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Errol had, of course, never heard Miss

"I hear you sing very beautifully, Miss

"I do not think my singing would give

He drew back, wounded to the quick.

which he loved. He never loved her be-

fore or afterward as he loved her that

night, listening for the first time to the

"After all, my singing was not worth

"You did not sing for me," he answer-

Later, thinking over the events of the

evening, he found it an utter impossibil-

"Bah!" he thought, "I am a fool for my

your thanks.'

ed, bitterly.

innocence.

Mr. Hastings."

open arms.

The ride must have been fraught with

"I have no unkind feeling toward you,

"Then shall I say less indifferent?"

"Can one help feeling indifferent?" re-torted Winifred.

He turned away, stung to the quick.

Winifred kept up the same demeanor

"Dear Winifred" (she wrote to the for-

"I am so glad you have come!" she ex-

toward the two men during the whole

ride; and then at night, when she went

his arm to the old French lady. Mr. On her return from the ride, Winifred went, as was her custom, to the little sitting room appropriated to the use of side by side at dinner, and Errol felt as CHAPTER XIL-(Continued.) Madame de Montolieu. Lady Grace was if he could scarcely take his eyes off her. sitting there, too. She kissed them both. She laughed and talked with Lord Harold "You bring the outer air in with you, in a low, almost caressing voice, Mr. my child," said the old French lady; "you Hastings thought; and it made his blood

are as fresh as a new picked rose." "We have had a good canter across the common, dear madame-it makes one feel Eyre sing. When they went late the fresh. Did you both have a pleasant drawing room he said to her:

Eyre. Will you give me the pleasure of "Yes," said Lady Grace, "and I find you have got the ponies into such order hearing your voice?" that they are as quiet as lambs. At ast Evans gives you all the credit."

"He wants to see you drive them in "You are, of course, accustomed to hear least Evans gives you all the credit."

the park," resumed Lady Grace; "he says highly cultivated voices-mine is only a with a new set of harness, and you in the front seat, there would not be a more He drew back, wounded to the "Do come and sing, Winifred," exelegant 'turnout' in London," "Fancy such honor and state for a claimed Lord Harold.

Sitting down to the plane, she sang her

most touching, plaintive songs, one after Lady Grace took her hand and drew the other, with a pathos that went to the grave, half ironical. heart of each one who listened. She nev-

"My dear, what alls you to-day? You er sang more beautifully than on that her toward herself.

"Offend me? Lady Grace-how should he? He was far above me when we met

But her voice trembled, and she hurried from the roc "Madame," said Lady Grace, "can you

came forward. She spoke on the impulse throw any light on the subject—do you know if anything ever passed between them that should make her seem proud and resentful toward him?" Madame de Montelieu hesitated.

"I should not feel justified in telling this to anyone else; but you have her interest as much at heart as I have. The ity to arrive-at any definite conclusion summer before last, when he first came as to the feelings and motives which inhandsome and fascinating, and, I believe. Was his presence really hateful to her?the first man of ton and breeding she did she bear an unrelenting anger toward No wonder, then, the him for his unworthy treatment of her poor romantic child fell in love with him. long ago?-and had every vestige of the Somehow they met again, and he mude love he knew she had once borne him an excuse to call at the Farm, and she died out? was at home alone. I dare say he took a fancy to her, large-eyed, graceful child pains. Is it possible that I, who am to as she was, and flattered and talked to her as men of the world will. She mis- world, should find myself eating my heart no doubt, such as her foolish little brain try giri? To-morrow shall decide my fu- days. had conceived might be possible between ture course of action, and if I see she does a great gentleman like the master of not care for me I will school myself to full of venom and vim to get it where At breakfast the following morning both Sir Clayton and Lady Grace Farlusion might cause her; but, poor child:
she was so honest, so true herself, she could not believe the man she worshiped could not be she was so honest, so true herself, she could not be she was so honest, so true herself, she could not be she was so honest, so true herself, she could not be she was so honest, so true herself, she was so honest, so true herself, she was so honest, so true herself, she could not be she was so honest, so true herself, she could not be she was so honest, so true herself, she could not be she was so honest, so true herself, she was so honest, so true herself, she could not be she was so honest, so true herself, she was so honest, she was so honest, she was so herself, she was so honest, she was so honest, she was so herself was sh as a hero could be capable of what she young people must go for a long ride this deemed baseness, and at last, by a cruel lovely morning, and I shall shut myself by rise up as big as a blokory nut, turn lesson—I am not at liberty to tell you up with my husband and his learned how—she found that, while he was feign- folios." ing love for her, he was, in truth, devot- Lord Harold went to order the horses. insect's venom cannot possibly be ing his real attention to her cousin Flora.

It was a grievous blow. Perhaps his presence brought back a bitter remembrance, and she involuntarily resented what she out of the second of it may be imagined.

"The experienced person never goes of the second of the secon deemed his inconsiderate cruelty."

her as I should have fancied a man could scarcely have cropped up like the dragonly look when he loved a woman dearly.

on's teeth at a moment's notice. The netting, fixed on a light steel frame, and yet—you may be right, for I remem- whole ride through she flattered and flirt- and with thick gloves on his hands. ber fancying there was a tinge of regret ed with Lord Harold, and uttered little malicious, biting remarks to Mr. Hastin his expression. ings, with the most naive, unconscious

CHAPTER XIII.

Lord Harold Erskine had never been to stay at Endon Vale since Winifred her presence-it kept the nephew whom "I know you are unhappy because you presently. were alone and said:

do not see Lord Harold, Lady Grace. will ever feel kinder toward me than line." Please let me go away somewhere for a time, and let him come here, if he does "I have no to

"I do not think, my dear, that he minds meeting you so much as that he fears his presence might make you nneasy." "Oh, Lady Grace," cried Winifred, "why should you-why should he think of me? Am I not here from your kindness and charity? I was only too much honored by his ever thinking of me; but to her room, she cried bitterly, and hated he will have forgotten me now, and why should we not meet as if such a thing "I do love him-I do love him!" she

"I will tell him." Lady Grace said; and but the next morning she was as cold she wrote to him that very day, begging and repellent to him as ever, and would him to come.

had never happened?"

The next day he arrived, to his aunt's ed and rode away. great delight. The meeting between him and Winifred was cordial and unaffected. letters in the same handwriting-one for The restraint wore off, and they relapsed into an easy friendship; at all events, correspondent was Mrs. Clayton.

the young lady did. at the Court he betook himself at once to has taken a villa on the Thames for the see him, although he was coming to din-

"I shall most likely sleep at the Court season. I expect to be very dull and to night, aunt, and we will ride over to-gether to-morrow morning. Of course, be performing an actual charity." he stays here the night?"

"Of course, my dear," and Lord Harold in much the same terms: "Do spare Winirode off. The day seemed a little dull to froil, and persuade her to come to me, My Winifred after he had gone. She dreaded husband and aunt have quarreled, and I seeing Mr. Hastings again, particularly am so terribly dull." before Lord Harold; and then she wondered if her name would be mentioned direction with Lord Harold Erskine, and Clayton is in town."
an uncomfortable sense of the latter's Winifred had not been five hours in her an uncomfortable sense of the latter's an uncomfortable sense of the latter a present golden opportunities; and Lord Harold remembered uneasily that some Fee had made a miserable marriage; that thing had been said about Hastings and she had bactered all her possessions for Miss Eyre wandering together in the an inadequate value; and that she almost, Hazell woods. By common consent, then, if not quite, hated the man whose name her name was avoided as much as possi-ble, and the two men had plenty of other During the time that Winifred stayed topics for conversation, until the next at the Cedars, she had plenty of oppor-day. The fellowing morning Lord Har-tunity of observing how this ill-assorted old bethought himself of calling on the couple lived. Francis Clayton's manner Champions, and Mr. Hastings volunteer- to his wife was in itself an offense, aled to accompany him. They found Lord most every word he addressed to her con-Lancing and his sister playing croquet tained a covert sneer, and he seemed to with Flora and Reginald Champion, and find no greater pleasure than in thwarton invitation joined in the game. It was ing her wishes and contradicting her orcurious enough that, although Flora look- ders. ed handsome, and used all the arts they Winifred detested him, and was syshad once thought fascinating, both these tematically cold and repelleat in her man-

Endon Vale until it was time to dress ously, "she assumes these airs of virtuous adelphia Press. the drawing room as the gong sounded haps the simpleton thinks that I am in for the second time. Sir Clayton gave love with her!"

that they annoyed her. If his wife sat down to the plano, he would get up and eave the room, or else exclaim: "For heaven's sake, Marion, don't make

that horrid noise; you have not a vestige of voice left. Do get up, and let Miss Eyre sing. Her performance is worth listening to. Come, Miss Eyre, won't you

sing me something?"
"No, I will not!" cried Winlfred, angrily, one day, tears of vexation in her eyes. "If you cannot admire the beauty of Fee's singing, I take it as ne complinent that you should praise me."

"My dear Miss Eyre, pray don't be violent," said Mr. Clayton, with a malicious smile. "I am afraid your temper s getting spoilt by Mrs. Clayton's example; mine has suffered already from her baneful influence."

"I think she must be an angel to have lived with you so long!" Winifred exher friend. She was not worldly wise enough yet to abstain from taking up other people's quarrels.

Mr. Clayton remembered her words,

and bore malice toward her for them. (To be continued.)

MOSQUITOES IN LOUISIANA.

They Are Many and Active, and One Is a Monster in Six . "You may talk about your mosqui-toes up here in the North," said a resident of Bayou Sara, "but if you should spend an hour or so fishing in some of our Louisiana swamp bayous you would wonder that you ever complained of your New Jersey or Staten Island mosquitoes as an instrument of torture. There are eight or nine different varieties of mosquitoes hatched in those dark and noisome swamp bayous, and "My dear, what alls you to-day? You are not like yourself. I never heard you night, and Errol leaned against the embedding before. Has Mr. Hast-brasure of the window, where his face will wish it had been some other kind. no matter which kind samples you you say these things before. Has Mr. Hastings anything to do with it? Your manner to him was most chilling. Did he was not only heartful in itself, but looking fellows-reddish-brown mosquitoes, black mosquitoes of a bluish cast and one that is nearly green. The one exquisite tenderness of her volce.

When Winifred finally left the piano, she passed close to the curtain, and Errol that will strike you as the most formidable is one we call a gallinipper

down there, and it resembles that harmless insect both in size and makeup. It is easily helf an meh long in body, with a spread of wing an inch wide, and a kit in which it carries its tools that is as long as its body. "This fearfully equipped insect mon-

ster has a saw, a gimlet, a lance and a suction pump. As he can bore through me, they met by accident. He was fluenced Winifred's conduct toward him. your boot and puncture your foot with ease and dispatch, you may well imagine how much protection clothing or gloves are against his assaults. Fortunately, though, this giant mosquito itn't poisonous. The damage he does to your physical comfort is done by his boring and sawing and lancing of the flesh. That hurts like pounding your thumb with a hammer, and leaves a took it for love-for a romantic devotion, out for the love of a simple little coun- spot that will be sore and tender for

"All the remaining eight varieties are it will do the greatest harm to the greatest number, but the worst of all is the smallest one of the lot. This is a gray mosquito, not more than an eighth of an inch long, but every place that he as red as fire and pain like a hornet's sting. As the reservoir containing that

"I cannot understand it," Lady Grace those qualities must have been dormant bayous," continued the Louisianan, ac-"Twice to-day I saw him look at somewhere in her heart, or they would cording to the New York Times, "un-Gloves, though, are no bar to the big gallinipper mosquito's kit of tools.

"Why does any one go fishing in those noisome places? Because the fishing is WITH THIS TRAINED OSTRICH considerable enjoyment for Errol, as evreason Lady Grace ever had to regret her presence—it kept the names whom some agreeable reminiscence connected down there, and other fish of fair game she loved away. Once, when she had a letter from him, she read it, and sighed heavily as she laid it down. Winifred understood what the sigh meant. She summoned up courage the next time they were alone and said:

some agreeable reminiscence connected down there, and other has of the game quality are abundant in those dark, sluggish, root-tangled waters, and the enthusiastic angler is willing to dare ness, and Mr. Hastings and Winifred the mosquitoes and other poisonous denize the mosquitoes and other has of the game quality are abundant in those dark, sluggish, root-tangled waters, and the mosquitoes and other has of the game quality are abundant in those dark, sluggish, root-tangled waters, and the mosquitoes and other has of the game quality are abundant in those dark, sluggish, root-tangled waters, and the enthusiastic angler is willing to dare the mosquitoes and other has of the game quality are abundant in those dark, sluggish, root-tangled waters, and the enthusiastic angler is willing to dare the mosquitoes and other has of the game quality are abundant in those dark, sluggish, root-tangled waters, and the enthusiastic angler is willing to dare the mosquitoes and other has of the game quality are abundant in those dark, sluggish, root-tangled waters, and the enthusiastic angler is willing to dare the mosquitoes and other has of the game and the park g denizens of those swamps to obtain a few hours' sport with his book and "Miss Eyre, have I no hope that you

Classified. Stories of Father Taylor, the sallors' friend, are perennial in their warm human interest. He was a man who, at all times, spoke with an engaging frankness which sometimes became more brusque than was desirable.

A banker from the West End of Boston once visited Father Taylor's church perience of riding behind one of the the day. Suddenly and without warnduring a fervid revival, and varied the largest ostriches in the country. The lng. from what appeared a clear spot usual character of the meeting by a rather pompous address.

sobbed to herself over and over again; Its purport was that the merchant princes of Boston were a very benefihardly wish him good-by before he mountcent set of men, whose wealth and enterprise gave employment to thousands The afternoon's post bag contained two of sailors, and that it was, above all, the duty of seamen to show their gratitude to the merchants.

At the close of his speech the banker Of course, as soon as Lord Harold mer)—"Do ask Lady Grace Farquhar to heard his old friend Errol Hastings was spare you to me for a week. Mr. Clayton ther Taylor rose and asked, simply: "Is there any other sinner from uptown who would like to say a word?"

summer, and I am going to spend a few days there before we go to town for the An Easy Job. A certain member of Parliament has expressed a pronounced disbellet in The note to Lady Grace was couched most of the wonderful tales told of the precocity of children. He contends that the stories are usually manufactured by older persons, with the sole object of making amusing reading. Mrs. Clayton received Winifred with Once in a while, however, his theory receives a setback by something in his between the two men, and if so, what they would say about her. Mr. Hastings had an unpleasant recollection of Mr. me forget half my troubles. We shall he has come across some genuine hu-Clayton's remarks about Miss Eyre's have a tete-a-tete dinner to-night. Mr. mor and some unconscious witticisms. One such was brought to his notice very

Following a long silence a little voice

"Please, sir, he married one of Jeth-

Pleasantry in Passing.

The greatest firmness is the great-

sengers by weight."

est mercy.

recently. A Sunday-school examination was in progress, and the examining visitor put this question: "What did Moses do for a living while

ae was with Jethro?" piped up from the back of the room: ro's daughters."

men contrasted her unfavorably with her ner toward him. He saw it, and laughed

ousin.

The two gentlemen did not arrive at "Little fool," he thought, contempts their while to take you on at all."—Phil-

He redoubled his attentions on seeins ADVENTURES OF YOUNG LADS SMITTEN WITH A DESIRE TO SEE THE WORLD.

> HEROIC attempt to have a vacation at all cost was made by a certain boy, whose experience is related in Chums. He joined a circus with the intention of becoming a lion-tamer; but there was no vacancy in that department, and before he made up his mind what else would like to do, the circus people worked him in as "tent man." He had to help to put up and take down the great tents at each stopping place. Incidentally, he worked all the rest of the time at odd jobs. The circus men, in fact, found him so useful that they locked him up in an empty leopard cage each night, in order that, after having been kept at work all day by a rope's end, he might not have a chance to abandon his circus career after dark. Ultimately, the boy hid for twenty-four hours in a disused limekiln in one of the towns he visited, and finished his outing by giving himself up to the police authorities in order to be sent home,

> Not long ago an American boy, thinking that a vacation spent on his uncle's farm was likely to be without adventure, stowed himself away and journeyed a long distance on the buffers of a freight train. He thought he had done a rather fine thing, but the railway people held a different opinion.

"It's our turn now," they said.

Then they explained to him that to send him back again would cost three dollars, and he already owed them three dollars for the trip down. So he was taken to the machine shops and directed to earn six dollars by filing tubing smooth. A watchman was deputed to keep a fatherly eye on him

after hours. The new hand managed to write to his people; but, very wisely, they agreed that to "serve his time," might teach him a useful lesson, so they paid no ransom. It took the boy mearly three weeks to file his way to liberty.

At a harbor of Continental Europe, in which a submarine war vessel was undergoing tests, a third young adventurer was smitten with a desire to become a "stowaway." He was continually begging one of the crew, whom he knew, to smuggle him on board. At last, after a quiet little talk with the boy's father, the sailor consented. In the dusk of evening the bey arrived at the meeting place appointed,

close to the sea. "We must blindfold you," said the sailor. This was done, and then the boy was led about here and there for some time, between two grinning mariners, and watched by a grinning parent. When he was thoroughly dazed, he was pushed into a narrow, cold metal apartment, and cautioned to keep perfectly still until some one came for him.

"And mind you keep that bandage on till you're told to take it off," added the sallor.

The boy waited-for hours, it seemed to him-hardly daring to breathe, but trying to think that he was having a great time. Then he took off the bandage, he was in total darkness. More hours went by, and no one came back for him. He was now not only hungry, and cold, but also frightened. No sound reached him. Was he really alone in the submarine boat in the depths of the sea?

No he was not. At 1 o'clock in the morning his father, still smiling. rescued him from an old ship's tron cistern, in which he had been imprisoned on the beach. The submarine boat and her crew had, in the meantime, been towed away to another seaport; but the boy was no longer interested in a seafaring life.

## ODDEST COUNTY JAIL IN THE UNITED STATES.



Graham County Jail, at Clifton, Ariz., is probably the most unusual in America. It comprises four large apartments, hewn in the side of a hill of



the Interior, recently visited the Hot was a slight fall of snow. There had Springs ostrich farm, and had the ex- been no thunder or lightning during 10 11,101,350 in 1002, a decime ostrich is known as "Black Diamond," in the heavy bank of clouds overhead, who is big and fleet, and docile as a a brilliant ball of fire shot from the who is big and neet, and struck the ground on a farm drought, the experts of great well-trained horse. Black Diamond sky and struck the ground on a farm for instance, falling from £22,581 in was hitched to a runabout, and Sec- about two miles east of Anderson, a 1901 to £7,490 in 1902. retary Hitchcock had the novel seasa- small hamlet. The illumination was tion of riding behind this bird that plainly visible in Redding, thirteen trotted as fast as a horse can run.

Modern Vessel Carries 350 Tons of Unnecessary Articles. Rear Admiral Bowles, chief of the Bureau of Construction, has made a people were panic-stricken. Glass in to which port the vessels proceed after calculation based on investigations windows was broken, walls were leaving Brisbane. made by officers of his bureau of the cracked, houses rocked as though The course of trade between the comweight of "luxuries" carried on a battleship of recent construction. In the phone, telegraph and electric light Germany and other countries has been preparation of plans and designs for war vessels there is almost a constant contention betwee the several bureaus in regard to the weights that should be carried, each branch contending for the installation of machinery and devices deemed essential. These centroversies are usually settled by a sompromise, in which something is yielded by each, but the result is often musatisfactory, and pot infrequently has proved detrimental to the efficiency of the vessel.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Construction Admiral Bowles declared that on each battleship there were 356 tons of luxuries, a statement which startled the members of the board. Included in these so-called luxuries are materials of every description that cannot be classified as necessities, such as furniture, ice machines, refrigera- Mr. Stillingfleet, who always wore tors, radiators and the machinery re- blue stockings, and when at any time

"Well, I declare," remarked the thin quired for them. man, who was being uncomfortably supplied with two bathrooms and apcrowded by a very stout person, "the purtenances for the flag officer, while trolley company ought to charge pasone bath tub is deemed sufficient for the ward room, in which fifteen or "Think so?" retorted the stout person. "At that rate it wouldn't be worth twenty officers live. There will be undoubtedly a protracted discussion as the meetings. to what constitutes luxuries, but officers generally believe that much of the There is no earthly hope for a man wen he look in de directory."-Atlanta weights which Admiral Bewles de who is too lazy to acquire enemies. Constitution.

of the flag rank as to the necessity for rich state of the commonwealth has betwo bath tubs in the elegant and spa- come reduced. clous quarters set apart for the ad- The heaviest decrease was in boots miral. The additional bath is provided and shoes, but this was occasioned for the guest of the admiral in case largely by the heavy stocks caused by he should have one, which seldom hap- overshipments in 1901. The total value pens.-New York Times. A Ball of Fire from the 8ky.

One of the strangest freaks in elec-

curred in Northern California recently. miles distant. A few seconds after the descent of the fire ball there was quantity consigned to ports other than a loud report, like a mighty explosion being comparatively small. sion. The shock was felt in Redding. Brisbane is the nominal terminal point where windows rattled and houses of the Canadian-Australian line, bu shook. In the village of Anderson the the bulk of the trade is with Sydney

time.

Blue Stockings. plied to women with literary tenden. for the year will amount to several cles, is not now considered either ele- million pounds. Whether 1903 will gant or appropriate, although as first show an improvement remains to be used there was some warrant for its seen. At present the outlook is none employment. Its origin is traced to of the brightest and it is evident that the days of Samuel Johnson, and was a time of trouble is in store for the applied then as now to women who infant nation. cultivated learned conversations and found enjoyment in the discussion of questions which had been monopolized a gentleman, who gave her a note to by men. About 1750 it became quite the manager of a certain club. It read the thing for ladies to form evening as follows: "Dear Mr. X-This woassemblies, when they might partleipate in talk with literary and ingenithe answer came back: "Dear Sir-1 ous men. One of the best known and dare say she does, but I don't fancy most popular members of one of these the job." assemblies was said to have been a he happened to be absent from these It is pointed out that flagships are gatherings it was usually remarked that "we can do nothing without blue stockings," and by degrees the ferm "blue stockings" was applied to all gatherings of a literary nature, and eventually to the ladies who attended

FRIGHTENING A STRANGER.

Scheme of a North Carolinian Failed to Work as He Expected. Between two towns in North Caroline I met a man driving an ox to a cart and on the straw in the cart was a young man who appeared to have

met with an accident. Of course, i

inquired what happened and the father said in reply: "Wall, stranger, that's my son Ben and I reckon I kin give it to y straight. Me and Ben was up to Groversville this mawnin' to git a pair o' butes. We went into a stoh Hardware, was a humble-lookin' critter who was eatin' crackers and cheese and askin' Flour and Feed, etc. the way to Pineville. He was a humble-lookin' critter, wasn't be, Ben?"

"He was, pop." "It wasn't none of Ben's bizness man, "but he was feelin' kinder colty pays no rent; it employs a cierk, but and wanted to do sunthin' smart. He does not have to divide with a partner. looks the man over and then se says: All dividends are made with customers "'Pop. I'm goin' to skerr that kuss in the way of reasonable prices.

outer this town and half way up the mounting." "'As how?' sez I.

"'By yellin' in his car,' sez he.

lonesome and down-hearted, but yo' can't allus tell how a critter will per-"That's what you said and I said,

wasn't it, Ben?" "That's what we said," sighed Ben. "I didn't want you to yell, but yo felt colty and wouldn't take my advice?" "I jest wanted to skeer him, pop."

"Yes, yo' wanted to skeer him. Yo' got around behind him and drawed Davenport Bros. long breath and let 'er go. It was a mighty yell, Ben-the powerfullest yell I ever heard. I'm braggin' about that yell, Ben."

"Thankee, pop." "But it didn't skeer nobody like you' thought it would. The stranger jest riz up slow and drawed back his fist and let yo' hev it on the nose, and yo' didn't know nuthin' fur the next THE GLACIER fifteen minits. When yo' cum to he said yo' could hev mo' if yo' wanted it. He said that, didn't he?"

"But he didn't want no mo'," continued the father as he turned to me. "He got all he wanted and some to spare, and so we put him in the cart and are takin' him home fur the docter to work at. Mebbe he'll die and mebbe he'll git well. If he dies I shan't blame that humble-lookin' critter 'tall. If he gits well he won't never do no more yellin' in anybody's ear, onfess than's a handy hill to dodge behind."

"That's all-and the purceshun will move on.'

TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA.

Figures of 1902 Show Decline in Some Inports from the United States. statistics throw some light on the Columbia River & Northern Railway Co. The latest available commonwealth course of trade between America and Australia during 1902 and indirectly

There will be little alscussion outside spending power of the residents in the

of the American imports during the first ten months of 1902 was £1,553,-710, as against £2,115,106 during the corresponding period of 1901, a derical phenomena ever reported occrease of £561,396.

The decrease in Australia exports During the day the thermometer had to America was extremely marked, the Ethan Allen Hitchcock, Secretary of fallen, and about four o'clock there value falling from £2,140,064 in 1901 to £1,161,385 in 1902, a decline of was occassioned by the short supplies of various descriptions of pastoral produce, caused by the ravages of drought, the exports of greasy wool

A considerable portion of the Amer can goods shipped to Sydney are re-

tossed by an earthquake, and tele monwealths and Great Britain, France. wires were put out of action for a affected in precisely the same manner as that with America, says a corres pondent of the New York Times, and it The term "blue stockings," as ap- is estimated that the total falling off

His Answer.

A washerwoman applied for help to man wants washing." Very shortly

No Longer Bent. He's bent on marriage now, but when

His married life advances He'll find himself, like other men, In straitened circumstances, -Philadelphia Press.

Uncle Rastus. "Stidder huntin' fer trouble," said the sable philosopher, "take de number off yo' door, so's he can't fin' whar you at

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7:00 a. m. Tues., Thur and Sat.	Yambili fiver.  Oregon City, Dayton and way landings.	4:30 p. m. Mon., Wed. and Fri.
Lv. Riparia 4:05 a. m. Daily except Saturday	Snake Sixer. Riparia to Lewiston	Lv. Le wiston 8:00 a. m. Daily except Friday.

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