Nor offered a helping hand to her, So meek, so timid, afraid to stir, Lest the carriage wheels or horse's feet Should crowd her down in the slip, ery street At last came one of the merry troop, The gayest laddie of all the group.

He paused beside her, and whispered low, "I'll help you across if you wish to go." Her aged hand on his strong young arm She placed, and without hurt or harm

He guided the trembling feet along, Proud that his own were firm and strong. Then back again to his friends he went, His young heart happy and well conten

"She's somebody's mother, boys, you know For all she's old, and poor, and slow; And I hope some fellow will lend a hand To help my mother, you understand,

If ever she's old, and poor, and grey, When her own dear boy is far away."

And "somebody's mother" bowed low her head In her home that night, and the prayer she said

Was "God be kind to the noble boy Who is somebody's son, and pride, and joy

THE TROUBLESOME BURGHERS.

Philip Van Artevelde was a Dutchman. His father, Jacob, had been Governor of Ghent, and had made himself a great name by leading a revolt against the Count of Flanders, and driving him of the country.

Philip was a quiet man, who attended to his own affairs and took no part in public business; but in the year 1381 the good people of Ghent found of Flanders, who oppressed them in every way. He and his nobles thought nothing of the common peoand his nobles ple, but taxed them heavily and interfered with their business.

The city of Bruges was the rival of Ghent, and in those days rivals in trade were enemies. The Bruges people were not satisfied with trying to make more money and get more business than Ghent could, but they wanted Ghent destroyed, and so they supported Count Louis in all that he did to injure their neighbor-

ing city.

Having this quarrel on their hands. the Ghent people did not know what to do. Count Louis was too strong for them, and they were very much afraid he would destroy their town and put the people to death.

A public meeting was held, and remembering how well old Jacob van Artevelde had served them against the father of Count Louis, they made his son Philip their captain, and told him he must manage this quarrel for them.

Philip undertook this duty, and peaceable way; but the Count was angry, and would not listen to anything that Van Artevelde proposed. He said the Ghent people were rebels, and must submit without any conditions at all, and this the sturdy Ghent burghers would not do.

gainst the town and give the per a fair chance to fight the matter out. He preferred to starve them, and for their fate. But it was already too that purpose he put soldiers on all late. Van Artevelde's column had the roads leading toward Ghent, and refused to allow any provisions to be

The people soon ate up nearly all the food they had, and when the spring of 1382 came they were starving. Something must be done at and Philip van Artevelde decided that it was of no use to resist for mercy. He offered to submit to any terms the Count might propose, if the Count would only promise not to put any of the people to death. Philip even offered himself as a vicbanish him from the country as a people of the town. But the haughty from fifteen to sixty years old must poured into poor, starving Ghent. march half-way to Bruges bare-headed, with no clothes on but their shirts, and each with a rope around his neck, and then he would decide how many of them he would put to death and how many he would spare.

The Count thought the poor Ghent people would have to submit to this, and he meant to put them all to death when they should thus come out without arms to surrender. He therefore called on his vassals to meet him in Bruges at Easter, and go out with him to "destroy these troublesome

But the "troublesome burghers," as we shall see presently, were not the kind of men to walk out bare-houded, with ropes around their necks, and submit to destruction.

Philip van Artevelde returned sadly to Ghent, on the 29th of April, and told the people what the Count had said. Then the gallant old soldier Peter van den Bossche exclaimed:

"In a few days the town of Ghent humbled town in Christendom."

together, and told them what the sit- soldiers is steadily increasing. uation was. There were 30,000 people in Ghent, and there was no food

come to their assistance. They must decide quickly what they would do, and Philip said there were three courses open to them. First, if they chose, they could wall up the gates of Employment. the town and die of starvation. Secondly, they could accept the Count's terms, march out with the ropes around their necks, and take what-ever punishment the Count might put upon them. If they should de cide to do that, Philip said he would march to Bruges, and fight the quarrel out.

The answer of the people was that Philip should decide for them, and he at once said, "Then we will fight."

The 5000 men were got together, and on the 1st of May they marched ont of town to win or lose the desperate battle. The priests of the city dead in their homes."

The only food there was for these of wine were taken.

his little army in line on the common restless, discontented and miserable; "You did not hesitate to tell my of Beverhoutsveld, at Oedelem, near it was to study law, and become a little delicate child, who could not Bruges. There was a marsh in front teacher to a Legal Faculty in a of them, and Van Artevelde protected provincial city. One day his mother their flank by a fortification consist-called him to her. She said she had ing of the carts and some stakes been unhappy in witnessing his driven into the ground. He then sent growing depression, and she handed a messenger to the Count, begging him a bag of money which she had him to pardon the people of Ghent, and having done this, he ordered his to defray the cost of his journey to men to go to sleep for the night.

little army was aroused to make final of clothing had been prepared, and ened to sleep? preparations for the desperate work was at the office of the stage-coach, before them. The priests exhorted where a place was booked for him to the men to fight to death, showing the nearest railway. Madame Gamthem how useless it would be for betta instructed him to slip quietly them to surrender or run away, as away, in order to avoid a painful they were sure to be put to death at scene with his father, who was de-any rate. Their only hope for life termined that his son should succesd was in victory, and if they could not him in the business. This communiwin that, it would be better to die cation was so unexpected and dethemselves in a very great difficulty. Win that, it would be better to die cation was so unexpected and de-Their city was subject to the Count fighting like men than to surrender lightful that for the rest of the day and be put to death like dogs.

seven gray friars said mass and gave stole off as instructed. Before Madthe Sacrament to all the soldiers. and the two casks of wine were divided among the men, for their last the hoard placed in his hands should breakfast. When that meal was breakfast. When that meal was be exhausted. In 1856, the year in eaten, the soldiers of Ghent had not which Gambetta left Cahors, M. an ounce of food left anywhere.

together in Bruges, and got them chocolate factory at Noisiel, and ready for battle; but the people of traded in medicated biscuits and Bruges were so sure of easily de-sweet stuffs. Calling at the "Bazar stroying the little Ghent army that Genois," he was received by Madame they would not wait for orders, but Gambetta. In answer to his proposal marched out shouting and making to sell his goods on commission she,

road in this noisy fashien, the one enunciated by the unjust steward. "troublesome burghers" of Ghent sud- "I have a son of great promise," she

town, with Van Artevelde's men at know, try to starve him into submistheir heels in hot pursuit. The sion. What I am about to propose Count's regular troops tried to make is that if I buy your chocolate at the tried to settle the trouble in some a stand, but the burghers of Ghent rate you offer it, and buy it outright came upon them so furiously that instead of taking it to sell on comthey too became panic stricken and mission, you will say nothing if I fled. The Count himself ran with all his might, and as soon as he entered the city he ordered the gates to be shut. He was so anxious to save him self from the fury of Van Artevelde's coldiers that he wanted to clear the Count Louis would not march soldiers that he wanted to close the gates at once and leave those of his own people who were still outside to any longer. He took twelve deputies and scattered, and the Count himself from the city.

Ghent.—[Harper's Young People.

ging about her economy in house-keeping. "I only pay four and a half," was the reply, "How do you manage to get it half a dollar cheaper than anybody else?" "I hire a hack and go out on the road, and meet the word warpens before they get to town." wood wagons before they get to town.' "How much do you pay for the hack?" "Only a dollar." | Siftings.

It has been remarked as singular shall be the most honored or the most that, although the war was ended eighteen years ago, the number of Van Artevelde called the burghers inmates in the homes for disabled

LEON GAMBETTA.

HIS MOTHER SENDS HIM TO PARIS TO STUDY LAW

An old acquaintance of Gambetta contributes an important anecdotal paper to the March Century, containhanged first. Thirdly, they could get together 5000 of their best men, march to Bruges, and fight the our.

"The poor little thing nestled down under the clothes and after a long point is aimed at himself, with a betta's mother got the means to send her son to the law school in Paris. As the "Bazar Genois" was in the

market-place its business lay in a

great degree with rustics. Leon got sick of dealing with haggling rustics, and prayed to be removed from stood at the gates as the men marched behind the counter to the desk. As out, and prayed for blessings upon he was a quick accountant, and wrote The old men, the women and in a neat, legible, and flowing hand, the children cried out, "If you lose this was granted. He did his best to the battle you need not return to give his mind to the business, but Ghent, for you will find your families failed, and his health sank under the tedium of uncongenial pursuits. No device to which the watchful and 5000 men was carried in five little tender mother resorted could get the carts, while on another cart two casks | better of his splenetic state. He had f wine were taken.

The next day Van Artevelde placed to him a chimerical one, made him Paris and enable him to study law At daybreak the next morning the there for some time. A trunk full nd be put to death like dogs.

After these exhortations were given,

He rose betimes next morning, and Then the five cart-loads of provisions to follow his vocation, she had taken Emile Menier went there on a busi-Meantime the Count called his men ness tour. He had just opened the As the column marched along the another. It was in the nature of the denly sprang upon them, crying, said, "whom I want to send to Paris, "Ghent! Ghent!" against his father's will, to study "Ghent! Ghent!"

The charge was so sudden and so fierce that the Bruges people gave way, and fled in a panic toward the continue his business here, will, I

THE ASTORS

The Astor estate, like the old Roman Empire, was once a unit, but at followed the retreating crowd so fast last it reached a division. Like the that it had already pushed its head Emperors Arcadius and Honorius. into the town, and there was no driv- the brothers John Jacob and William ing it back. The five thousand separated, and the realm which their "troublesome burghers," with their grandfather founded is now two swords in their hands, and still crying minor monarchies. The brothers, "Ghent!" swarmed into Bruges, and bowever are on friendly terms, and quickly took possession of the town. I eir offices are side by side. John The Count's army was utterly routed acob, whose health is feeble, has placed his real estate in the hands of with him, and went to beg the Count would have been taken prisoner if his son Waldorf, who is now our one of the Ghent burghers had not minister to Rome. The latter is a hidden him and helped him to escape practical man, of unassuming manners, has studied law, and under-Van Artevelde's soldiers, who had stands both public and private busieaten the last of their food that ness. His record while in the State tim, agreeing that the Count should morning in the belief that they would Legislature is certainly creditable, never eat another meal on earth, and it is evident that his ambition punishment, if he would spare the supped that night on the richest rises above the mere possession of dishes that Bruges could supply; and wealth. It is understood that when nearly as dry as flour; then add one He now that the Count was overthrown, the division was made a map of the and one-half cups of powdered sugar Count would promise nothing. He said that all the people of Ghent great wagon trains of provisions entire estate was prepared for the and the whites of two eggs beaten to poured into poor, starving Ghent.

There was a great golden dragon on the Belfrey of Bruges, of which made by lot. John Jacob obtained buttered sheets of two eggs beaten to a froth. Mix well and make into small cakes; place them on well-buttered sheets of white paper. the Bruges people were very proud. the Astor House, which alone is That dragon had once stood on the worth nearly two millions. Each of Church of St. Sophia in Constanti- these brothers has about 3,000 houses nople, and the Emperor Baldwin had on his rent roll, and they are buying sent it as a present to Bruges. In token of their victory Van Artevelde's vanced rates. John Jacob has a "tronblesome burghers" took down preference for business structures, the golden dragon and carried it to and the one which he recently erected in Wall street is highly profitable, notwithstanding the enormous cost. "How much do you pay a load for He has also purchased a large plat in fire wood?" asked one Austin lady of the lower part of Broadway, where another, who was much given to brag- he will erect another business build-

> It is pleasant about 9 p. M., when you have got well into the newspaper and your second cigar, and Madame is quietly napping on the sofa, to have the door bell ring, and, after you have pitched your Havana into the cuspadore, turned up the gas, and mater-famalias has rushed off to make herself presentable to callers, to have the servant bring up a small bundle The humbug of the day in Paris of dirty chromos with an accompany-

THE HOUSEHOLD.

FRIGHTENING CHILDREN TO SLEEP .-A lady overheard her nurse girl the other night talking to the little child she was putting to sleep, and among other legends of the nursery in which

she indulged was this: "If you don't go right to sleep this very minute, a big, awful black bear, with eyes like coals of fire, and sharp, white, cruel teeth, will come out from under the bed and eaty-ou a-l-l

season of terror fell asleep to dream hearty relish. It is a custom among are students from the Dis frightful dreams of horrid bears eathad composed herself in her own com-

and the voice of the mistress called loudly through the panels: "Maggie! Maggie! for mercy's sake get up as quick as you can! There's came to the conservatory a young scratched around and laid ren get up as quick as you can. And Southerner, to study the violin. Penac design. One egg contains as soon as you get to sleep he's com-

there came a sudden rap at the door,

ing out to rob and murder you!" At the word burglar she sprang screaming from the bed, tore open the door and fell in hysteries into the hall. The lesson was even more instructive than the mistress had designed; but when the girl's fears were calmed she said to her:

possibly know that it was a lie, a cruel story of a bear under her bed; now, when I treat you to the same kind of slumber-story, you are nearly frightened to death. To-morrow you can go into the kitchen and workyou are not fit to care for little chil-

How many children are there who, every night of their lives, are fright-

A Good Pudding.—An excellent pudding is mad by soaking one pint of fine, nice bread crumbs in a pint of sweet milk; beat the yolks of six eggs and the whites of three till they are very light; beat in with them one coffee cup of sugar, one tablespoonful of melted butter; stir these in with the bread crumbs, add the grated rind and the juice of one lemon. Bake in a deep pudding dish. When done, spread a layer of tart jelly over the top and then a meringue made of the whites of three eggs, which should be reserved for this purpose. Set it in the oven to brown the top; this takes a very short time if the oven is hot, not more than four minutes being required for it.

COLD WATER DRINKING.—Cold baths of the skin are good, but it is doubtful if flooding the stomach on going to bed and on rising, is not, on the whole, the most profitable form of bathing. Costiveness, piles and in-digestion are uniformly relieved by this morning and evening cold douche. each one for himself. Two or three swallows will do to begin with, and the quantity will soon grow to a tumbler full; and we have known persons to use much more with marked benefit. If wisely managed, every dyspeptic will be greatly improved by this cold stomach bath.

Ammonia.-A great labor saving arfor almost everything, is ammonia. had been so idiotic. A small quantity in warm water takes little fingers.

Almond Candy. To make delicious almond candy take one pound of sugar and about half a pint of water; put in part of the white of an egg to clarify the sugar; let this boil a few minutes and remove any scum that When the sugar begins to candy drop in the dry almonds; first, however, you should blanch the nuts by pouring hot water over them and letting them stand in it a few minutes; then the skin will slip off readily. Spread the candy on buttered plates

COCOANUT CAKES.—Take a small can of desiccated cocoanut, put it in a porcelain kettle and place over the fire, and stir constantly until it is small cakes; place them on well-buttered sheets of white paper. Bake in a slow oven until they are of a Each of light-brown color.

It is said that tar may be instantaneously removed from the hands by rubbing with the outside of fresh orange or lemon peel, and wiping dry immediately. It is astonishing a small piece will clean. The volatile oils in the skins dissolve the tar, so that it can be wiped off.

TIN WEDDING CAKE.—Rub one cup of butter and three of sugar to a ning to back away; "I hope—thatcream; add one cup of milk, four cups of flour, five eggs, one teaspoonful of he got to his Southern friend as soon cream tartar, half teaspoonful soda, as possible. one fourth pound of citron. This makes two loaves.

relieved by the application of dry soda covered with a wet cloth, moist enough to dissolve it. Use the bicarbonate or common cooking soda. bly you felt about as I did in Leipsig

To relieve a severe headache, bind ten years ago." the temples tightly with a handkerchief or cloth.

Hemorrhages of the lungs or stomach may be quickly stopped by small doses of salt.

A TRUE STORY.

The Practical Joke Played on a Young Southerner by a Friendfin Leipsig.

HOW HE PAID HIS SCORE YEARS AFTERWARD IN BOSTON.

The following amusing story is no fiction. Its principal actor is a well known musical gentleman of this musical students at Leipsig to play Columbia, Idaho, Montan She That night when the stolid nurse practical jokes upon each other, aimed more to make one appear fortable bed and put the light out, ridiculous than to do one harm. Some years ago, when the aforesaid gentleman, whom we will call Penac, J. L. Beasly has a hen will was studying in that place, there progressive turn of mind and several of the students took him the other the white. Both an out to show him the lions. As they together by a ligamentous me passed along he said to several of his companions, "Now, you do just as I "Siamese twins." the style ome using do, and we'll have some fun with this new fellow."

which the statue of Bach is raised aloft, Penac solemnly turned about As they reached the square in keepers have been swindled and reverently doffed his cap, his the detection of the swip companions following suit.

The young Southerner, with eyes The young Southerner, with eyes in this country not long ag wide opened for "foreign observa" fact that his boots were s tion," gravely asked the meaning of this manœuvre.

"Ah," replied Penac, "you don't know much of German people and their customs?"

"No," said his companion.
"Well," said Penac, "Bach is very much revered in Leipsig, so much so that it is a custom for all who pass his statue to uncover. Beautiful

custom, isn't it?" "Beautiful, indeed," replied the

"I'll give you a few points. I'll tell you another custom in musical circles: that is the solemn admiration paid Beethoven. Why, Hhenever his name is mentioned it is the habit to close one's eyes and bend one's plete his studies at a moderate re th head devoutly.'

The Southerner was much impressed. He had imagined such musical enthusiasm, but scarce hoped to find it, and was delighted.

Penac forgot the matter entirely. until some time afterward he chanced in the Rural Cemetery at pen to be at an evening recention where three years ago. The monumian c to be at an evening reception where three years ago. The monum he found himself near his Southern the grave was finished rece friend. Before he had a chance to is of Italian marble, about address him, he was amusingly surprised to see him bob up, close his eyes, and bow as if in prayer. He Around the upper edge, in rather it. had scarcely suppressed a smile before a voice at his elbow asked if he knew the young man, remarking:

"He seems very sensible; yet have never met him but what he has The quantity must be determined by gone through that performance, sometimes twice or three times in an evening.

Penac afterwards explained to the new-comer, saying: "I have had my joke and don't want you to make too much of a fool of yourself." For a moment the victim would not believe He had cherished the "beautiful eustom," and practiced it with assiduticle, and, like some medicines, good ity, and could hardly realize that he

Years passed, and one Sunday, a away every spot off of paint, removes few week since, a crowd of Boston every particle of grease from cooking utensils, cleans and disinfects the drain-pipe, cleans silver and brushes, cleanses delicate laces without rubdishes are served that flavor of other bing, and is an excellent fertilizer for climes, and where, for the first time plants. Like other good things, it since the good old days at Leipsig, must be carefully used, plainly Penac and the Southerner met and labelled and kept at of the reach of little fingers. Cordially shook hands. The former had entirely forgotten his practical joke, and from a fun-loving student had become a rather headstrong, eccentric musician. During the repast

his new-found companion said: "Oh, by the way, Penac, I have a friend here whom I am anxious you should meet." "By all means introduce me, then."

'He is something of a genius, generous to a fault, but peculiar-eccen-"Indeed. I have a penchant for

urio; what is its direction?" "Well, he plays beautifully, improvises, but he has a fancy for playing unless he is paid, no

"All right-that,s all right;" and the introduction was effected. Penac:

"Your friend tells me that you are of hearing you this afternoon," drawing his hand away and leaving a reply of the gentleman, staring at

face, questioningly, then angrily. "That's all right," said Penac, airily; "that's all right. I—want—" getting confused as the gentleman stared angrily in his face and beginyou will-favor us-you know," and

"I should think he was eccentric; Burns and scalds are immediately down; never saw such a strange actthought he was going to knock me ing man; I gave him the quarter, too: never felt so cheap in my life."
"No?" was the rejoinder. "Proba-No?" was the rejoinder.

ple in Ghent, and there was no lood to be had for them. There was no hope that the Count would offer any hope that the Count would offer any better terms, or that anybody would better terms, or that anybody would better terms, or that anybody would better terms. There was no just now is the sale of Gambetta auting note, asking to purchase, and saying the bearer will soon return for an answer.

Mr. McKinstry of Hudson, N. Y., something to do which they can do which are genuine.

Which can be bestowed on women, is something to do which they can do which are genuine.

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States."

Mr. Oscar Wilde, accordin London Truth, is writing drama for Miss Mary An which the lady is a duch

murderess. John B. Gough admits the of his suspender-bottons ha way during his first public his oratory would never h heard of again. The world

said to rest on pins and nee Harvard has students for state in the Union except Oregon, and Virginia. Be Armenia in Asia, Bahama rinci Canada, France, Germany, for t Italy, Japan, New Brunswi

Scotia, and Prussia. The Santa Rosa Republi master a pair of eggs of entiore.

Bogus noblemen are audacious. Several London ato i give their English brethren; bogus duke was betrayed at thet run down at the heels.

On the occasion of her la Bermuda, the Princess Loui gage consisted of not less th three pieces, excluding nine wine. The first thing brough was a mocking-bird in a cage of the trunks were marked ito the white letters, P. L.; one of the est of them disclosed a bras "Ar inscribed, "Princess Louise of the Trunk."

Advertisement in a Berlin paper. "A medical student "Or means are exhausted would meet with some one who wo vance him the necessary sumi interest. If necessary he won guarantee, at once marry his "Se or's daughter, or, if preferred is eas make an agreement to do so our

ing his final examination." President Authur's wife was Joeti

HELEN LEWIS HERNDON OF WIFE OF CHESTER A. ARTHUR FAIR!
Born in Culpepper, C. H., Aug. 3, 2
Died in New York, Jan. 12, 185

At

J. W. Patterson, in his and port as superintendent of pulvalen stitutions, severely criticises any n Hampshire's educational myalen The schools, which have falle no longer perform their word oughly. The teachers are in tent, often seeking only to cra tent, often seeking only to enthey minds of the scholars with they minds of the scholars with fifty things, and to that end using and visionary illustrations. teachers, he says, must be his larger salaries paid. The asome man now receives \$36 a mor average woman \$22 and 3,117 origin the 3,594 teachers are women.

The London Truth tells this of a distinguished London Bar for th "When his young wife, to whathe v was devotedly attached, was upsed va death-bed, a heavy and im case in which he was retained on for hearing. His presence But absolutely indispensable in the est of his client, Mr. Webster lovewonderful self-control, took his bad in court, and spoke for several thin returning at the end of the d part his wife's side in time to hear is. last words. The next mor next though he was heart-broken and whelmed with grief, he appear Sun. court again, pale and determin resumed his speech, only le when he could safely do so.'

At Moscow preparations for coronation of the Czar are proing upon a fabulous scale of ma matter if it is only a quarter, so long being constructed for the banqu the plains. In addition, eight circular counters are being pre for the distribution to the muji 900,000 pies. Rubenstein is to ing built in public places, and all company is covering the Krei was the with electric lights. Meanwhile anxiety about the Nihilists have at hi e quarter, then looking into Penac's the German police have posses apace, and the latest report is some of Hartman's communication to the Nihilists, giving instruction the subject of the coronation.

There are indications that leasure party which returned urope not very long ago has the cubus of a dishonest act weighing its collective conscience, and some custom-house inspector, if not proof against inner accusal is carrying a like weight. Unites States Treasurer received envelope a few days ago contail ten dollars and a letter in which anonymous writer says that money is the estimated amount Then Penac remembered; but he laughed all the same.—[Boston Home brought from Europe. He laughed all the same.—[Boston Home of It I could have made head or its land the laughed all the laughed all the laughed all the laughed laugh the tariff, I would have paid the honestly at once, and not have At present the most valuable gift fered myself to be overruled by