WHEN SHORTY'S An Old Favorite

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SIGNS OF RAIN

By Dr. Edward Jenner

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THIS ingenious poem, known also by its subtitle "Forty Reasons For Declining on Invitation to an Ex-cursion." was written by Dr. Edward Jonner, who won immortal fame by his discovery of viccination as a preventive of smallpox. Dr. Jenner was here in Eng-ised in 1749 and died in 1822. His great discurry brought him fame and weath, and he ranks high on the roll of the world's physicians.

IE hollow winds begin to T blow; The clouds look black, tha 6.65 the cost falls down, the

apontols scorp, And spiders from their solwebs peep. Left multi-the can went pale to hed, The los o in bains hid mer head; is a workford heaves a sigh, For s w a contest spans the say! The walls are damp, the ditches small, lined is the pink-eyed pimpernel. Old Botth S nerves are on the rack; Loud quacks the duck, the peacocks

The distant hills are seeming nigh. How tostions are the morting swine! The bias files disturb the kine, Low over the grant the swallow wings, The erick et too, how sharp he sings! "Twill surely rain; I see with sorrow, Puss on the hearth, with velvet paws, Our jaunt must be put off to-morrow.

Internation of Concession, and Annual and

A Town of Bank Cashters.

The little town of Owenton, Ky. boasts of 121 mon born within its limits who have become cushiers of banks. They are southered through the states of Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio.

The Timber Line.

The it pression that British North America is covered with valuable tin her is fallacions. Black walnut, rec redar and white oak are not found porth of Toronto. A line drawn from the city of Quebee to Sault Ste. Mark will designate the northern limit or beech, eits and birch. The north shore of Lake Superior will mark the northern boundary of sugar hard maple.

The Discoverey of Cologne.

Count Mauritius Frangipani was the discoverer of the process of combining alcohol with odoriferous selectances and thereby presented as with a hundred arountic flavors, tollet waters and cosmetics.

Stories Without Foundation. Speaking of cremation, the London Lancet expresses the opinion that the chances of a living body thought to be dead being reduced to ashes are too indefinitely remote to most attention. In the vest majority of instances there. is no real foundation for the stories of premature burial or intended burial.

Through the clear streams the finnes And nimbly catch the incautious files. The glowworms, numerous and light, Hlumed the dewy dell hast night; At duak the equalid toad was seen. Hopping and crawling o'er the green; whirling dust the wind cheys, The And in the rapid eddy plays; The frog has changed his yellow vest.

Bits wiping o'er her whistered jaws;

And in a runnet coat is dreamed. Though June, the air is cold and still, The mellow blackbird's yelce is shrill, My dog, so altered in his taste. Quits muttou-bones on grass to feast; And see yon rooks, how odd their flight!

They imitate the gliding lite, And seem precipitate to fall, As if they felt the piercing ball.

Goose Dancing. Goose dancing, in which men wear women's hats and women men's coats. to the Christmas amusement in the Scilly isles.

Chinese Doctors.

Chinese doctors are not such charintans as they are reputed to be. The Gazette Medicale of Paris says that they have a remarkable gift of diagnosis and often cure where Europeau doctors have falled.

The Highest Rallway.

The Ferrocarril Central del Peru h the highest railway to the world. Ir. eight hours it takes preservers from the tropic to the eternal shows at an altitude nearly equal to the top o Mont Blanc, the Eighest sommit in Europe. It cost \$45,000,000 to build thirond.

German Peacil Pactories.

There are 227 load pencil factoriein Germany, which employ 2,813 per some and export each year 1.614 tonof pencils, worth \$2.000,000,

She Could Shoot.

At a shooting match in the canton of Grisons, Switzerland, a young waitress laughed at one of the competitors. who challenged her to do better if she could. Accepting, she thereupon took up a rifle and succeeded in winning a

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[Copyright, 1903, by C. B. Lewis.] Around Fulton market and all along Front street they knew Shorty O'Higzins. His given name was John, but he answered. as he was a triffe less than five feet high he was always called Shorty.

There was only one thing to console Thorty in his struggles to keep a dunpares suit of clothes on his back and trevent hunger from gnawing at his vitals. He couldn't sing, play the fiddie or dance a hornpipe, but he could sneeze. The fame of Shorty's sneeze extended clear down to the Battery and up to the Brooklyn bridge. It had icon heard up Wall street as far as Exchange place. It was a sneeze peculturly his own, and no one could robhan of it or produce a successful imitation. That sneeze didn't come under it was all of ten minutes from the time his nose began to tickle until the ex-It lifted Shorty's cap off his head, rent sandy foundations.

One day Shorty picked up a bit of news and was at once interested. No one could remember when he had been interested in anything before. The Cubans had suddenly braced up and sailed into the Spaniards with new vigor, and the junta had raised a large sum of money in the States to send over a cargo of war material. Shorty learned what craft would take the cargo and her date of sailing, and it came about that he was included in the crew, though the mate bestowed a kick upon him is an "N. G." almost before the ropes were clear of the snubbing posts. The craft went south to make a start from a Florida port, and in due time the munitions were on the rolling deep. History is shent as to why the mate got down on Shorty and worked up his old iron on him. Perhaps it was on account of the size of his feet or the squint of his eyes. Steamship mates are rather eccentric in their likes and duslikes. No matter what the basis, Shorty was selected as the man to be bounced about, and bounced he was. The filibuster craft was delayed at sea by accident, and again she was chased off the Cuban coast by a Spanish gunboat, and the mate had five or six days in which to make it plain to Shorty that he was not beloved.

The steamer at length headed in for the appointed rendezvous, but when ten miles off the shore two things happened. A gunboat was sighted bearing down on her, and darkness had scarcely come when a thick fog settled down with it. Shorty wasn't to blame for either the gunboat or the fog, but the mate swore that he was and gave him some more of the same old tonic.

No living man had ever heard Shorty O'Iliggins utter threats of vengeance; should be used in abundance, as should no one had ever known of his striking also cardboard, china and candy anback. Had the fish dealers of Fulton market been told that he thirsted for revenge after that last bouncing about they would have stood amazed. Nevertheless, such was the case. Yes, the worm had turned at last, and if the mate had been a mind reader he would stower's mind is to please its recipient have hastened to take off his cap and and as first impressions are always the apologize. The fillbuster had reefs to look out for and an intricate channel to thread a long way in the pleasure of it. A As the fog came down she bad to quantity of pure white wrapping pagrope. A little later she came to g. per can be bought for a small sum. standstill. The Spaniard came up to within half a mile of her and began to, ribbon in white, light blue, pink or play her search light. No good. Then she crept forward, fathom by fathom. with her crew at the guns. The order had been "lights out" and no talking aboard the filibuster. Everything that could creak and groan was lashed fast, and such men as were forced to move about removed their shows. The pail was so thick that a ribbon. This costs a little more than man standing amidships could not.see stem or stern. The hare crouched in her form while the hound hunted to and fro. Presently, as the ocean was as quiet as a graveyard, Shorty, found himself beside the mate. The mate wasn't thinking of bouncing anybody just then, but Shorty was reviewing the past. He reviewed for five minutes and then whispered in the mate's

the free of the beach and fell down and slept the sleep of er-CHANCE CAME baustion. Ten hours later he woke up to find a dozen long haired, wild eyed men grouped about him.

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"The steamer and the cargo-where are they ?" was asked. "Under twenty fathoms of the blue,"

"But why so? How was it?"

"Oh, I sneezed and sent 'em there!" M. QUAD. THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

How It May Be Prettily Trimmed at

Small Expense.

Your tree selected, you can trim it for as much or as little money as you please. If your tree is very tall it will be well to trim the upper branches before placing it in a perpendicular position lest they be too high to be easily reached. First of all you want some attractive and appropriate ornament for the summit or "tip top" point of the head of "promptness and dispatch." your tree, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. If you desire to trim it at very little cost a small figure of Santa piosion came. Explosion was the term. Claus may be bought for 10 cents or for it. When the sneeze finally came you may substitute for that patron saint of Christmas a cardboard figure new holes in his shoes and started the of a boy or girl in winter garb or one cobblestones in the street from their of an angel with a trumpet blowing out Christmas tidings.

A surprising quantity of pink and white popped corn can be bought for a few cents, and if strung upon strings and festooned on the upper branches it will look very pretty, as will also cranberries similarly used. Snowballs of white cotton festooned to the ends of the boughs and small pieces of the same scattered all over the tree give a very protty snow effect.

A yard of tariatan costs 10 cents, and little stockings cut from it sewed with gayly colored yara and filled with candles are a great addition. Colored candles, 6 cents a dozen, and tin holders for them at 8 look very pretty. In this way a tree may be attractively trimmed at from \$1 to \$2.

Sprays of red berried holly tied here and there on the tree tend to brighten it. The box that holds the tree may be covered with thick moss, bits of broken mirror being interspersed to represent water. A box of tin soldiers, a Nonh's ark or a wooden village, a gift for one of the children, might find its first use in populating this miniature landscape at the foot of the tree.

If you want an expensive tree nothing is prettier in the way of ornament than the colored balls of the shops. Hang these numerously from every branch and have festoons of smaller ones from branch to branch all around the tree from top to bottom.

Use plenty of the tinsels representing frost and icicles and the little balls like frozen bubbles from a liquid rainbow. Then the shops have a close imitation of festoons of snow, which you can attach to every twig, branch, bow and needle. This snow is made of tine tissue paper and comes packed in boxes. Gilt stars, sold at any stationer's. gels, cherubs and children. A tree thu-

An Old Favorite ******

ALICE RAY

By Sarah Josepha Hale

THE birds their love-notes war-Among the blossomed trees; The flowers are sighing forth their sweets To wooing honey-bees; The gind brick o'er a pebbly floor Goes dancing on its way,-

But not a thing is so like spring As happy Alice Ray.

An only child was Alles. And, like the blest above, The goule maid had ever breathed An atmosphere of love; Her father's smile like sunshine came,

Lette dew der mether's kiss; Their tove and guodness made her home,

Like heaven, the place of blins

Beneath such tender training. The joyous child had sprung. Like one bright flower, in wild-wood

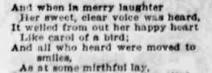
bower. And gladness round her flung: And sil who met her blezed her.

And turned again to pray That grief and care might ever spare The happy Alice Ray.

The gift that made her charming Was not from Venus caught: Nor was it, Pallas-like, derived From majesty of thought: Her healthful check was tinged with

brown, Her hair without a curl-

But then her eyes were love-lit stars, Her teeth as pure as pearl. *************



And to the stranger's look replied, "'Tis that dear Alice Ray."

And so she came, like sunbeams That bring the April green; As type of nature's royalty, They called her "Woodburn's queen!" sweet, heart-lifting cheerfuiness, Like spring-time of the year, semed ever on her steps to wait,-No wonder she was dear.

Her world was over joyous. She thought of grief and pain That ne'er would come again; The seasons all had charms for her. She welcomed each with joy,-No changes could destroy.

Her heart was like a fountain, The waters always sweet,-Her pony in the pasture, The kitten at her feet, The ruffling bird of Juno, and The wren in the old wall, Each knew her loving carefulness, And came at her soft call.

Her love made all things lovely. For in the heart must live The feeling that imparts the charm,-We gain by what we give.

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Why do mosquitoes blte human be ings? According to Dr. Santos Fernandez of Cuba, it is because the females cannot form their eggs without sucking some warm blood. If they fall to get it they lay no eggs.

The State Capitols,

The only states which have capitols in large cities are Massachusetts, Indiana, Virginia, Minnesota, Georgia and Colorado.

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Our Diplomats and Consuls.

The consular service of the United States employs over 1,000 men, whose than 100.

Plant and Animal Life.

animal life of extremes of temperature, growth having been observed in some instances as low as zero and in other destroy life. A fish or a frog will on only. thawing become quite lively again.

Cotton and Its Origin. The cotton plant first came to Ameri-

ca from Asia. Now the greater part of the central Aslan, crop is grown from American cotton seed.

MAN COMM. PUT ENGLISE, NUMBER, NUMERA, due Triade D & Clouse and L & Farrer. prize.

Human Hatr.

The finest human hair is golden, and red is the coarsest. The thickness of human hair varies from the two hunfired and fiftieth to the six hundredtipart of an inch.

Removing Splinters.

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Lightning Risks.

The risk of being struck by lightnin; is five times greater in the country than in cities and twenty times greater at sea than on a railroad.

Artificial Teeth.

Artificial teeth are more generally used than ever. Dentists increase in all parts of the country and they cater for all classes of society. The whitest teeth are used for actresses and others of the theatrical profession.

City of Mexico.

When the white man first reached the City of Mexico it had 300,000 inhabitants, probably more than the entire population of the North American ecutinent.

Temple of Serpents.

The small town of Worda, in the duties are mainly commercial. Those kingdom of Dahomey, is celebrated for of the diplomatic service number less its temple of scrpents, a long building in which the priests keep upward of + 1,000 serpents of all sizes, which they feed with birds and frogs brought to to get to Shorty's neck in time. The Plant life is much more tolerant than them as offerings by the natives.

Legal Battles.

England has forty-two law suits a instances as high as 72 degrees C. It year for every 1,000 inhabitants, Geris true that a freezing process does not many has seventy and Scotland twenty

Absinth.

Absinth, with which the potency of alcohol combines the poison of an herb, is no liqueur, though sometimes wrongly described as such, as it is always drunk before meals with water.

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"Mr. Davis, I'm goin' to sneeze." "If you do, I'll throttle you!" replied the mate as he turned on him.

"Mr. Davis, I'm goin' to sneeze, and you can get ready to go to the bottom of the sea and be hanged to you!"

The mate had heard of "the Shorty sneeze," and even as he reached out to grasp the originator and sole proprietor by the throat and choke him into a state of limpness he turned pale and his heart pounded his ribs. He failed sneeze came, and it was a sneeze that would have set 500 pedestrians along of goldfishes is the brushtail, a pair of Front street wondering what tug had exploded her boilers. They could have heard it aboard the gunboat had she been four times as far away. There was a prompt hall in reply, and then. as the fillbuster captain ripped out an oath and the mate drew his leg back ful girl with me today, Arthur?" for a kick, the Spaniard let go with his port battery and three big shells crashed into the steamer. A minute later she was a sinking wreck and taking half of her thirty-six men to the bottom of the sea with her....

Next day at noon Shorty O'Higgins

MANUTA JOAN YOUR DEVEN bisaded and examination of those on the

trimmed costs from \$10 to \$25.

How to Wrap Up Christmas Gifts. A dainty gift deserves dainty cover ing. The foremost idea in a gift bemost lasting the manner in which the remembrance is got up oftentimes goes and with one or two pieces of baby green, which can be had as low as 10 ceuts aplece, each containing ten yards. you can do up a multitude of you: Christmas offerings in a way that will be delightful, says the Philadelphia Record. A more elaborate idea, new this year, is to the them up in cracker bonbon style in crape tissue paper and the first way named, but is very effective, and the cost can be reduced by craping the paper yourself and tying with baby ribbon instead of the wider

Cafortunate.

Moneybags-How did your banquet go off, Banklurk? Banklurk-Net as well as it might. you know. The toastmaster called on gentleman who had lost an arm and a leg to answer to the toast "Our Absent Members."-New Yorker.

Political Economy.

"Children," asked the school comthitteeman, "what is political econamy?"

"Political economy," answered the precocious son of the district boss, "is getting men to vote for you as cheap as you can."-Green Bag.

The Rarest of Goldfishes.

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Deceltful Man.

"Didn't you think that was a beauti-"What girl, my dearest?" "Why, she was with me when you met us in front of the church." "Was there a girl there, dear?] didn't notice. I was looking at you." And then she loved him all the more.

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