A SUMMER IDYL."

See the frog, the slimy, green frog, Dozing away on that old rotten log; Seriously wondering What caused the sundering

Of the tail that he wore when a wee polly

See the boy, the freckled school-boy, Famed for cussedness, free from alloy, Watching the frog Perched on the log

With feelings akin to tumultuous joy, See the rock, the hard, flinty rock, Which the freckled-faced boy at the frog doth sock, Conscious he's sinning, Yet gleefully grinning At the likely result of its terrible shock.

See the grass, the treacherous grass, Slip from heneath his feet! Alas! Into the mud With a dull thud He falls and visce a slimv mean

He falls, and rises a slimy mass.

Now, see the frog, the hilarious frog, Dancing a jig on his old rotten log,

Applying his toes To his broad, blunt nose, As he laughs at the boy stuck fast in the bog.

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Look at the switch, the hickory switch, Waiting to make that school-boy twitch. When his mother knows The state of his clothes Won't he raise his voice to its highest pitch!

Well, I should smile—a snickering smile, His anguish will circulate over a mile; And the next slimy frog He perceives on a log Will be given a rest in magnificent style.

-[Donald Pullman, in Courier-Journal.

FINDING THE TRAIL.

Here in the shadow of this grim mountain is a camp of cavalry-300 men in faded and ragged blue uniforms, every face sunburned and bronzed, every sabre and carbine showing long use, every horse lifting its head from the grass at short intervals for a swift glance up and down the valley.

Here, at the foot of the mountain, the Apache trail, which has been followed for three days, has grown cold. Aye, it has been lost. It is as if the white men had followed a path which suddenly ended at a precipice. From this point the red demons took wings, and the oldest trailer is at fault.

The men on picket looked up and down the narrow valley with anxious faces. Down the valley, a mile away. a solitary wild horse paws and prances and utters shrill neighs of won derment and alarm. Up the valley is a long stretch of green grass, the earth as level as a floor and no visible sign of life. The pines and shrubs and rocks on the mountain side might hide ten thousand Indians, but there is not the slightest movement to arouse suspicion. It is a still, hot day. Not a bird chirps, not a branch waves. The eye of a lynx could de tect nothing beyond the erratic movements of the lone wild horse adown the valley and the circular flight of an eagle so high in air that the proud bird seemed no larger than a sparrow.

For an hour every man and horse has looked for "signs," but nothing has been discovered beyond what has been described. It is a lost trail. There is something, in it to arouse suspicion as well as annovance. Ten miles away the trail was as plain as a country highway, and the Indians had no suspicion of pursuit. Five miles back there were signs of com-motion. Here, in the center of the valley, every footprint disappears.

Look, now! A sergeant with grizzly locks and fighting jaw rides down the valley followed by five troopers. They are to scont for the lost trail. Every man has unslung his carbine, saddle girth has been tightened, and every man of the six looks over the camp as he rides out as if he had been told that he was bidding

to sniff the air. His ears are point-The evening papers here are harded straight ahead, his eyes grow larger and take on a frightened look ly as honest in the matter of num-bering their editions as their Ameriand he half wheels as if he would can contemporaries. No London evening paper numbers an edition as "first;" for instance, the Echo's first gallop back to those who have seemingly pursued. Five, eight, ten seconds, and with a snort of alarm he edition is called the second, and is breaks into a terrific run, takes the issued at 1 o'clock. The next edition extreme left of the valley, and goes they call the fourth, and is issued at tearing out of sight as if followed 2:20. The fifth edition, which is really the third, comes out at 4:20; the

by lions. "Halt!" The grim sergeant sees "signs" in special at 7. Some of the evening the actions of the horse. Every papers begin business with a third trooper is looking ahead and to the right. The green valley runs into fringe, the fringe into dense thicket, the thicket into rock and pine and mountain slope. No eye can penetrate the fringe. The In-dians may be in ambush there, or the horse may have scented wolf or

grizzly. "Forward?"

No man knows what danger lurks in the fringe, but the order was to scout beyond the bend. To disobey is ignominy and disgrace; to ride forward is-wait! There is no air stirring in the valley. Every limb and bough is as still as if made of iron. There is a silence which weighs like a heavy burden, and the harsh note of hawk or buzzard would be a relief.

Here is the bend. The valley continues as before-no wider-no narrower-level and unbroken. The wild horse was out of sight long ago, and the six troopers see nothing but the green grass as their eyes sweep the valley from side to side

"Turn the bend and ride down the valley for a mile or so and keep your eyes open to discover any pass leading out.

"Halt!" It is more than a mile beyond the bend. No pass has been discovered. No signs of a trail have been picked The sergeant has raised himself UD. for a long and careful scrutipy, up when an exclamation causes him turn his face up the valley. Out from the fringe ride the demons who have been lurking there to drink Five-ten-twenty-fifty blood. the line has no end. It stretches

clear across the valley before a word has been spoken. Then it faces to the right and 200 Indians in war paint face the grim old sergeant and his five troopers.

"Into line-right dress!"

It is the sergeant who whispers the order. Six to 200, but he will face the danger. To retreat down the valley is to be overtaken one by one and shot from the saddle or reserved for torture. Down the valley there is no hope; up the valley is the camp and res ene. The two lines face each other for a moment without a movement

"Now, men, one volley-sling carbines-draw sabres and charge!

A sheet of flame-a roar-a cloud of smoke, and the six horses spring forward. Then there is a grand yell, a rush by every horse and rider, and a whirlpool begins to circle. Sabres flash and clang-arrows whis tle-revolvers pop-voices shout and scream, and then the whirlpool It is not three minutes since Ceases. the first carbine was fired, but the tragedy has ended. Every trooper is down and scalped, half a dozen redskins are dead or dying, a dozen horses are struggling or staggering. and turning the bend at a mad gallop

is the sergeant's riderless horse. He carries an arrow in his shoulder, and there is blood on the saddle. In five minutes he will be in camp, and the notes of the bugle will prove that the lost trail has been found.

LONDON NEWSPAPER CARTS

VERY SLY.

a Diamond Smuggler Tricked New How York Custom-House Experts -- Plastered on His Back

special edition at 6, and the extra prises must be attributed nowadays, has recently added an extremely edition, which the unsuspecting Britisher buys under the impression that he is getting something very late indeed.—[London Cor. Detroit

A WILL OF HIS OWN.

for a child that had not a

will by severe punishment.

One of our best local preachers reached a sermon on children, and cess has always been peculiarly exasthe way to bring them up, and speaking of the old idea that a perating to the customs officials, and some time ago they went to the stubborn child, or a child with a trouble and expense of getting a will of its own, was a nuisance, the him Hamburg detective to "shadow" elder said, "I wouldn't give a dto find out what gems he bought and where he carried them while in Eu will of his own," or words to that effect. It is rope. Another man was to keep him but justice to say that the good company on the steamer and watch man used the word "dime" where him closely all the voyage over. This the blank is in the above extract. lever smuggler wore a thick, black But the remark is the key note to beard and whiskers, and it was more the situation. The time has been when a child with a will of its own than suspected that he carried his precious freight concealed in them. has been looked upon by the whole One morning not long ago the auneighborhood as a terror, and moththorities on this side received a disers have sighed and endured sorrow patch from their Hamburg agent, when they have noticed the spirit shown by such a child. But when "R. has shaved his which read: beard. Did not know it until he had they, in later years, have looked sailed five days. He is on the Rynaround and seen that the most sucland. He has got seventy large dia-monds on his person." As soon as cessful men and women of the land monds on his person." grew up from children that had wills the Rhynland was sighted, six cusof their own, the sadness and sortom-house officers steamed down the row of the mother has given place to bay and intercepted her. Circulating pride. We do not like to see chilmong the passengers, they looked in dren have wills of their own that are all directions for the now beardless so strong that they cannot be con-trolled by parents, but few, children and shaven man. Just as they were about to give up the search a stranwho have the right kind of parents ger sought a confidential conversahave such wills. Take a child with a ion with them.

will of its own, and guide that will "You are custom-house officers, and properly, and not knock the backbone you look for Rosenberg with the diaout of it with a barrel stave, and the monds. child will grow up to be a success in

"We are and we do."

business. Children with wills "That is Rosenberg, and the diatheir own may turn out to be pirates monds are sewed in the lining of his or highway robbers but it will be necktie. because parents try to break that

In another minute a pale, smooth-They faced, sallow gentleman was strugmay partially break it, but it will gling in the hands of the officers. assert itself sometime in the wrong His scarf was unceremoniously taken way, while if it is guided properly from his neck and carefully explored the will may be a mountain of with a sharp penknife. Sure enough, strength. The successful men in all branches of business are men who twenty diamonds of various sizes rewarded the seekers after contraband had "wills of their own" in youth. goods. His trunk was next rum-They were not pet children who never maged and every necktie subjected said their souls were their own. to equal scrutiny. When the officers Such children become milliners or had finished their work no less than dudes. The successful men look seventy-three diamonds of great luswith pride upon their children who have wills of their own, because they ter had been discovered. The poor fellow wept and wrung his hands as he saw the captors of his property know by experience that such a will is worth millions in the battle of life. carry off his precious gems. Imper-A man who had no mind of his own fectly comforted by the reflection as a boy, may be good enough to that he had been allowed to retain his carry shawls to a matinee, or baskets liberty, he proceeded to the Metro to a picnic, or he may stand on a politan Hotel, and engaging a room, corner and chew a cane, but he could almost immediately took a bath. not build a railroad through a wil-When the Custom-house officers arderness or across a mountain, and rived at headquarters the chief, who rather than face a picnic he would held a cablegram in his hand, eager sit down and cry. He could not inly inquired: vent anything, unless it was a patent

'Did you get Rosenberg ?"

corset or a self fastening hair-pin. "Yes, sir." while his brother, who had a will of "Wnere were the stones?" his own, would invent a telephone "Sewed in the linings of his neck-

or a locomotive. The child with a will of his own may be harder to "That's rather strange," remarked

raise, and he may cause some heartthe chief. aches and anxiety, but when that "Here's a Hamburg dispatch which will which was so hard to hansavs.

'Just learned that R. carried the diamonds between his back and

DEATH AND BURIAL IN MOSCOW.

In Moscow, as in other parts of Russia, dissenters are met with, and A Pair of Big Feet-A Girl Nearsa among them we have the "Old Be-lievers," who conduct their worship Ohio, Whose Extremitics are Ab ly Developed. according to the rites of the ancient If there is anything on earth win

18-INCH FOOT

Greek Church, not admitting the va-Captain Brackett, the Inspector of rious changes adopted by Nicon and contributes to make a han the Custom-House, to whom most others and now carried out in the woman proud it is pretty fest clever detections of contraband enter- Russian Greek Church. These dissenters go to great expense whenever infinite amount of misery is death enters their dwellings; and just now-March, 1883-there has No. 4 foot into a No. 2 shoe, amusing story to his repertoire. They been in Moscow a very important exare quite in vogue just at present in ample of this fact. In a Russian great many of the masculine Custom-House circles, and this one is merchant's family in that city, con-suffer with corns because the told in his words, as follows: There vigcable daughters and one son, the riageable daughters, and one son, the much. A woman with a big arrives regularly six times a year, eldest daughter, about twenty years inclined to be unhappy, but what from Antwerp, a man who is said to of age, has just died, and an outline from Antwerp, a man who is said to be one of the eleverest diamond smugglers in the world. His suc-interpreter and an outline the source of t so far as known, and they a was of the middle class-wealthyand their living was of fair style for growing. The poor girl is such folks. On the day of the velous curiosity, and only th daughter's death, immediate prepar- have seen her ponderous feat ations were made for the burial, ever believe that they are soin which in Russia must be at once, Your correspondent came dead bodies not being allowed to re- purpose to see the wonderfu which would, under ordin main among the living for more than twenty four hours. The coffin cumstances, be a very indelie was made of thin boards, but cover ceeding. It seems strange and ed with silk velvet, having Hall-marked silver handles, and "coffin 200 miles to see a pair of fe furniture" costing over 1,000 rubles (£100;) and in the hands of the Fannie Mills is twomen Fannie Mills is twenty-tw old, and resides on the dairy corpse was placed a small painting of the Virgin having a silver frame her father, George Mills, two and covering, costing another £100, from Sandusky. The family and which became the property of glish, and emigrated to this eleven years ago. The father the church where the funeral prayers to-do, and makes a good livin were recited at burial. The body was dressed as a bride-she had be- the sale of milk. come the pride of heaven; and these small, keen looking woman, robes and the dressing involved, the pleasing face. There are five, first £200 and the latter £100. First, besides the unfortunate Fa she was dressed in a fine linen che- of whom are healthy and go mise trimmed with costly lace; over ing. The deformed girl, for this a chemisette, and ther a short are very imperfect, is afflict tunic in white satin, embroidered with elephantiasis from the hips gold and silver thread, called a sara- ankle. Her head, should Then the head-dress was the bust are normal, although fan. usual Russian hat with pearls. But slightly built. Fannie has the greatest expenses were incurred but interesting face. Her dan in prayers and masses. In forty eyes possess considerable exp churches of the city of Moscow pray-and there is a sad look up ers were ordered to be said for her, countenance which shows morning and evening, for forty days, fully appreciates her deploral

for which 16,000 rubies were charged, dition. or at the rate of 10s. per service-£1,600 being paid for 3,200 services; Mills home, which is an at and at each service some one attend- two story frame cottage, laster ed and distributed bread and alms to and the head of the house the poor, the bread being to each standing in the yard. His portion a oalatch, something more was kindly, and he entered i than a penny loaf. Such loaves versation on the subject of h were also sent for forty days to all the ter's big feet. He laugh prisoners in Moscow. For several marked that people didn't be days in the bazaars the bakers were seemingly incredible storie authorized to distribute bread to all cerning Fannie's immense p poor people applying who asked for tremities, but to prove that in it in the name of the dead girl and really so large, he invited the engaged to pray for her. But even into the house to see for hims this did not suffice. To other cities young woman was called of Russia, and also to cities such as father, and wabbled rather Vienna, Pesth, Athens, where church- walked into the front room es of the sect exist, money was sent wore a long gown, which was and prayers ordered to be said for sufficient to hide the deformity forty days. The funeral took place sat down in a chair and expethe church of the well-known feet to view. It is almost in in Holy Cemetery of Ragoshka, where to exaggerate the marvellon only Old Believers are buried, and She removed her shoes, and where a wooden building was put great white pillow cases, which up capable of dining 150 guests—the leading members of the sect around The feet look iil Moscow. from the leading hotel in Moscow, at the little toes are represented a cost of about 16s. per person, to little nobs. There are note which the expense of the fruit and although the place where the wine had to be added, the fruit in be is clearly defined. Russia in early Spring costing fabu- spondent undertook the delice lous prices. It is calculated by some of the most intimate friends of the fiesh called feet. The right

Your correspondent called.

Mrs. Mi

The feet look like two imm The dinner was served hands. The toes are irregul You family known to the writer that a one foot six inches in length, sum of not less than £10,000 was left one inch shorter. Over

a last farewell to comrades. They ride at a slow gallop. Each man casts swift glances along the mountain side to his left-at the green not be upon four-with one reckless grass under his horse's feet.

What's that! Afar up the slope to They rush along with all the headthe right something waves to and fro long speed of the American butcher for a moment. Higher up the signal cart, and the rivalry among them is is answered. Across the valley on something lively. Of course the first the other slope it is answered again. paper on the ground is the one that Down the valley, a full two miles be- gets the cream of the trade. Probyond where the wild horse now stands ably the handsomest carts are those like a figure of stone, and where the of the Globe and the Pall Mall Gavalley sweeps to the right like the zette. The former has a raised hemsudden turn of a river, the signal is isphere on each side, typical of the caught up and 200 Apaches, eager, excited and mounted, draw back into the fringe at the base of the moun-each side and on the ends. The Echo tain and wait.

carts are ugly and very serviceable. The little band gallop straight Just before an edition comes out down upon the lone horse. Now these carts can be seen in a row bethey are only half a mile away, and fore their respective printing offices, his breath comes quick and his nos- each paper having about a dozen. trils quiver as he stands and stares at When the edition is published the the strange spectacle. A little nearer carts are filled in a twinkling with and his muscles twitch and quiver paper in quires-twenty six to the and his sharp-pointed ears work quire-and small bundles wrapped faster. Only eighty rods now, and up in contents bills. The latest conwith a fierce snort of alarm and de tents bills are pasted on the backs of fiance he rears up, whirls about like the carts and away they all go as a top, and is off down the valley like speedily as if one of Arabi,s bombs an arrow sent by a strong hand. fell among them. They dash through The sight may thrill, but it does London streets with the rollicky recknot increase the pace of those who lessness of a fire engine and soon follow. The men see the wild scatter to all points of the compass. horse fleeing before them, but the The bundles are flung in at the doors sight does not hold their eyes more of the news agents as the carts hurry than a second. To the right-to the by without stopping. At the street left-above them-down the valley- corners they pause and the newsthey are looking for a hoof-print, boys gather around, handing in all for a trampled spot, for a broken the former editions that are unsold, twig-for a sign however insignifi- together with cash for as many more cant to prove that men have passed as they wish to buy. The papers are that way. They find nothing. The dealt with great celerity by the man signals up the mountain side were in the cart, who has a trick of holdvisible only for seconds. sible only for seconds. ing the sheets in a peculiar way in After the first wild burst of speed his left hand, while he runs his right

the lone horse looks back. He sees across the edges thus exposed, countthat he is not being pushed, and he ing them accurately with the speed recovers courage. He no longer of lightning. The amount of cash, runs in a straight line, but he sweeps generally tendered in pennies, seems more money den his neighbors will aways to the left-swerves away to be almost instinctively got at by always fine somebody what hab got the right and changes his gait for a hefting them in his hand. trot. When he hears the shouts of round has to be made within a cerpursuit and the louder thump of tain time, and the carts have to be and show the pursuers a gait which and the eash and returns handed in nothing but a whirlwind can equal. before another lot is brought out.

and show the pursuers a gait which before another lot is brought out. Look! It is only a quarter of a Control the last round they collect the pess makes a great deal of noise for the boards of this country for at dropping her eves. "I like U" the set of the formation of the last of the last of the set of the boards of this country for at dropping her eves. "I like U" the set of the set of the set of the boards of this country for at dropping her eves. "I like U" the set of the se mile now to the turn in the valley. cash and the returned papers from ness makes a great deal of noise for the boards of this country for at dropping her eyes, "I like 'U' the as keenly as a Hindoo girld

dle in youth, gets hold of a difficult problem of business in later years, and clinches itself around the problem, and begins to squeeze, it A newspaper cart is a light affair will never let up until success is on two wheels-naturally a cart canachieved. The stubborn, "Be sure you are right and then go ahead" driver and a man to deal out papers, boys are in demand, and are worth their weight in gold, while the milkand-water, "baby-mine" fellows have to be done up in bunches like rad-ishes, and got rid of in a lump, and half of them turn out to be pithy and no good. If you, good mother, have a child with a will of its own, don't worry about the child, but thank God and bend the will by kindness, and when that child grows up and succeeds where others fail, write us a postal card. All of the successful men in the country had wills of their own, and that was all the capital they had. When we see a child with apartments.

a will of its own, we always want to take it one side and tell it the good news, that the will is more valuable than a rich relative.

PLANTATION PHILOSOPHY.

None but de po' despise de rich. Dar's one great disadvantage dat de right black 'oman labors un'er. She can't blush.

It ain't de quickes' motion man dat's got de mos' energy. De hossfly can zip aroun' faster den de honey bee, but he doan' las' nigh so long.

Eben among de animals a kind ack is recollected longer den a mean one. A dog may forgit a place whar somebody kicked him, but he neber forgits de place whar somebody gin him a piece ob meat.

De evil in a man's face is plainer den de good. We sometimes see a glass filled wid water so clear dat it looks like dar ain't nuth'n' thar, but put muddy water in de same glass an' it's mighty plain.

The a leetle more money den he has. I acer don't keer how fas' a man walks along de road he'll constantly see somebody jes' shead ob him.

"Here are the diamonds, anyhow," said the leader of the raid; "and we Journal. found 'em just as we tell you, in the lining of his neckties."

The chief looked at the confiscated gems. Then he rang his little bell and said; "Send me Smith, the jewel expert, here, if you please." said, laconically, "Paste, but first-elass." Three frantic Custom-House surface of the oil burst into a blaze, Mr. Rosenburg. As soon as they had discovered that he had gone to the Metropolitan Hotel, they dashed could carry them. Without a word knife in my teeth, I turned my head of ceremony they burst into his after I got beneath, and made a des-

"What do you want?" he inquired, with well simulated apprehension. For answer they threw him on his into the sea. It was a pretty tight measures nineteen and a qui face and made a frantic exploration squeeze, I can tell you, and my body of that particular portion of his back was so warm that it made the water inches. which had borne a porous plaster. siss all around me. The captain of pounds, and, although delies Alas, he had taken his bath and the the vessel thought I had been burned ing, says she has good he plaster had vanished, but where it had to death, and when I swam to the takes two calf hides to make been, mixed with the impression of side of the vessel he was so frighten- a pair of shoes, and all her the little round preparations of plas- ed that he told me that was only one goes to sustain her massi ter, were distinct imprints of seventy thing that prevented him from turn- and feet. The girl had un large diamonds. Ever since, no ing gray in a night." "What was that?" asked the listen-

to land on that portion of American er. soil which is protected by the Custom- " House officers of New York. tical "Cop."-[Phil. Press.

WHY HE MARRIED HER.-"I hear York editors are quarreling over each that you have married an Indian voman?' said a state official to black Jack.

an good enough for you? Oh, yes sah. De trouble was da good. I'se had a mighty was too heap of trouble wid my black wives, an' I was al'avs in de 'vorce court, so

De pusseon what tries ter make I 'cluded ter try dis 'oman, and 'sides more money den his neighbors will dat, yer know, dar aint inuch law agin killin' a Ingun, nohow.

> "Harriet Beecher Stowe, is only seventy one years old." And Mrs. do you like best?" "Well, I don't Stowe is the author of "Uncle Tom." like to say, Mr. Snobbs." "Pooh,

spent over the ceremony; and none step of the right foot is two of the co-religionists look upon this inches, and over the other as at all extravagant .-- Chamber's less. The big toe of the left eleven inches in circumferen

right foot is longer than the "We had captured a 100-barrel an inch, but the latter is hear whale, and after the head was split thicker. The feet are resp open I was detailed to dip out the seven and eight inches wide oil. "It's just like going into a big this actual measurement of bath tub, and a man stands almost Mills's feet one can readily Mr. Smith came, examined the dia-monds, shrugged his shoulders, and about in the monster's head, when I must wear. Heretofore the been manufactured in Alban but a Sandusky shoe firm has officers spent the afternoon tracing caused, as I afterward learned, by and a pair of shoes on en one of the crew accidentally dropwhich have attracted great att ping a box of burning matches. Her feet have increased in siz The only thing to do was to dive under the last display in the sh there as fast as two fresh horses the oil, and I did it, with my sheath window was made.

The left shoe is sixteen and inches long, the right eighteen in length. The left seven and perate effort to dig a hole large enough to thrust my head through, enough to thrust my head through, inches wide, and the other and then, by a mighty effort, escaped inches. The right instep of t ches, the left seventeen and Fannie Mills weig

large feet when she was b they have continued to grow ingly fast ever since. Several "He was bald-headed," said the nau- have been made to induce M to permit his daughter to herself throughout the count he has steadfastly refused, all she was in Cleveland and vie

other's mistakes in grammar. A thousands of persons on the grammatical error is horrible, of of July two years ago. The course, but the editor who makes his the malformation is said t from the fact that before Fan born Mr. Mills compelled his wash the swelled leg of a hors much to her horror and disgus young lady is without doub curiosity-her feet a marvel of nature.-[Cincinnati Enqu

"It is considered a disgra and the scholars not allowed to look Hindoo girl not to be marrie she is eleven or twelve ye All the difference there is customs of the Hindoos s people of this country, is it

[Peck's Sun.

tantalizing," asked the teacher. "Please, marm," spoke up little Johnny Holcom, "it means a circus procession passing the school-house, "Jane, what letter in the alphabet

"Yes, sah, tuck a Ingun." "Couldn't you find a colored wommeaning clear is alway ahead of grammar. "What is the meaning of the word