. Take your tree." own measures. All here favor you. He threatens me with violence unless I marry him at once. He watches The Songstress, but if you can leave her at anchor and land in a boat there will be no suspicion. Do not punish me more by

CHRISTINA. "P. S .- M. and the C. are on bad erms, and M, will not be active against

Upon the whole I thought this would bring him. I doubted whether he would believe very much in it, but it looked probable. Again, he was so fond of a whether I shall be obeyed or get a builtet bold stroke, and so devoid of fear, that it was very likely he would come and see if it were true. If, as we suspected, he already had a considerable body of adherents on shore, he could land and reto think jabber does everything. The end connoiter without very great danger of of it all is, that either you give me the falling into the Colonei's hands. Finally, money, or I take it-and if you interfere, even if he didn't come, we hoped the letter would be enough to divert his atten-"That is just what I was going to pro- tion from any thought of fugitive boats

ery inducement to concentrate all my efforts on myself, but I could not get the for me to give up the money. My improbable that Jones would try to resist | kind."-Washington Star.

the marauding party; but neither the Colonel nor his chosen band was likely to be scrupulous, and it was impossible to see that Jones might get a nullet through his head; indeed, I fancied such a step would rather commend itself to the Colonel, as giving a bona fide look to the affair. Jones had often been the cause of great inconvenience to me, out I didn't wish to have his death on my conscience. so I was very glad when I happened to meet him on my way back from the Golden House, and seized the opportunity of giving him a friendly hint.

I took him and sat him down beside me beach in the Piazza. I was in no way disturbed by the curious glances of three soldiers who were evidently charged to keep an eye on the bank and my dealings with it.

I began by pledging Jones to absolute secreey, and then I intimated to him, in a roundabout way, that the Colonel and

fore desire to tell you, Mr. Jones, that in which we can determine the presence the lamentable event of any attack on the of hair-balls, and therefore no treatbank it will not be expected of you to ment can be recommended for such unable to be at the bank this evening; died from maladies not involving the they had with it seemed very favoroblige me by not attempting to meet force ocrat. by force. You will yield, and we shall rely on our remedy against the government in case of loss."

the natural bent of Jones' mind that he long, 12 inches wide at top; 7 inches readily acquiesced in them and expressed wide at bottom; take four laths 1 and high appreciation of my foresight. "Take care of yourself and Mrs. Jones, my dear fellow," I concluded; "that is all you have to do, and I shall be satis-

I parted from him affectionately, won lering if my path in life would ever cross he honest, stupid old fellow's again, and heartily hoping that his fortune would soon take him out of the rogue's nest in which he had been dwelling.

## PRICELESS MANUSCRIPTS.

(To be continued.)

How They Are Preserved and Cared For at Washington. On the second floor of the congres

sional library, reached through a great hall filled with exhibits, the visitor finds a lofty pavillon, fifty feet square, with desks, catalogues, and other speclal equipment for the consultation of manuscripts, says the Youth's Companon. This is the administrative headquarters of the manuscripts division. In a room of equal area above it six repairers are continuously at work leansing, mending and plecing out documents that require this and re-enforcng with a mask of transparent silk gauze the most valuable of them.

To the rear of the main pavillon "Yes," said he thoughtfully, "that ought of metal cases, the lower of which is shovel.—Farm Progress. inclosed in glass, tightly set, with locked doors. In the alcoves opposite the wide windows are large steel safes, burglar proof, with combination locks. astonished even the most sanguine There are twenty of these and others friends of the hog. Both fresh and may be added as needed.

In these cases and safes are now housed the manuscript collections, were so high that they were expected Among them are the volumes which to check consumption. There are three until recently transferred to the library reasons why his condition has existed have formed a distinction of the De- and still exist. First is the prosperpartment of State, the papers of the ity of the South, a large consumer of Continental Congress-in more than cured meats. The Southern trade was 300 follo volumes-the papers of Wash. never larger than it is to-day. Next ington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, among the Presidents; of Hamilton, like our own, seems to proceed regardpapers of Andrew Jackson and Martin bacon. Its consumption is unprece-Van Buren, acquired by the library by "Well, that's about all, isn't it?" said gift, and of Franklin Pierce, James K. ing. There has been no shortage in I, "I shall be off. I've got to write to Polk and Andrew Johnson, acquired by purchase. The papers of Salmon P.

Back of these in date and touching another side of our history are the patant earlier passages in the achieve- hitch up a green colt and drive to town

never until now been accessible to the try to jump out of its skin when sur-

Asked and Answered. "Oh, what do you call those things

you hang clothes on?" said Dumley,

"What things?" asked Jiggins, like this and-"Oh, dudes!"-Philadelphia Ledger.

One of a Few. Hyker-My wife seems to possess the argain-counter instinct. Pyker-852

bether a 49-cent article has been marked down from 50 cents or up from 48.—Chleago News. His Luck. Peter-Did you ever borrow any noney in case of emergency?

Hyher-Yes; she can tell at a glance

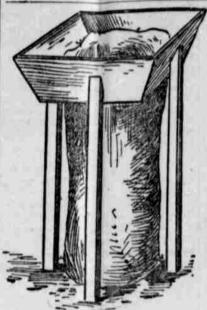
Pan-Not a cent. Peter-You don't mean it? I can never get anybody to lend me any,-Detroit Free Press.

A Man of Doubts. ership would eliminate graft?" "I am not quite sure," answered Sen-



has accepted that responsibility. I there- There are no centain symptoms by peated next season. expose your life by resistance. Such a cases. The walls of the reticulum have lty on the feed market, yet I see but cases. The walls of the returnment insists that their measures shall not be put in danger of frustration cases. The walls of the returnment insists that their measures shall not be put in danger of frustration. It is to the results of feed-with nails or pieces of wire, and yet the animals during life had not shown the life had not shown th by any rash conduct on our part. I am any symptoms of indigestion, but had beard speaking about the experience

Handy Bag Holder. To construct this bag holder make These instructions so fully agreed with a funnel with four boards 10 inches



BAG HOLDER.

2 inches, 31/2 feet long, and fasten on funnel for feet, with sufficient slant to stand steadily; drive four small Farming. nails in funnel, 3 inches from bottom, at corners, to heek bag on. For filling stretches the storage room-a hall more corn in ear in phosphate sacks, the

Big Demand for Pork. The demand for pork this year has cured ments lave been taken in large volume right along at prices which is the growing foreign trade, which Franklin and other statesmen. Contin- less of prices. And, finally, the people dented in our history, and is still grow-

Handling the Young Horse. It is so easy to ruin a young horse pers-including the letter and log or let him lose his life that it is a wonbooks-of Commodore Preble and many der people arenot more careful. Counof Commodores Barry and Porter, Brill- try boys often think it "smart" to ments of our navy and the career of the the first trip, It looks dashing and interview in his office during the four noisy, yelling crowd is enough to scare years of his incumbency. They have a steady horse, and a young one will historian. Without them the final his- rounded by a lot of youngsters enger tory of the revolution cannot be writ. for fun. It may be fun for them, but

Stockman. Cows in Winter. If cows begin to fall off in milk durng the winter, after being given an that they require some kind of succulent food. Where enslinge is used, it serves as green food, but on farms where no silo is filled the food may be fed warm the cow will relish the mess highly, and the change of food will improve the appetite.

Tuberculosis. When cows are affected with tuberculosis it is difficult to discover the "Do you think that municipal own-rship would eliminate graft?" this test has been accepted by many this test has been accepted by many that it does not fulfill expectations Jones out of my head. It was certainly inate it or simply originate a new improbable that Jones would try to resist kind."—Washington Star. tuberculosis will be very difficult.

There are two ways of compacely destroying weeds. One is to let them have the opportunity to grow, and, by frequently cultivating them, turn them under as fast as they make their ap pearance; the other being to crowd We are frequently asked what causes them out by growing some crop that hair-bails. These concretions are pro-duced by the animals licking them-selves or of the concretions are pro-likely grow. No system of cultivation will

selves or other animals. As a result kill all the weeds if a crop is desired of this habit the halfs swallowed are —such as corn—for the grass and were both very apprehensive of an at-I were both very apprehensive of an attack on the bank.

"The town," said I, "is in a most unsettled condition, and many dangerous characters are about. Under these circular the storage in size as fresh quantities of the weeds are producing seeds, thus estimates are about. Under these circular the storage in size as fresh quantities of the weeds are producing seeds, thus estimates are about. characters are about. Under these cirdefense of our properts in the hands which become adherm to the surface ing year. As a test of what supposed the defense of our property in the hands of the government. I have formally intimated to the authorities that we shall hold them responsible for any loss occahold them responsible for any loss occa-sioned to us by public disorder. The in the rumen, In cares, hair-bails are produces thousands of seed, the labor Colonel, in the name of the government, generally found in the fourth stomach. of descroying the weeds must be re-

Grind the Hay and Stover. Alfalfa meal is a standard commodbut in the event of any trouble you will second stomach. St. Louis Globe-Dem- able. A prominent Pennsylvania dairyman a few days ago told me he is about putting in grinding machinery that will handle the timothy and mixed hay and reduce them to a fine ground, crushed condition. Who ever tried this practically? Is there any available information in the experiment station reports? I would not like to commit myself, but it seems to me theoretically that we could do the rougher part of the chewing cheaper with gasoline or alcohol power than with cow power. It has been amply demonstrated that feeding the cow easily digested feed saves feed.

Wonders of Concrete. Here are some concrete possibilities. You can build concrete foundations, sidewalks, fences, water troughs, cisterns, water tanks, shelves, cesspools, gutters, floors of all kinds in the cellar. barn and stable, steps and stairs, well curbs, horse blocks, stalls, hog pens, troughs, chicken housen, corn cribs, Ice houses, incubator cellars, mushroom cellars, bolted frames, bridge abutwindmill foundations, fence posts,

Value of Weight in Horses.

than 200 feet long by nearly 40 in funnel should is made larger, so corn width. It is shelved with three tiers could be readily shoveled in with grain more per hundredweight when making would try this business once they would weight in the case of a heavy draft more money in blacksmithing. If some a sale. A farmer is in position to feed never go back to the school room again. as cheaply as any professional feeder. I'm bringing up my girls the same way To sell well on the market horses must The eldest is an expert blcycle repair be fat, sleek and well groomed. The er now and the younger two are also buyers demand fat. If one has time good at the business. The oldest girl to give proper exercise and light work, has a bank account that she earned something may be added to the value from blcycle repairing." of the horse, and it will be ready to go right into the heavy work of a city some young horse to be shod. Mr. buyer. A little additional grooming, Wilcox went forward to take charge together with blanketing, for a month of the animal, but its owner shook his will also add a good bit to the selling head. price.

Packing and Storing Apples. The apples that are to be kept over winter must be carefully picked from the trees by hand, as every apple that uing the presidential series are the of this country have learned to eat falls to the ground will be bruised and but when Mrs. Wilcox did it before rendered unfit for the barrel, any injury hastening decay, Should decay them some way. Maybe it's the way begin with one apple all the others she talks to them." numbers of logs, but a vastly increased in the barrel are also liable to become demand. This is why prophecies based diseased. Apples must be stored in Chase and a large collection of papers on hog supplies have failed and are likely to fall in the future.—National It is the alternate changing of temper-the animal offering no resistance whatature that damages them in storage, ever, though he had laid back his ears Clean barrels should be used, the ap- threateningly at Mr. Wilcox's apples should be as uniform as possible, proach. and sent to the market in an attractive form.

Profit in Small Fruit. Ten acres of small fruits will often make a man more truly prosperous most picturesque of its heroes are in brave, but it is really senseless. A than ten times as much land in wheat the twelve volumes of papers of John frightened young animal threw itself or corn. He may not be worth as much on a paved street of a town the first in actual capital invested, but he will how, and, perhaps, in really enjoying The letter books and diary of Robert time it was taken there and broke its be getting a larger net income, and it. You'd be surprised to know how Morris as superintendent of finance leg. It was bewildered by the noise doing it with less severe toil. The (1781-84), acquired three years ago, and crowds and had never felt the small farm well tilled, whether it be after generations of vicissitude, includ- touch of harmess before. Don't go off in fruits, dairy, vegetables, etc., is at ing the perils of the junk shop, contain on Sunday afternoon knowing that most always the most satisfactory. The ple are not True to you. Are you parcopies of every letter written by him your sons and all the boys in the principal capital needed to start such ticularly True to others? and a minute of every transaction and neighborhood will hitch up the colt. A a farm is a level head and knowledge of the business.

Pasturing Clover.

Clover is injured when cattle are permitted on the field when the land the future usefulness of the animal is is very wet. There is a temptation to at stake.-Richardson, in National allow cows to use the clover fields some, but any gain by so doing is always at the expense of loss in some other manner. Cattle do much harm by tramping; for which reason not even the pasture should be used until abundance of grain and hay, it is an in- the grass has made considerable growth, "Why, they have arms that stick out dication that the quarters are cold or Close grazing should never be allowed.

Ton for ton, many farmers are finding out that unthreshed cats, cut when varied by allowing silced carrots or the grain is in the rather soft dough turnips, though the best results can be (milky) state, and cut fine with a secured by first cooking the turnips and stalk cutter, are better than meadow thickening the mess with bran. When hay-ent equally fine to feed cattle, especially milch cows. As a rule, good farmers raise far more weight of oats to the acre than of hay.

Multiplication of Weeds. To give some idea of how weeds multiply it may be stated that a single fact in the first stages. The animal plant of pepper grass will produce 18. Pan Fact. Fve often tried to, but may have a cough or be emaclated. 000 seeds; dandellon, 12,000; shepyet be free from the disease. Veteri- herd's purse, 37,000; wheat thief, 7,nary surgeons now test them with mile, 16,000; common thistles, 65,000; chamo-tuberculin, which induces characteristics. tic physiological effects, and, although laine, 375,000; plantain, 47,000, and yet it has strong opponents, who claim allowing a single weed to produce seed ator Sorghum, "whether it would elim- Should the tuberculin test prove un. A single hour's work in destroying inate it or simply originate." Should the tuberculin test prove un.



"Dr. H. W. Wiley, chemist of the Department of Agriculture, proposes to mangurate a series of experiments to determine the effects of alcohol on the unn stomach."-News Item.



Mrs. Philip P. Wilcox, a slender little woman, weighing scarcely 100 pounds, is the village blacksmith of the crossing of species and in selection, College View, Neb. She learned her wisely directed, a great and powerful somewhat unusual trade from her hus-

Having taken up the work at first for pleasure, Mrs. Wilcox found her of species is to me paramount. Upon health steadily improved with the ex- it, wisely directed and accompanied by ments, chimneys, ventilators, rams, ercise, and decided to keep the little a rigid selection of the best and as Wilcox blacksmith shop open one rigid an exclusion of the poorest, rests clothes posts and hitching posts. There summer while her husband was away the hope of all progress. The mere is one farm where the post and rall working in the railroad shops. Her crossing of species, unaccompanied by fences and the feed bins are concrete, success was so marked that she has selection, wise supervision, intelligent and in another even the lattice under kept at the work ever since. She can care and the utmost patience, is not the house plazza and the laundry stove shoe a horse as well as any other likely to result in marked good, and are made of it. Cases of this kind are blacksmith in the country, though she may result in vast harm. Unorganized extreme and impractical, however admits this is one part of the work effort is often most victous in its tenwhich is a little distasteful to ber.

Mrs. Wilcox was a teacher before her marriage, and now holds a teach-Every hundred pounds additional er's certificate. She said: "There is

One day a farmer led up a mettle "If you don't mind, Phil," he said,

"I'd rather Mrs. Wilcox would do this job. The colt seems to have a weakness for her. He nearly kicked the shop down when a man tried to shoe him down in Lincoln a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Wilcox stroked the horse for a moment on the nose, and, talking gent-

Noting the look of surprise caused by the ease with which she wielded a heavy hammer, Mrs. Wilcox smiled. "It's not so much strength," she said, "though of course I'm a hundred per cent stronger than I was when I began this work. It's more in knowing just much genuine pleasure I get out of this work.

You are always fussing because peo-

MINGLING OF THE RACES.

Human Life Much Like Plant Organization, It is Asserted.

In the course of many years of investigation into the plant life of the world, creating new forms, modifying old ones, adapting others to new conditions and blending still others, I have constantly been impressed with the similarity between the organization and development of plant and human life, says Luther Burbank in the Cen-

While I have never lost sight of the principle of the survival of the fittest and all that it implies as an explanation of the development and progress of plant life, I have come to find in instrument for the transformation of the vegetable kingdom along lines that lead constantly upward. The crossing

SCHOOL STUDIES.



I was just thinking of "Stub" Williams. Remember him? He sat on the front seat and was the dumbest thing that ever went barefoot. About all he ould do when called upon to recite was sweat and look as expressionless as a pumpkin ple. He couldn't spell; he could scarcely read; he knew nothing about geography, and be always said that grammar "ain't no use." His father was another "Stub," and went to law with the school authorities because they forced him to send his boy to school. The old man is dead, Heard of the other "Stub" last week. He went through our town in his private car. His grammar isn't much better, but when he speaks the superintendents of three big railroad systems take notice, and he can sign his name so that they can read it at the bank. You never can tell.-Cincinnati Post.

In every neighborhood, the people complain of some annoying family. Do the neighbors complain of YOU?

"WHEN THE LEAVES BEGIN TO FALL!"



-St. Louis Republic.