HER PROPOSAL

The late March snows are dissolving comment. "A bad peny alawys returns. the delicate wreaths over the hills-the Who does she suppose is going to run maple buds are already swelling the after her now.

Rebekah Hale as she skipped along the road, "O, look, there's and she's as "No!" said Mrs. Harwood. "It ain't the road, "O, look, there's a lear little "Wears diamonds as big as dewdrops striped squirrel, with a bushy tail and and a black silk dress as will stand alone striped squirrel, with a bushy tail and alloads sink dress as will stand as genteel such bright eyes, like Liack beads. O, for richness and has her maid as genteel don't you wish we lived out look always?"

"Ah, dear, dear;" said Mrs. Harways?"

"Becky, don't jump about so," chided wood. "Wonders never will cease.

the boy, an ancient philosopher of 10 Them children will be brought up like syears or so. "There, I knew it. Yen've a prince and princess now, I suppose! sewed up carefully and one of your as Michael wanted me to do." mittens is gone."

"But it isn't cold."

sides, Aunt Keziah is dead."

sider that, Becky."

"No one to take care of us," echoed kissed his brown hands with tears. ecky, standing still. "O, B.liy, I "Kate! Kate!" he cried, recoid Becky, standing still. didn't think of that."

Mrs. Harwood was frying doughunts spare form and a po ket handkerchief you concealed her hair. M.s. Harwood was

Mrs. Harwood, fishing the brown curls them. of paste out of the boiling l'grid. Twenty and four males two doze . they want?"

wood, a tall, thin-faced man of 30 or ture. The eyes of the elders metthereabouts. last night."

"Well, what of that" said Mrs. Harwood, who had gone back to the asked her that question once, a long table and was cutting long strip; of while ago-and she said 'No.' dough, and twisting them into spirars. ready for the pot of frizzing in I. should answer very differently," cried They'll bury her, I suppose. And after out Kate. her long sickness, the dear knows, nobody will be very sorry. "But the little children? What is to

done, as I know of," snapped the !ame. in his. pretty, delicate little children-Kate rejected-your true, noble heart. I love

Hale's brother's children-to the poor- you-will you repulse me now?" house!" "Well, I don't see why not," said myself," said Becky, thoughtfully. "But Mrs. Harwood. "Tarry four, thirty maybe it's best that Aunt Kate should Three dozen ough: to be en aigh, have him, after all.' If Kate had cared so much about her relations, she might a stayed to hum News.

and looked after 'em, instead of running away with a ship's ciptain and going THE EXPERIENCE OF A SALEM to China or India, or Kamschackt, or the Lord knows where. After she was engaged to you, too! And-" Never mind about that now. Maria." said the brother, with a slight eleva-tion of his eyebrows. "It is all a into the sheep business about six years

thing of the past; and Kate could not ago. forsee, when she left her native country, ing for wages in the stores. He bought that her brother's little ones would soon a few sheep and put them out on the be alone in the world, orphanni and shares. The next year he bought without resources. So it has chanced, a few more, and saved what he had alat all events. The par little things ready bought. So he has kept on, until are in the siting room now."

cause my husband is poor master." mas counties. He has made at least said Mrs. Harwood, dropping in her fresh batch of dough sut's one by one, has put into sheep, and from his earn-"Well, he won't be home afore aoon." "I was not thinking of that, Maria."

said Michael Harwoo i, gently. "It oc-curred to me, that, perhaps, since you had no children of your own-"That I'd fill my harse with all the

pauper children of the neighborhood," the old sheep. In this way, many farmsaid Mrs. Harwood "No. Michael ers have got started into the raising in such estate may appear and file ob-Harwood, you're mi taken there. I of sheep (and good sheep) who jections thereto in writing and contest wouldn't have Jim Hale's voung ones might not have done so otherwise the same. in my house after the way Kate treated Seldom has he found a farmer who was you, not if I was to be paid a dollar a day. And besides, I ain't matron of the poorhouse." Then, what are they to do?"

Mrs. Harwood sharget her bery shoulders. "It's no business of mine," she said, indifferently. "Nor I ain't going to concern myself in it."

Michael Harwood went back to the room where the two little orphans were admiring a stuffed parrot, that

swung from the ceiling. "Children," said he, get on your hungry! We didn't have any breakfast this morning!" "Please, Mr. Harwood," said Billy. where are we to go? Nobody wants

"I want you," said Michael Harwood,

his heartigiving a great jump as he saw Kate's old look shining out of the wistful, upturned face of the child. You shall be my little ones hencefor-

in the neighborhood when Michael Harwood left his brother's house and them on summer fallow without water. of April, 1900, and if you fail set up housekeeping for himself in a They have the impression that the to answer, for want thereof, the plain-little unoccupied cabin just on the verge sheep do not need water. Mr. Vande-tiff will take judgment against James of the woods with the Hale children as vort thinks this is a mistaken idea. He proteges and companions. likes high land for sheep. They are Michael Harwood was an artist by not so subject to disease on high land.

profession-one of those erratic, irreg- Mr Vandevort had had no experience ular geniuses who seldom make much at all, with sheep six years ago, when he money, yet possess nature's genuine bought his first flock. He bought gold. He paid little attention to the them at first at S1 a head. Last fall buzz of the neighbors, the sarcasms of he refused \$5 a head all around for his his sister-in-law, and the criticisms of the world in general, but painted serencely on, disposing of his pictures at ludicional, disposing of his pictures at ludicional. ludiciously small prices as fast as they seven and a half to eight pounds. They

sell at any figure; the little people can't growth of good fleeeces.

water, weeded the onion beds and made sheep in Polk county are eating down himself generally useful, and Michael Harwood did all the rest. When there chanced to be meat enough for three he ate and was thankful. When there a clear gain to them, in the wool and was not he made his meal off vegetables and told the children it was for his good sheep.

up in bed and heard their simple prayer. than has Mr. Vandevort? "Yes," said Becky, rearing up in her little patchwork-covered nest. "And when I grow up I mean to marry him."

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mured. "And God bless Kate, whereever she may be."

Kate was nearer than he thought. "Have you heard the news?" said the Widow Castleberry to Mrs. Harwood. Kate Hale's come back."

sky like crimson dots, and the song of wagging her head, "you didn't hear me the blue-bird heralded the advent of through. She's a widow and she's as

burst out that hole in you shoe that I I most wish I had taken them myself,

For once the tongue of rumor was correct. Kate Hale, now Mrs. Alden No, but that's no sign that we never Armitage, had been, in very truth, left shall have any cold weather again. Be- a wealthy widow and she had returned to her native land to adopt her brother's "Well, I don't care i or that," said the orphaned children. Kate had been little one recklessly. "Aunt Keziah was pretty as a girl—as a woman, set off by old and cross, and boxes our care, and the accession of wealth, she was royally said we were the plague, of her life. beautiful. Nor was she devoid of feelbeautiful. Nor was she devoid of feel-"Yes," said Billy, slowly. "but there ing. When she first came into the presis no one to take care of us now that once of the artist, whose magnanimity Aunt Keziah is dead. You should con- had saved her brother's children from the poorhouse, she knelt down and "Kate! Kate!" he cried, recoiling,

what are you doing?" "I can't help it," sobbed Kate. "You over the great cooking stove in he are so kind, so noble. What would my back kitchen. An immense blue and poor little ones have done but for you? white checked apron eashr-raded her And when I remember how I breated

"We won't recall that, Kate," said not pretty at her best, and in this in- the artist quietly. "But I have grown promptu uniform she was simply hir- to love the little ones dearly. I do not wish to part with them, although I "Seventeen-eighteen-nineteen," said feel that you have the best right to

He was standing with one hand on Becky's golden head. The child Now, Michael, who is it, and what do glanced eagerly from one to the other. "Couldn't Aunt Kate come and live "It's the two children from Aunt with us, Uncle Michael?" said she, with Keziah Proudfoot's," sa'd Michae! Har- a sudden brightening up of every fea-The old woman died Michael's sad and kindly-Kate's full

of sudden tears. "Ah, my child," said the former. "I "But if you were to ask me again]

And then she hid her burning face in her hands. "I shall never ask it again," said

become of them, sai! Michael, oft!y Michael Harwood, gravely.
"Why send em to be poorthouse, of "Then I will," said Mrs. Armitage, There's nothing else as he going up to him and putting her hands know of," snapped the lame, in his. "Dear Michael, I have learned "To the poorhouse, Maria? Those now the priceless value of what I once

"I was going to marry Uncle Michael "I think so," said Billy.-New York

MAN WITH SHEEP ON THE SHARES.

(From Pacific Homestead). He was then a mere boy, worke in the siting room now." he now has 700 sheep, all out on the "And I spose they've come here be-shares in Polk, Marion and Clackaforty per cent, on all the money he ings he has bought two lots and built county, state of Oregon, and that houses on them, and owns them now. Mr. Vandevort lets his sheep to

farmers who will promise to take care of them for half the increase and half the wool, and make up for the loss of final account and the settlement therewilling to take sheep on the shares more than one year. However, one or two have had them three years. Generally, the farmer wants only his own sheep after he has got a start. Mr. Vandevort raises Cotswolds, He

has always used only full-blooded Cots- Department No. 2. wold bucks. He culls his sheep ev-ery fall. He takes out all the wethers and old sheep and individuals state treasurer, of the State of Oregon, that have not proved satisfactory for any reason. He fattens the culls on state of Oregon plaintiff, vs. George stubble, and then sells them for Aitken, James Aitken and Rebecca Aitmutton. Last fall he sold his culls ken his wife. August Schilling. and for \$4 a head all around.

He runs his sheep in small bunches: never over fifty or sixty. He believes Co., a corporation, defendants. in small bands. They shear heavier and raise more lambs. In large bunches, the weaker ones do not have a chance. They remain weak. He has never had a diseased sheep. He does not allow them to run on low lands, where the water is liable to be stagnant. This would subject them to last day of the time prescribed in the There was on lack of talk and gossip leeches. He says sheep want good, order for publication of summons, the neighborhood when Michael clear water. Some sheep owners put made herein, towit, the third day

are more nearly pure bloods, for one

Mr. Vandevort thinks every farmer So the three led a strange, eccentric life. Little Becky swept and dusted, and did what she could. Billy brought sheep in Polls county are strange, eccentric useful in many ways. Just now, for instance, several of his bands of the county are stranged. the increase. He believes, also in



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M. R. SETTLEMIER, Executor of the Estate 2:23-5tw.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of has graded them up for six years. He Oregon, for the County of Marion,

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Mrs. S. Ramp, of Salem, came down to visit her son's family on Saturday. George Bolter left last Friday for Hood River, where he has employment in a sawmill

Howard Ramp was visiting near the poor farm for several days this week. Miss May Ramp has been quite sick the past week.

Miss Clare Jones was a passenger for Salem on Saturday.

John Imlah came up from Portland on Friday evening to attend the 42d wedding anniversary of his parents, which occurred on Sunday. All the children of the family were at home except their daughter Lou.

The largest crane seen here this season was shot and killed by John Evans last Friday. The bird measured 6 feet 8 inches from tip to tip, and stood 5 feet high.

DEEP SEA PRESSURE.

The Effect It Has Upon the Physical Constitution of Fish.

ery 1,000 fathoms, which is 160 times sure is thirty times more powerful than when drawing a train.

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ming bladders.

If one of these fish, in full chase after its prey, happens to ascend beyond a certain level, its bladder becomes distended with the decreased pressure, and carries it, in spite of its efforts, still higher in its course; in fact, mempers of this unfortunate class are like ly to become victims to the unusual accident of falling upward, and no doubt meet violent death after leaving their accustomed level, and long before their bodies reach the surface in a distorted and unnatural state. Even ground sharks, brought up from a depth of no more than 500 fathoms, expire before they gain the surface.

At the State Fair Grounds.

(From Pacific Homestead).

A Homestead representative visited the Oregon state fair grounds on Mon-day. He found I. C. Mosher, who has culars. charge of the grounds, busy with the improvements that he is making there, and with his horses, of which he has twenty-four. Mr. Mosher has had charge of the grounds since the first of last October. In fact, he took charge of the track ten days before the races of the last fair, and his management pleased the members of the board so well that they solicited him to assume the management of the grounds. He has been a very busy man ever since. He has ninety acres in hay and oats, and he has torn away all the old iences and rubbish and replaced the lences with new. In every part of the grounds and on the farm, there is evidence of the work of a provident and thrifty hand. There is a wonderful improvement in the general appearance of things. There is no longer the tumble-down appearance on all sides. Mr. Mosher has certainly accomplished wonders in this line. Visitors at the next fair will be pleasantly surprised, or Mr. Mosher is not nearly through with the "slicking up" process that he has inaugurated.

At the head of the twenty-four fine horses which Mr. Mosher has at the grounds, all his own horses excepting three, which will be noted, is, of course, Coeur d'Alene. He is in many respects the most remarkable horse in

the state. Next to Coent d'Alene are two of his half-sisters, Noonday Belle and Stamboul Belle, which belong to the S. C. Reed estate. Mr. Mosher is putting them in condition for driving, and they make one of the finest teams that any man ever drew lines over. Next is Mark Alene, a four-year-old

gelding. Then comes King Lee, out of King Patchen. He is five years old, and be-longs to A. E. Pattee, who is in the employ of Mr. Mosher, at the grounds. Next, Athalene, a three year old

trotter. Then Kathalene, a two year old trot-Next comes Andel, by Del Norte.

She is a two year old pacer. After her, Emmalene, a three year old trottter. Then there is a two year old trotter, by Coeur d'Alene, out of Queen Patchen. This two year old has not been named yet, but she deserves a good one.

old pacer. After her, a three year old pacer, a gelding, named L. C. Last, a three year old trotter, by Altago, He has been named Wm. N., after "Bill" Nesmith, who requested

Then comes Hazel K., a three year

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of Mr. Mosher are yet running out in the pasture.

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his horses about the 15th. As soon as the tarck is ready a num-ber of horses will be up from Portland, and others will come from all over Oregon and Washington. It will not take long to put the track in order, once the weather clears up.

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