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CHAPTER XIL-(Continued.)

Later on, the little party of excursionists found a suitable spot for their picnic beneath the smooth, mossy trunk of a glant beech tree, upon the breezy slopes Taibot's mouth was shut by a large help-Ing of yeal ple, while the poodle lay with his nose upon his mistress's lap and was regaled with tithits from her plate. If to ber friend. Felicia leaned her back against the tree After that Sunday they saw him no leaned her back against the tree and did the honors of the repast. The

You may depend upon it that picture is somehow connected with Brian Des-mond's life," said Mrs. Talbot decidedly. "Did you notice how mysterious the old woman was about her? I wonder if she was some governess in the family, and

what has become of her." "Since Mr. Desmond has married some one else, 1 don't see that it matters much," said Felicia indifferently.

"I shall never forget that face, it was Desmond been wearing the willow for her ever since, I wonder?"

which her friend pursued the subject of Mr. Desmond's antecedents.

"Look!" she exclaimed, glad to find "did I not tell you there had been a mond's study! Good gracious, he is taking off his hat and coming straight to

A gentleman was in fact walking slow-Iy up the slope among the beech trees guage, that trick of good society in which toward them. He was young and decidedly good looking; he had pleasant grey eyes and an agreeable smile, and sloft in the cherry tree and studied his manner, when he took off his hat Pope's "Essay on Man" with the alland addressed them, was perfectly selfpossessed and devoid of awawardness.

must really apologize that you not think what Mrs. Succurden was house.

"Oh, we are quite comfortable here. thanks," answered Gertrude smilingly; her whole face brightened at once. She but she saw that he was well-looking and a gentleman. He had sufficient asout knowing her and his very audacity "We must introduce ourpleased her. selves. I am Mrs. Talbot, a grass widow, if you choose to call me so. This poodle, and this is my friend, Miss Grantley."

ful and summer-like in her white dress and wide shady hat, leaning against the would take no notice of him. He did not genture to speak to her.

tourists," continued Gertrude laughing-

jaway it will do us no harm." Mr. Raikes did come once, and once He called upon the two ladies only. at the hotel the following Sunday, During the visit he flirted outrageously with of the hill behind the gardens. Here Mrs. Tafbot and glanced askance at Fe-the nurse unpacked the luncheon basket licia's somewhat cross face as she sat hy they had brought and Master Roland reading the paper, wishing that she would not look so coldly and indifferently at him; but she would not speak to him, so he was fain to address himself entire-

more, for Mr. Talbot, unexpectedly, came nurse having discreetly retreated out of back from Scotland sooner than he inearshot with her own portion of the tended, and the little party at Smackton whands, the ladies proceeded to discuss was in consequence broken up; the two what they had seen and heard. friends said good-by to the Yorkshire watering place, Felicia paid the last bill, and they packed up their boxes and migrated southward together.

CHAPTER XIII.

It was September when Kitten was married in Frierly village church. It is May when Mr. and Mrs. Brian Desmond take up their abode in the newly decorated town house in Lowndes square. All these months the happy pair have a peculiar type of beauty. Has Brian spent abroad. Kitten has learned and seen more than she had ever dreamed of in her whole life before. She has been Felicia stilled a yawn; she was at a taken to Paris and Vienna, and to Rome. loss to understand the keenness with She has been dressed by Parisian dresstaken to Paris and Vienna, and to Rome. makers and presented at foreign courts; she has become self-possessed and con-versational; she has learned to talk glibsomething to change the conversation, ly about the old masters, and to understand the difference between modern and man in that room. Behold, without a antique bric-a-brac; she is quite a con-doubt, the late occupier of Mr. Dessesses a valuable collection of her own. of Venetian and Genoese point, and she has gained that undefinable something. that charm of manner, that grace of lan-

she was possibly somewhat lacking in the old childish days when she sat up devout worship of her earnest young soul

But all this time has she been happy? should have been driven out into the Has Brian indeed taught her that love woods for your luncheon, ladies. I can- and joy are one, and that happiness can be caught and embraced and tightly about not to ask you to remain in the held captive between the clinging arms of answering affection?

At first she believed that it was so To be with him daily, to share his life, to sun herself forever in his smile and did not know who was addressing her, in the glances of his eyes, was sufficient for her for a time. As her love grew and increased in depth and intensity, so surance to address himself to her with- did the blindness of her self-devotion render her at first unconscious of all save the delight of her own adoration. But as the days and weeks went by, she began vaguely to feel a faint chill of is my son and heir, this my angel of a disappointment. Sometimes the ardor of her love seemed even in her own eyes to meet with but an inadequate response. Felicia bowed coldly, she looked grace- Once or twice it happened that she poured out her thoughts and her fancies, and

that he hardly understood her. At times smooth, mossy beech trunk. The stran- he was abstracted and thoughtful, and ger looked at her curiously, but she if she rallied him upon his gravity he dropped her eyes upon her plate and would rouse himself with an effort, smile upon her, stroke her hair, kiss her pouting lips and tell her lightly that he was We are nothing but common vulgar thinking of "business."

Then, one day, there came an awakening. It was a wet afternoon. They were "come over from Smackton in an open fly for an outing, but I am a great at Dresden, and were slowly wandering friend of Mr. Desmond's, and now sit homeward to England. They had ex- are sorely troubled when we are al- humid climates it is necessary to store the best milking strain.-G. L. McKay, hornstort the down here and share our lunch if _TO1 . BBG the "green vaults," had listened to the organ will, but please introduce yourself first; in the church till they were tired of it. tell us who you are and where you live.' and wandered about the narrow streets "My name is Edgar Raikes, at your service. I, too, am a great friend of Mr. and hung over the bridge across the Elbe until they knew them all by heart, Desmond's, and I live here," answered the strauger laughingly. But he did not It was their last afternoon, and it was raining heavily. Brian got aick of the accept Mrs. Talbot's invitation to sit down and partake of her lunch; he stood dreary grandeur of the hotel sitting room. leaning upon his stick and looking down and clothing himself in a long waterproof coat, went off by himself for a walk. upon her, but glancing sometimes covert-Presently, from sheer idleness, she he ly at the young lady, who was eating gan touching the triffes upon her husher luncheon in cold silence. band's table-his silver cigarette case. "Do you live here at Keppington Hall?" inquired Mrs. Talbot, with some his writing case, the little collection of silver topped bottles and ivory tollet imsurprise. plements. She fingered them with loving Yes, certainly." tenderness, as things which, for their "Oh, then it was his paper upon the owner's sake, were dear to her. His floor," she exclaimed, turning to Felicia. dressing bag stood wide open upon a 'and his pen that was wet?' "And his smell of smoke," interpolated chair, and just loside it was a small square morocco case. Kitten felt a vague Miss Grantley quietly. It was the first wonderment that she had never before thing she had said. noticed this article. She took it up and "Ab, you are observant, Mrs. Talbot!" turned it about curiously. Apparently replied Mr. Raikes. "I certainly did it was locked, but presently, quite acci-dentally, her fuger touched upon a beat a most hasty retreat out of the study when I heard the approach of spring, and the case flew open auddenly. Indies' skirts. It was lined with faded satin. Kitten's "Has Mr. Desmond lent you the heart began to beat with a strange and sickening sensation, for what was the "Exactly, he has given me the use of meaning of these things which lay inside? it for a time," he answered with a alight -a crumpled white glove, a bunch of He might have told her that he flush. dead violets, a tiny lace bordered camwas paid a hundred and fifty pounds a brie handkerchief with the faint odor of perfume still lingering about it, an oval locket, which, with a wild amazement "What on earth do you do here?" said she found to contain a soft, thick curl of dark brown hair, and then, beneath everything else, a folded letter, yellow shoot a little, and I fish a little," and faded, with written words that were said the young man. He might have pals with time and blotted with tears, added that he got himself generally into mischief, but this he also wisely recreased and crumpled out of all original shape and smoothness. Half mad with something terrible which seemed to "It must be very dull; you had better stifle and choke her, Brian's wife read the opening words in the dim, faded ink that had been dry for years. "My darling," is what she saw-then no more, scene on the road below them. Roland's for there came a heavy footstep behind her, a rough hand that enatched the paper from hers, and a hoarse, angry voice two ladies to the road, and assisted them that spoke her name. most politely into their vehicle, lifting "How dare you!" said Brian, in a voice of suppressed fury. He pushed her back, snatched the case and its contents away, bundled them all back and saupped the spring of the box, and thrust it back into the dressing bag. Then he lightful flourish and a bow which a duke might have envied. "What a truly charming young man!" turned around to his wife again. Never had Kitten seen that look of black rage before upon the face she loved so well. She cowered and shrank before him, I really have no patience with you, with white, drawn features and horror-What do we know about sticken eyes that widened into terror as this man? I cannot understand your they met him. rushing at a stranger like that, asking But she was brave, too, and she knew that as his wife she had a right to "My dear, when you are my age you know. "I am sorry," she said, "sorry to have annoyed you. It was by accident that I opened it. But since I have done so-We are very dull at Smackton. comes he will amuse us; if he stays since I have seen those things, you must I'm going to attempt it.

explain to me the meaning of what I ave seen. To whom did they belong Who is this other woman, whose hair, whose glove and handkerchief, whose letter you keep so religiously? Who is aha?

But he gave her no answer; he had turned away from her and was locking up his bag. She watched him in silence, and with an agony which increased at every moment. When he had put away the dressing bag he went out of the room, through her bedroom and into the sitting room beyond. He leaned against the window, taking up a newspaper and making believe to read it. Kitten had followed him. She stood at a little dis-tance from him, white as death, with her great, and eyes fixed upon him. His face was very dark and bitter. She could not see the expression of his downcast eyes, but she saw that the hands that held the paper shook slightly, and that he bit his lip under his dark mustache, as though struggling with some strong and painful emotion within him self.

Then the wife went and laid her soft, fair head upon her husband's arm, rubbing her check gently against his coal sleeve, and clinging to him coaxingly with those small, frail hands he had so often kissed.

"Brian," she said softly, "I know I am only a child to you, and I have seen enough of the world lately to understand that I cannot be the first whom you have loved. But am 1 not your wife, and why should there be any secret between us? if you loved her once, and I will speak ingly simple plan, which entirely elimof it no more,

"It will be better that you should speak of it no more," he answered darsely.

"But that is no answer to my quesshe said, looking up wistfully into his face.

"There can be no answer to lt." inswered shortly, and then added, with a little gesture of affection, resting his hand against her head; "I will forgive you for your indiscretion, Kitten, but do speak of this affair again."

"Not after this once, Brian, but I am your wife. I have a right to know your past. The happiness of our whole lives depends upon this. Answer me but this ne question.

"My dear little girl, men do not like to be cross-questioned.

"Does that mean that you refuse to tell me who those things belonged to?"

"And now angeily, almost defaulty. n your things and let us go out.

She understood, with that ation. but a living, breathing reality.

(To be continued.)

ALL PERVASIVE ETHER.

Universe Itself.

doubts the existence of the ether, we during the senson of storage, but in quite necessary to select sires from



New Fence Post.

The old-time fence-post has served its purpose for so long that it is about time it was improved. It has always seemed natural that in crecting a fence post a hole should first he dug in the ground and the end of the post inserted in the hole, the remaining space be ing filled up again. A California man thinks this method antique and com-Tell me who this woman was, and bersome and has invented an exceed inntes this procedure. By the use of his method the initial digging of the hole is entirely unnecessary. The bottom of this post is spiral in shape.

SCREWED INTO THE GROUND.

similar to an auger, being partly inserted in the ground, is turned round and round until sunk sufficiently deep. To more easily accomplish this a dummy post, with a double-handed lever, which first bores the hole in the ground, can be used. The post shown which first bores the hole in the in the Illustration is made of two parts. the top being separated from the base. Along one side of the top portion is a vertical row of prongs, to which an equal number of wires can be attached by clamping the prongs.

Stacking Alfalfa.

Throughout the western half of the United States alfalfa hay is commonly stored in stacks in the field. Alfalfa stacks will not shed water as readily as stacks of grass hay. In the arid regions there is little danger from rains the hay in barns or else cover the



through the windows at the rear of the

animals then put an attachment to

of the parts. Having restored the cir-

culation, or noticing the bird after it

has thewed out, apply twice a day an

olutiment of vaseline, six tablespoon-

fuls; glycerin, two tablespoonfuls; tur-

pentine, one tenspoonful. This will

help start into a healthy condition the

blood circulation of comb and wattles

and at the same time reduce the swell-

ing .- Dr. Sanborn in Reliable Poultry

Kind of Cows to Keep.

kind of cows to keep. This is a good

deal like a man getting a wife-lt de-

pends largely on the kind he prefers.

If you are going to keep cows exclu-

sively for butter, the Jersey, Guernaey

and Holstein are desirable breeds. If

you are going to take into considera-

tion the value of a calf, which seems

quite necessary in our State, the milk-

ing strain of the Shorthorn meets the

requirements as well as any. The only

reliable test for a cow is the amount

of butter she produces. If she does

not produce 225 pounds of butter fat

per year she is not a desirable cow to

keep. In building up a herd t is

I have no particular choice as to the

Remedies.

Iowa.

1502-Columbus entered Porto Bello. ly on the animals. If there is no other 1519-Spaniards under Cortes entered way of getting ventilation than

Moxico. 1580-Sir Francia Drake arrived home from his voyage around the world.

each window to shed the air; a board eight or ten inches wide natled on a 1674-John Milton, poet, died. slant over the opening that is made 1094-The ship "Hannibal" of London

arrived at the Barbadoes with a cargo of negro slaves from Africs.

1755-Many killed in an earthquake at Liabou, Portugal.

Peace papers signed at Fontaine 1762 hleu between England and France.

1765-Stamp act went into operation. 1771-First newspaper to be published in Albany, N. Y., Issued.

1773-Liberty flag raised on Harvard Grove, Boston.

1774-Declaration of rights by Ameriean Congress,

1775-Gen. Montgomery captures fort at St. Johns, Canada.

1776-British abandon Crown Point. 1783-Washington issued his farewell address to the army.

1788-Deborah Godfrey, said to have been the mother of thirty-eight children, died at Stepney, Engfred.

1793-Louis Joseph Philip, Duke of Orleans, beheaded

1812-French defeat Russians at battle near Wiasma.

1815-Neutrality of Switzerland proclaimed.

1818-First steamboat on the lakes left Buffalo.

1825-Albany, N. Y., celebrated opening of Eris canal.

1847-Meldenssohn, the famous muslcian, died.

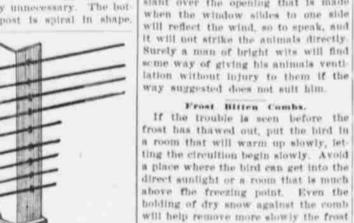
1853-First Presbyterian Chinese church organized in San Francisco. Russians defeated Turks at Olfenitza.

1861-Seizure of Confederate commissioners on the steamer Trent. 8617

Stars and Stripes raised over Alaska.

884 -Grover Cleveland elected President of the United States.

1803-Anarchists threw bomb in theater at Harcelona, killing thirty persona Voorhees repeal bill passed by House of Representa-Thirpd States Lives. Marianta passed Chinese exclusion act ... Free allver men issue an appeal from Washington. 1804-Alexander III. of Russia died. Lieut. Dreyfux of the Franch army arrested on charge of trea-BOIL.



"Exactly, if you like to word it so, refuse to tell you." He flung down his paper upon the table, and looked at her he said lightly, "the rain is over. Put

After that, Kitten knew that she did not possess her husband's heart. All

the sweet illusions, all the dear dream of love and happiness, withered up and dwindled away into emptiness and desoshrewdness which had always been a part of her nature, that had Brian ceas ed to love this other woman, of whom he treasured up those faded mementoes so tenderly and religiously, he would have spoken of her freely and openly and would have told her something even if not all the story of his past. But his blind anger, his overpowering emo tion, and his obstinate refusal to answer her questionings taught her too surely that her husband's love for this other woman was not a dead thing of the post.

Holds the Universe Together and Is the

Certainly, though no same person

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house?

year for doing so, but he was not minded to make such confidences to her.

Mrs. Taibot. "Are you all alone; what do you do with yourself?"

frained from saying.

come over and see us at Smackton, we are at the hotel." And then she got up to go. The open fly appeared on the nurse packed up the luncheon basket, and Mr. Raises walked down with the in the child and the poodle, and shutting the rickety door of the fly with as five an air as if it had been a spring barouche. Then he stood aside and took off his hat to them, with the most de-

exclaimed Mrs. Talbot rapturously.

Gertrude. him to come and see us, too."

will understand the advisability of leaving no stone of life unturned upon your road. and a 'man's a man for a' that' If he

most forced to give it properties incompatible with one another. This you stacks with large tarpaulins, or they will see when I enumerate all the may be topped with grass. Otherwise functions which this utterly mysteri. the percentage of waste is very large, us entity discharges. It conveys the in any case there is likely to be some force of gravitation. It has the power waste, for which reason the stacks are of vibrating from side to side, and made large, thus reducing the proporthese vibrations, according as they are tionate amount of waste. In the al fast or slow, have the most varied falfa regions of the West the stacks results upon us. They all travel along are as high as the hay can be handled at the same speed, which is that of easily and may be 200 feet or more in light-186,000 miles a second-but the length. The size of the stacks is then waves may oscillate from side to side limited chiefly by the convenience in as they go, either two or three times bringing the hay from the surrounda minute (or less), or even a million ing held.

times a minute (or more). When the waves are very slow we call them electric waves. When they are a little Dig pit 10 feet long, 5 feet wide and faster we call them Hertizan waves, 21/2 feet deep. Get three 6-inch poles. and telegraph across oceans with 10 feet long; put two, one above the them. them Blondlot rays-a new discovery foot poles, 6 inches in diameter, and which almost needs an article to it twenty 7-foot poles, 6 inches in diamself. A little faster, they are called eter, for roof. Make frame for door heat rays, or radiant heat. A little 2 feet wide and 5 feet high; set in cenfaster, they are called red light, then ter of front. Put your 4-foot poles, yellow, and so on to violet. Then they eight on each side, nall through door become invisible sgain, as they were frame and set two stakes each end to before, and we call them ultra violet hold poles in position, one above anlight. Then, a little faster, we call them Becquerel rays, and the fastest we know yet we call Roentgen rays.

I have missed out more than I have named, and there are many gaps yet to fill, but you will agree with me that the entity whose vibrations cause electricity, heat, light, and Roentgen rnys, besides conveying the force of gravitation, must be a very remark able substance. And, more than that it is supposed that all ponderable matter is really made out of the ether. By ponderable matter we mean matter which is subject to gravitation and therefore has weight. The ether itself which conveys the gravitation, is conceived of as being without weight.

It comes to this, then, that in the other modern science recognizes the most profound of all its problems, except that of consciousness. By gravitation it makes the universe one, by its movements it makes the universe alive, and it is the stuff of which the material universe is made .-- Harper's Magazine.

Drawing Him On.

Miss Willing-What would you do if I attempted to run away and leave you here in the parlor alone

Mr. Slowboy-Why, I-er-would try to catch and hold you.

Chesp Potato Pit.

Select slight elevation for position. When a little faster we call other, at back of pit. Get sixteen 4-



other. Then put your other 10-fost pole on top, resting center on door frame. Notch all 7-foot poles so as to of each animal. fit each end on front and back; then set up so as to form roof. Nall any old plank on ends. Bank up earth all around and on top. Nall old hags on door to keep frost out. Guaranteed to keep potatoes well through the coldest weather. Will hold 100 bushels .- Henry Kirk.

What Attracts the Bees.

A study of the habits of bees indicates that flowers having bright colors possess much greater attraction for bees than dull colored flowers. Nectar does not seem to attract bees unless in the bright colored flowers, and it was found possible to attract bees quite successfully by means of artificial flowers. They do not seem to be attracted much by perfume, but Miss Willing-Well, get ready then | bright color and perfume together exercises strong attraction.

Visc for Harness, Etc. In winter months is the time to repair harness. The cut shows a very handy tool to hold your straps while



the inside, between the two staves, make it to open itself. Lower ends could be hinged together with piece of leather .- F. B. Thor.

Feed Horses Less When Idle. In an exchage Andrew Stenson sensibly says: The horse not only requires less feed when idle than when at work. but is actually injured if the ration is not reduced on days of idleness. Some feeders of high standing reduce the feed of their work horses on Sundays and holidays, in the belief that even one day's feeding of a working ration while the horse is at rest is injurious. It is now the belief of all who have thoroughly studied the subject that idle horses are fed too heavily as a rule. But no fixed ration can be named, since the food requirements of individual horses differ so widely. Close observation will enable the feeder to adapt the quantity to the needs

Black Knot.

Look carefully on the cherry trees for any signs of black knot. It will be an advantage to cut away the branch or limb and burn it if any indications of the discuse are found. It comes from spores, and once it gets in an orchard seems to hold its own. Trees that were treated last fall should be sprayed early, following spring! with spraying several times thereafter.

Poultry Pickings.

The smaller the poultry quarters the cleaner they must be kept.

The best breeds will not be profitable if they are mismanaged.

Are you giving your poultry the attention you give the other stock or just allowing it to shift for itself?

1898-Russia mobilized fleet at Port Arthur.

10 inches from top 1901-Li Hung Chang died.

1902-Fireworks explosion in Madison Square, New York

1903-Panama declares its independence of Colombia ... Panama recogniz-ed by the United States ... Irish land act went into operation.

on. Old colled 1904-Theodore Rossevelt elected Presi-sian Baltic fleet left Vigo, Spain.



Perhaps Japan will yet get that inmunity out of American tourists.

The broiled steak has to work over time to pay the heef trust's \$25,000 fins. If a battleship is out of date before she is completed, what's the use of building 'em7

They may yet, through The Hague channels, make football a fit Sunday evening parlor game.

What we didn't know about the big isurance companies a few months ago vould fill a cyclopaedia.

Yet the Carnegie commission left out of the list of heroes the life insurance president who died poor,

Maybe it is only an attempt to make a digest of the language that is continually upsetting the Hungarian Diet.

John W. Gutes admits that an automobile overtaken for speeding is no place for holding an open-air prayer meeting.

And it all sprang from a French Anner given by James Hazon Hyde last

Senator Burton is still raising demurrers to those indictments against him; after all it is natural to demur to an indictment.

The family physician of a life insurance president doesn't always have to marry the daughter to take up with a good thing.

As another evidence that it is trying to reach our high standards of civilization, Japan reports that it has a grafting politician.