

CHAPTER V.

whom I have so sadly neglected since 1 She looked at it, and a bright smile came here, that I scarcely dare look her in the face. An hour, and perhaps two; in proportion to the variety of the enter-in the home. How faithfully you have tainment which I find."

Helen, in her calm, silver tones-"if that box, in the sunshine; and one edge of is the case, we shall hardly see you again till night fall. You will find no lack of and which hangs close beside the win-amusement, as you may declare yourself, dow. You must, then, have drawn this if you have not forgotten your former before I saw you-before I heard you visits hither; though they have been few enough, I confeas."

"O. I know there is no neighborhood more beautiful than this in the country," responded Louis. "But as for extending your cat and the mignonette, since you do my wanderings to the borders of the night, that would not be quite to my fancy. I shall be back here before noon-ide."

added, with impressible earnestness- Montauban. It is, I think, Rose La-"pray do not go too deep into the forest. Remember your adventure there not seven days since."

hand, and, turning, descended the sloping ask your permission to retain it. But I path that wound irregularly down the do not anticipate a refusal. I do not

A slight blush rose to her beautiful cheek, as her glance followed, for an in- young girl, smiling at his frankness-"in stant's space, the handsome figure of the young count; and it deepened when he looked back, and seeing her still stand-however, by right, monsieur." ing there, waved his hand to her. Hast-Hy she left the spot, and re-entering the chategu, seated herself in the saloon by stay no longer. I should like to see your ting the drapery aside, she could observe I must wait until another time. the receding figure of her cousin while pursuing, with slow and thoughtful fingers, her favorite employment, until Louis had disappeared from sight, and there was no outward attraction to break the rose-hued thread of meditation that wove itself in and out among the clustering buds and leaves expanding into life under her magic touch. The marquis was in the library among his books, lost to the exterior world, and wrapt in learned lore. Helen had no companion save her own meditations; but they were sufficient

entertainment for one like her. Louis continued to follow the main road leading from the chateau past the village, and onward to where it reached the forest, branching off into two distinct paths, one of which wound on through the forest, and the other skirted it to the left. His morning's work was before him. Turning his attention to the beauties of the quiet scenery about him. Louis paused now and then along the path, to add some charming sketch to the collect tion of fine drawings in his book, remembering his cousin's peculiar taste, and se lecting such points as he knew would best please her. And wandering slowly still, he came at last within sight of the little

| said Louis, with a smile. "But this sub-A week after his arrival at the chateau, ject is not a pleasant one-is it? Sup-Louis stood, one morning, on the terrace pose I try to banish from your memory, cannot harm you." with his fair cousin, Helen Montauban, for the present, the image of this wicked and evidently prepared for a stroll in man, and we will talk of something rathsearch of amusement, judging from the gun and sketch book he carried. er pleasanter. Tell me who and what this is, my little friend."

gun and sketch book he carried. "Away so early, Louis?" asked Made-moiselle Montanban. "Even so, Helen. I am going to spend to talk with you."

sketched it! There is the mignonette on "Then, if that is the case," returned the sill; and my pretty cat, asleep by the the book-case, which you can see within, which I was engaged?" coming just now.

"Yes-exactly; before you saw me. But there is something, Rose, which you seem to consider of less consequence than

"That is well. And pray, Louis," she You did not mean it for Mademolselle onte."

"You are right. It is Rose Lamonte Well, Rose, I took this without your Lightly he touched his lips to her fair knowledge, therefore, I suppose I should

know that I shall heed it, if one is given." "In that case, monsieur," returned the

"Then I will keep it. And now, since the morning is nearly gone, I think I can a window, at her embroidery. Here, put- father, Rose; but since he does not come



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COUNT LOUIS ON & SKETCHING EXCUR-SDCC am sure he would like to see you. Then Louis thought of the wish which said Rose. "And now I think of it; he he had expressed to her. The cottage bade me thank you, in his name, if I was at a distance yet; he wished to gain should meet you again, for your interfera more distinct view of it. Perhaps he ence in my behalf the other day." the danger which was awaiting me that should discover Rose herself seated at the "I was glad that I happened to be door, and his scene already laid out for near, to chastise the scoundrel," responded Louis; "and I shall be well satisfied He hastened forward. The turn in the if the lesson proved to be one of lasting path was soon reached, and the half-hidservice. And bidding the young girl adieu, he den cottage was in full sight now; and turned from the spot to retrace his homeyes, there sat Rose at the door, working with her needle. He paused a moment ward way. "How pretty she is, how innocent, how to contemplate the scene. This little cottage, or farm house, so rude and plain childlike, how charming!" said Louis, in exterior, yet discovered to him through mentally. "One cannot but be attracted that open doorway, where the morning towards her." He walked on, meditating sun shone in so softly, one of the prettiest as he went. pictures in the world. Rose was looking "And so that ruflan, Gasparde, is gone," he said, again. "Good! It will be worse for him if he comes into the so lovely that Louis hastened to commence his sketch. Yet a nearer view was needed; and, silently as possible, he neighborhood, and attempts to molest her moved forward, so as to trace her fea- again. Poor little Rose-little forest tures distinctly, and at the same time to Suddenly he heard a merry voice whistavoid disturbing her. Rapidly, and with grace and vividness of touch that did ling some light air, at a distance. It justice to its present subject, Louis workaroused him from his reverie. Looking ed. It was the loveliest picture he had up, he beheld a man approaching him, attempted that day, and he enjoyed it. who was then, perhaps, fifty yards from Not many minutes was he in completing him. This man, as soon as Louis lifted his head, suddenly broke off the lively it, and then he advanced with a quiet air with which he had been amusing himstep up the pathway to the door. But Rose Lamonte was as busy with self, and seemed to regard our hero earnher thoughts as with her needle, and she estly. Then as suddenly he recommence did not hear the approaching footstep. It | ed whistling, fixed his glance in turn up was not until the shadow of the young on the earth, and, with head slightly man's form fell across the sill that she bent, advanced. "Who can it be?" thought the count, was aroused from her reverie. She looked "He seems to recognize me. up then, and started with some slight sur-And if did eat. strikes me that he is endeavoring to conprise on beholding the count. Immediately recovering herself, however, she ceal his features." welcomed him with a smile and hastened And such, truly, appeared to be the to offer him a seat. case. Yet it was no one whom Louis remembered to have seen before. This man He accepted it, and sat down near her was dressed in the garb usual to the peas-He had met Rose bat twice before; yet it ants of the country, in stature of about her. was in such circumstances that the awk medium rank, and proportionate size. His wardness and constraint of first acquaintance was in a measure unknown to them, features were partially concealed, as he and it was the easiest thing in the world held his head down. But Louis, as he came nearer, was more ourious to behold them than he would have been if the man to fall into conversation now. He almost forgot that their acquaintance was of so had not endeavored, with such evident recent a date, indeed. usness, to pass unnoticed.

speak with you."

You are determined to know me."

ing. But you speak as though you had LET US ALL LAUGH. "I was not over-desirous that you should remember it," answered the man. "And why not? You are not sorry for JOKES FROM THE PENS OF VAhelping me, I trust?". "No, monsieur; nor unable or unwilling either, for that matter, to help you again, **RIOUS HUMORISTS.** if you should need help. And, my faith! Pleasant Incidents Occurring the but I am afraid you will need aid most sorely, if things prosper as they have be-gun," he added, in a lower and half-mus-World Over-Sayings that Are Cheerful to Old or Young-Funny Selecing tone. "What do you mean?" queried the tions that You Will Enjoy. count, not a little puzzled. "Henry," whispered the bride of two

"What do I mean, monsieur? Why, the fact is, it would be hard to tell. How hours, "you don't regret marrying me, even yet?" do I know what is to happen?" "What was that muttering for, then? "No, darling," replied Henry. "Not

What is your name? Tell me that. It even yet!" The train sped on, and she was hap-"It is Jacques Leroux, monsieur." py for another five minutes.

"Jacques Leroux !- well, I shall remem ber now. But come, sit down on this A Little Ruse, bank by the roadside a moment. I wish Mrs. Witherly-I bought this rug for

the baby to play on. "Very well, monsieur. Only I warn Witherly-Well, don't let her know it. you, you must not ask too many ques-tions. It is enough that I was inclined

Doing His Share. to help you that night. You must not Angry Father-Young man, you are inquire too closely into the why and sitting up too late with my daughwherefore of the secrecy." "Let me ask what I please, Jacques. ter. Last night I heard you kissing

Willie Winterman-And so you won'

Why It Tasted Bitter.

later the doctor was called to attend a

nine capsules he had prescribed. Turn-

A physician had occasion to prescribe

You are not forced to answer, if you do her. Caperton-Well, sir, some one has not like. In the first place, then, how did you come to know all about the affair in got to.

No Titles.

"That, monsieur, is one of the questions which I must decline to answer." "Why did you conceive so great an terest in me-a stranger?" "That I cannot tell, unless it was be

cause I liked your appearance." "You had seen me before, then?" "I had seen you before, monsieur."

"Where-when?" "It would do you no good to know." "You are cool, Jacques. I see I shall gain no satisfaction from you. But, at least, let me know to what part of the country you belong, and whether I shall

ever see you after this." "I am not conscious of belonging any-where in particular, monsieur, though one may be apt to see me most generally in this direction. I dare say we shall meet very often, if you remain at the chateau up there."

"You spoke of my needing assistance at a future day. Do you think it probable

that I shall?" "I do not say. One may very often marry me? need help, you know; especially when one has enemies. The old fable of the ly ridiculous you are, Willie. Why,

lion and the mouse is as useful to-day as you're nothing but an American. ever it was." "Where are my enemies? Who are

they?"

"You know best, monsieur, whether you quinine to a patient, an elderly lady who was not used to modern ways of have gained the ill-will of any one." "You mean-but no! What should you administering medicine. The quinine know concerning that? You-" was ordered in capsules-twelve, each "I mean, monsieur, to speak in so many containing four grains. About a week

plain words, that ugly cousin of pretty Rose Lamonte-Gasparde. I should hardly dare to utter his name aloud, but I know that he is not within earshot by ticed what he supposed were the quia long way."

"You do know, then, that he is my en- ing to the mother, he asked why she emy?" "As far as jealousy can make him, monsieur. And though he is away now, it ter powder? Yes, I took it, but had

does not follow that he may not harm you some day. He did not fancy your treatment of him the other day. But data bard work getting it out of those little glass things it was put up in."-Philadelphia Ledger. now, monsieur, I have lingered here long enough. I am going to see Hugh Lamonte

"Ah!" exclaimed the count; "then you know Hugh?" "Yes, monsieur. I help him sometimes. in his garden. He wants me this moraing.

The young count pursued his way. thinking, with some curiosity, and not a little perplexity, of his new acquaint-

"That accounts for it," he said to himself. "He learned the story from Hugh, I suppose, or overheard something. But have anything I wanted on the bill of I wonder how he became acquainted with fare.

Sandy-Dey don't want to lynch yer, do dey? Cinders-No, but dey want dis clothes-line I'm wearin as suspenders good deal before he came to Washingfer de rope. Scheme That Failed. "Say," exclaimed the man in to bring your mother?" "Yes," answered she, "but she open-News. A Change of Opinion. "So they named a cigar after you?"

pard?

hind me.

"Yes," answered the sporting man,

Time to Run.

n a dublous tone. "Quite a compliment." "I thought so till I smoked one of the cigars. Then I concluded it was a

libel.

Feminine Charity.

very expressive face. She-Yes, indeed. It's the very best and, I regret to say, accurate characmoney can buy.

One of Many. Rubberton-Did Jones die without a will? Dr. Quackem-No, indeed, He died

very much against his will ... Terrible to Contemplate.

LaMontt-I see some one has invent- pleasantries, for they all come in a ed a projectile in the shape of a cigar spelibinder's life. Finally an intellithat will annihilate an army.

they made it in the shape of a racing a question. The request was so courautomobile it would kill twice as teously made that for a moment I was many.

Quite Another Matter.

"Before I give you my answer," said the fluffy-haired summer girl, "I would like to know if you are in a position to krep me in the style to which I have

always been accustomed." "If the styles don't change too often I am," replied the wise youth. "Otherwise the odds are in favor of my going The old gentleman saw my plight, and

A Severe Test.

Her Father (protestingly)-You wish

to marry my daughter, ch? Why, she has only just graduated!

Suitor (magnanimously)-I know it! And yet I love her!-Puck.

A Comparison

had not taken the medicine. "Sure, doctor, do you mean that bit-

Pressed.

"Why, how rumpled your shirt walst is, Edith!" "Dear me! and it has only just been

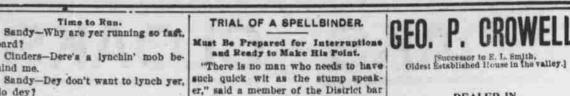
pressed, too." Edith was quite as self-possessed as

-Somerville Journal.

"How's he fixed?"

ever. But St. John colored deeply. She Knew Him.

He-When did you begin to suspect was in love with you?



who dabbled in politics out in Ohio a

ton to take a government job, and

eventually to practice law. "The law- Dry Goods, Groceries, yer may claim that he is the one who "Bay," exclaimed the man in a has the monopoly on presence of mind hoarse whisper, as he met his wife at while he is speaking, but, for me, just Boots and Shoes, the depot, "didn't I telegraph you not give me one of those veteran pollticians who spends two months every Hardware, ed the message and insisted on coming times it is a story and at other times along to investigate."-Chicago Daily an evasive answer that will quiet the Flour and Feed, etc. crowd, but a man must always have his wits with him. "I think I take more pride in one little reply I once made to an interruption than in anything I ever did tinue to pay cash for all its goods; it in my whole life. 1 was sent one pays no rent; it employs a clerk, but

evening out to a precinct that was the does not have to divide with a partner. stronghold of the enemy. The meet- All dividends are made with customers ing was held in the schoolhouse, and in the way of reasonable prices. the building was crowded, mainly with people opposed to us. In addition to

He-Miss Elderleigh certainly has a the issues of the campaign a hot local fight was on, and charges of a grave Lumber ter had been filed against one of the candidates on our ticket. The charge

had appeared in a little two-by-four sheet that was conducted in the interests of the opposition. "I got up and started in on my speech. Of course I was interrupted,

but I paid little attention to these

gent-looking old farmer arose and re-LaMoyne-You don't say! I bet if specifully begged to be allowed to ask Davenport Bros.

> off my guard, and I said as pleasantly as possible: 'Certainly.'

"'How about those charges against Sheriff Smith?' he inquired with an air

printed. I was struck speechless. Two

and easily disturbed, and the charges were true, and I could not refute them

pressed his advantage, repeating the question and shaking the paper in my face. It all came to me like a flash. "'Great Lord!' I exclaimed, in

voice of thunder. 'Do you mean to say that you, a reputable man, read

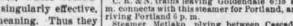
that paper?' "That was enough. The sheet was disreputable, and the old man hung his head sheepishly for a second, and the crowd, seeing his embarrassment, hooted him until he sat down.

"I finished my speech in triumph and think I made some votes that night, but I did not breathe easily un til I was in the carriage and started for home."

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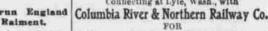
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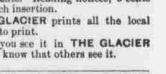
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Where is your father, Rose, this morning?" he asked, at first. "I hoped to see

"I am sorry he is not here, monsieur," returned the young girl. "But he went to the forest, something more than an hour ago, to gather roots for me, and I do not know how soon he will come back suppose that monsieur le marquis and Mademoselle Helen are well to-day?"

"Quite well, Rose. You have not been the chateau since last week, I think ?"

"No. I do not think I have stayed away from there for so many days tofully: gether in all the years since we came here. It seems a strange thing to inquire after them," said Rose, looking up. "My uncle and Helen were mentioning It yesterday," rejoined Louis. "They intend sending for you to-morrow."

"O, I will not trouble them so far as do that," responded the young girl. "I do not need any one to come for me now, because I can come alone quite as face, well marked by the assistance of well. Will you be so good as to tell lightning then, had been carefully rem Mademoiselle Helen that I will come to-bered since. morrow?"

"I will do so-certainly," answered well, monsieur?" asked the man. Louis. "But where, then, is that trou-scarcely imagined that you would." "I will do so-certainly," answered blesome cousin of yours? Has he gone friend," returned the count, "that nei away?

'Yes, monsieur. I hope we shall never the place, persons nor occasion w see him again," she said, with a slight shudder of aversion. "My father spoke man seldom meets such a dozen times in very sharply to him, and sent him to a the course of his life. Did I not tell you place a great way from here. I do not that I should remember you?" know what place it was; my father did "Just so, monsieur. Still-" not tell me. But he says Gasparde shall never come back until he learns to be leas

"What a relief that is, Rose-is it not?"

night? However, I suppose I must not trouble myself about it. And Jacques pursued his route to the dwelling of Hugh Lamonte-of his chief. with a red ribbon round it than a For though Louis had no suspicion of it at present, this man was concerned. though in no very important degree, with

the very gang who had sent out men to waylay him in the forest. This was the secret of his knowledge respecting their (To be continued.)

The Gum-Chewing Cow.

A farmer in Knox County, Maine, has been saying mean things about a Rockland shipmaster, and Opinion reports a few. Quoth the farmer: "If I had a hired man that made such a piece of work as he did about that cow of his. I'd send him off!

"Why, he bought a cow of a man down my way; good critter-nothin' the matter with her. But it seems the captain's wife one day thought the milk tasted funny, and suggested that p'r'aps she'd been eatin' spruce boughs; said the milk tasted like spruce. And what does he do but go out in the pasture to watch the cow, to see what she

"The cow was lavin' down, chewin' her cud, and he went along and run his finger in her mouth to see what she was eatin'. 'Then he was mad. He put a rope on the cow, and started off with "'Where are you goin' with the

cow? says a neighbor "'Goin' to take her back to the feller

that sold her to me. He's cheated me, and I won't stand it!" "The man wanted to know what was

the matter, and he went on to tell As they approached closer to each other, the young count caught a glimpse of about it. 'She wasn't eatin' boughs.' those features. He started, with an in he says, 'she was chewing gum; that's oluntary exclamation, and stopping what's the matter with the milk and as soon as I become your wife? short, laid his hand on the man's arm. makes it taste like spruce. And,' he "My friend," he said, "you will oblige me by pausing one moment. I desire to says, 'that ain't all. She's so addicted to the habit that she's worn all her What if it should be a mistake after teeth out. She ain't got an upper tooth all? But no! The man stopped at this in her head. Back she goes, quick!" quiet, yet peremptory summons, ceased whistling, and taking off his large hat, "Of course the man told him that it was all nonsense; that cows never had looked Louis in the face, saying, respectno upper teeth. But he didn't believe a word of it, and went on and had a "I see it is usaless, monsieur le compte.

tarnal row with the man that sold him the cow. Guess he was never satis-"Your own fault-your own fault," fied about it." laughed the count, with an air of good umor. For, in this person, he recog

A DESCRIPTION OF A DESC	humor. For, in this person, he recog- nized the one who had appeared to him in the forest on the night of that memora- ble attack, to wars and arm him against the approaching danger of the way. The	A System of Saving. Ascum-Mr. Beetem tells me be al- ways gets his groceries in big lots. Says he finds it more economical.	tell how he didn't."
	face, well marked by the assistance of the lightning thea, had been carefully remem- bered since. "But how is it that you know me so well, monsieur?" asked the man. "I scarcely imagined that you would." "You must be sensible, my good friend," returned the count, "that neither the place, persons nor occasion were those liable to be easily forgotten. A	Sands (the grocer)-O! he knows how to economize. Ascum-But how can that be econ- omical? The more he gets the more he has to pay for. Sands-You don't know him. The more he gets the more he doesn't pay forPhiladelphia Press.	Sweet Singer-The tragedian says coming through the Rockies on a to last winter he couldn't see out of windows. Soubrette-Terrible snowstorm.

## t Singer-Box car, more likely. No Profit in It. End in Sight. She-He's quite a rising young au-Count Vacum-Ah, cot sooms sat a thor. He goes in for realism, you rich American girls are getting scarcer

"Just so, monsieur. Still-"" "But I do not often forget faces, espeand scarcer for us. know. He-Yes; but he hasn't realized on cially those met with in times of danger. He-Yes; by Yours I kept for the remembrance of past deeds, and the score of a future reckon- phia Record. Count Dodo-Yes, monsieur, all ne his writings to any extent .-- Philadel 'get-rich-quick' concerns are receiving hard blows in America.

She-The day you told me I could Stout Man-Hullo! You look as if you had been riding on a barrel.

A Common Affliction.

petite and prune income."-Puck.

Would Fix It.

Bow-Legged Man-You look as if you had swallowed one. Important to Young Men. A girl would rather have a half He Was a Rude Man. pound of 40-cent candy in a fancy box "John," said the young wife who

prides herself on being sensible right pound of 80-cent caudy in a paper bag. up to the limit, "just notice how easyfitting my new shoes are." "Yes, I see," answered John, "And John," she continued, "do you

know why I always get my shoes so "Oh, he has the usual strawberry aparge?" "Oh," replied the ungallant other

half of the sketch, "I suppose it's because you have such big feet."

an aggrieved householder remarked to Her Only Comment. "Nevertheless, my dear," said the the present writer, and he seldom puts masculine portion of the combine, into port for longer than a night at a there are a number of men in the time unless compelled by circumworld who are my mental inferiors." stances beyond his control, when he "John," rejoined the wife of his is lodged in a spacious mansion, in bosom as she looked him square in the boarded gratis and is provided with eye, "you were always a confirmed the "job" which he professes to be cynic.

## Ont at First.

"S'r," began the young man, "I came ask your daughter's hand in mardage. I feel that I am not worthy of her, but-"Young man," interrupted the story parent. "I fully agree with you on that point, and there is nothing further to

liest"-place in the town. be said on the subject. Good-evening, Servants, First Housewife-Some days I undo about everything the servant does,

Second Housewife-Gracious! How do you dare? Hot Draft.

Mahoole-Aln't yes th' wan that towld me niver to dhrink wather widout boilin'? Physician-Yes, sir.

Mahoole-Thin Oi how a moind to murther ye. Of dhrank bolled wather Cal U. Mette-I'll have to, Couldn't awn almost burned me mouth off.

## People Eat Less Bread.

"Well, how's business?" asked a re-Pete-Dey tell me dat bully was always coming around here looking for porter of a wholesale flour agent. scraps. Did yo' accommodate him? "You would be surprised," he replied, "to know that in the time of turn kept faith with them. Sam-Should say so. Ah hit him

general prosperity we are selling less During her last illness she made a four than in hard times. From 1898 will dividing all her goods and chatto 1895 I sold more flour than ever be- tels equally between three daughters. fore or since. Business is thriving in Each of her children got a barrel of many lines, but the country is too pros- pork, a cow, ten bushels of wheat and perous for the flour men and the bak- a third of the corn meal and poultry on ers." "Why is it? Simply because the peo- paragraph, eliminating, of course, the

ple have money enough to buy other names of the daughters: things than bread. When the country is hard up people get along on bread Mimi; to my daughter ----- I leave as the staple of the table. Now they Aunt Jennie; to my daughter use the fancy cereals, breakfast foods, can use more meat and vegetables and daughters to take care of the old ser generally expand their diet, which, of vant bequeathed to her until the death course, lessens the demand for bread." of said servant."

-Washington Star. Power Used in Plano-Playing. One playing on the plano the music

for three songs exerts enough force to raise 1,000 pounds. Many of man's mistakes are the re

suit of his letting desire get a strangle ion for the family. hold on duty.

Late weeks pensants, whose vocabulary is limited, is singularly effective, it bears a racier meaning. Thus they designate a particular class of "tray-designate a particular class of "tray-eling folk" who roam the country from place to place as a sailor roams the sea. The name might well be applied to the whole nomad tribe—tinkers, hawkers, gipsies, itinerant showmen and the like—but for some reason or other it is confined to the tramp prop C. B. A. N. trains leaving Goldendale 6:16 a. m. connects with this steamer for Portland, arriving portland 6. m. second class of "tray-designate a particular class of "tray-locks and The Dalles, leaves Cascade Locks 6. m. arrives The Dalles 1.30 a. m. Leaves The Dalles 3. m. arrives The Dalles 5. m. arrives class of the second class of the Dalles 7. a. m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Round trip tickets between these points 50 cents. Good on Steamer ' Balley Gatzert' only, affording an excellent opportunity to view the magnificent scenery of the Columbia river.

and the like-out for some reason of other it is confined to the tramp prop-er, the seedy, out-at-elbows individual who is to be seen slouching along the high road or begging from door to door in the villages.

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Miss Matilda-Your company is di tasteful to me. Corporal Pinhead-Then I'll resign from it. I don't like being a soldier anyway. Expensive Luxaries. Vers Hitone-Will you keep your promise and resign from your club just

afford both, you know.

wid a bowl ob hash.

All Scraps.

The Next Beet Thing.

"Polehunter talks about making a

but he could come back and

Singer-The tragedian says in

through the Rockies on a train

inter he couldn't see out of the

Arctic trip in an automobile."