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AUTUMN.

(BY ALICE CAREY.)

Shorter and shorter now the twilight clips The days, as through the sunset gates they

And summer from her golden collar slips
And strays through stubble fields, and moans

Save when by fits the warm air deceives,
And, stealing hopeful to some sheltered bower,
She lies on pillows of the yellow leaves,

The wind, whose tender whisper in the May Set all the young blooms listening through th

The rose has taken off her tire of red—
The mullein-stalk its yellow stars has lost,
And the proud meadow-pink hangs down her

Against earth's chilly bosom, witched with frost,

The robin, that was busy all the June,
Before the sun had kissed the topmost bough,

Has given place to the brown cricket down.

Each flag and fern the shrinking stream divides

Creep to their strawy sheds with nettled sides.

Shut up the door: Who loves me must not look

Upon the withered world, but haste to bring

A Little Jiu-Jitsu.

the sophomore class in college. He was

and when, near the middle of his first six

they became uneasy. They were on the

point of sending a telegram of inquiry, when

they received the following note, written in a

Dear Mother. I have been pretty busy of

late and have not had time to write. Harry

Jenkins and I had some fun the other even-

left hand. The doctor says I will be as good

P. S. The student we hazed is a Japanese.

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ation. In a recent paper Mr. F. C. Caldwell

says that it is well within the range of

possibility that we may see the transmission

of light-producing energy entirely done away

with, and a return made to some form of

portable lamp, consuming an exceedingly

small amount of material, and producing a

Sold Out.

One of Nantucket's summer visitors stroll-

ed into the little shop kept by an old man, a

cloth which she bought for fancy work.

bought more of the same goods, which, also,

"Well!" exclaimed Uncle Hi as the last

yard went, "if any more of your folks want

that stuff you can go up ter mainland an' git

it. I can't keep nothing in this here shop !"

-Francis B. Phipps, in October's Lippin-

During their war with Russia the Japan-

ese took pictures of the Russian prisoners

and their surroundings in Japan and with

the aid of kites scattered them among the

Russian soldiers in camp, in order to show

the contrast between their hardships and the

comforts enjoyed by the prisoners.

the shop and purchased all that remained.

"cold," or firefly-like light.

native of the place.

was soon sold.

as ever in a few weeks. With much love,

cramped and almost illegible hand:

Catching our hearts up in his golden tune,

The very cock crows lonesomely at morn-

Uneasy cattle low, and lambs forlorn

His lighted candle, and his story-book,

And live with me the poetry of Spring.

And tries the old tunes over for an hour.

Sits rustling in the faded boughs today,
And makes his cold and unsuccessful love.

A Japanese Officer's Exploit.

Lastly, I must recount the exploit of a very young officer, in fact a cadet not yet commissioned, whe, however, was gazetted on his return as a reward for his services. He was ordered to reconnoitre the Russian position around Mukden, to ascertain how far the railway from Mukden in the direction of Fushun had been extended, and generally to observe what was going on. Taking one non-commissioned officer and two men, he started on January 4, following the route later taken by the two larger patrols. Cross ing the Hun and Liau rivers, he rode up to the right bank of the latter, avoiding Hsinmin-ting, and on January 15 reached the latitude of Tieling, though still a long way west of the railway. The little party now wheeled east, and, despite the fact that the country positively swarmed with horse, foot, artillery, and Russian followers of all sorts, rode due east into the lion's mouth. At this time a man was sent back to report, for there did not seem much prospect that the patrol would ever get home again. The young officer took it for granted that he could not return alive unless successful in his

Travelling by night and lying up by day, his little party had done a great deal of reconnoitring from various points of vantage en route. The patrol hoped to cross the railway near Tieling, but that proved too difficult. Working south, however, they managed to skip across about twelve miles north of Mukden, in the early morning of January 16. They reached a point five miles north of Fushun on the night of the 17th, spent twenty four hours in observation of the neighborhood, and then made back by the way they had come, eventually reaching brigade headquarters just in time to join in the operations around Mukden.

In dangerous country, each of these expeditions travelled mostly at night. Needless to say, narrow escapes and exciting moments were the continual experience. That all of them were brought to a successful conclusion argues nerve and resource in no common Frederic the youngest son of the family, degree on the part of the Japanese cavalry. although just in his twenties, had entered Other parties penetrated through the Russian lines, one as far as Kharbin, and the exregular and faithful in writing to his parents, ploits I have described were by no means isolated cases. Doubtless some patrols did months, a period of more than two weeks not prove so effective, but enough has been elapsed without their having heard from him, recountered to make the military reader speculate upon what might have been done, had the Japanese calvalry borne a reasonable numerical ratio to their opponents .- [London Times Correspondence.

A License To Marry.

An excellent story is told by Kate Douging, hazing a new student. Harry has been las Wiggin, the popular writer. A negro in the hospital nearly a week, but is about servant wishing to get married, asked his well now. I got off a great deal easier. All master to buy him a license in the neighborthat happened to me was a broken finger and | ing town. The master, being in haste, did a sprained ankle. I am writing this with my | not ask the name of the happy women, but as he drove along he reflected on the many tender attentions that he seen John lavish upon Euphemia Wilson, the cook, and concluding that there could be no mistake, had the license made out in her name.

> "There's your license to marry Euphemia," he said to the servant that night. "You're as good as married already, and you owe me only two dollars."

The darkey's face fell.

The light of the firefly is believed to have "But, Mass' Tom, Fuphemia Wilson ain't an efficiency of virtually 100 per cent. of the de lady I'se gwine to marry. Dat wan't nothin' mo'n a little flirtation. Georgiana dicate that the light efficiency of the ordinary Thompson, the la'ndress, is the one I'se incandescent lamp is only 2.6 per cent.; the gwine to marry."

"Oh, well, John," said the master, amused and irritated at the same time, "there's no great harm done. I'll get you another license tomorrow, but it will cost you two dollars more, of course."

The next morning the darkey came out to the carriage as it was starting for town, and, leaning confidentially over the wheel, said "Mass' Tom, you needn't git me no udder license; I'll use the one I'se got. I'se been t'inkin' it over in de night, an', to tell you de troof, Mass' Tom, de conclusion o' my jedgment is dat dar ain't two dollars' worth o' difference between dem two ladies.



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