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### Winter.

Sharp winds that bowl in gusts about The scions of the lusty days, In jocund freedom laugh and shout Through all the mellow woodland ways. The trees, not all denuded yet. Make ample gifts of leafy gold Like age with children profligate, That pays the pelf it cannot hold. What time with sunken cheeks and eyes, And thin-blown hair the trembling sage Beholds the hands of ruthless heirs Anticipate their heritage.

Ambrosial fruits are tossed about, In hurtled heaps the summer sheaves Through meadow lanes drift in and out With shrunken pods and dving leaves. The breeze-blown faces of the hills, Ajaunt with caps of frosty rime, Are first of merry wassailers, Assembled for the Christmas-time, The holly bursts in burnished green Through fronded tents of gold and red; The mistletoe now weaves unseen Its wintry crowns o'er monarchs dead. Like those who at the funeral feast. Grown merry with the last bequest. They furnish from the pomp of death The garlands for the coming guest.

A shrlller wind from yonder wood Now pipes and through the chimney calls While fitful gleams of wintry light Make dancing shadows on the walls; And children by the window-pane See gorgeous flora wrought in frost. And love-lorn maidens trace in vain The names they breathed, and breathing

The sea-coal fire that flames and flees And many a Gothic legend sings. Now woos to magic reveries And dreams of nigh-forgotten things; Queer figures grave and gay appear And nod fantastic through the smoke: And all the wicked elves are there In pantomime, with fairy folk.

Anon, the night, with keener blast. Shall press against the window-pane And over the wood shall sift the snow, Or o'er the wold shall beat the rain: Then thought, beside the lighted lamp, Shall there unlock its garnered things; And all the treasures loved in books The winter fireside only brings. There youth and love shall kindle hope. And manhood share a calm repose; While age shall tread the downward slope In softened beauty to its close. And gentle as the voice of prayer, The sweetest ballads of old time Shall fill the pause of guileless jest With dreamy tunes and ancient rhyme,

"There is no time in all the year That hath not some glad charm or spell To soothe our checkered journey here, I've known the fullest joys in spring; The summer's gladdest days were mine; The jocund autumn laughed with me O'er flagons filled with harvest wine. And winter! why, its lusty breath Hath blown the crust of cares away, And waked to energies divine The soul that might have known decay. The free, glad trumpet of the winds. That strikes the frosted harp of pines,

This story then the sage shall tell:

# The Rich Husband

Salutes the closing year with tones

In harmony with God's designs.

"Wonders will never cease," said tray him?" Mrs. Noakes, as she opened a letter she had found beside her plate at breakfast, Here is Cousin Corner coming home after all these years, and such a letter; just listen, my dear:

""DEAR COUSIN: I suppose you have all made up your minds that I am dead; but I'm alive, as you see, and coming home. I'm tired of mere money-grubbing; and those who have made fortunes know that they need something else in this world. I mean to end my days amongst my relatives, and, between you and me, I shall put them to the test. I want to find out who are really my friends, and who court me for other reasons; and what I ask you to do is to make they kept it up over the cold chicken. them all think me a very poor man, quite out of pocket. Bless me, I'm laughing out loud as I write! You should hear me. To make them think that I'm poor, and that it would be a charity to ask me to pay them visits. and to invite me now and then to dinner, and all that! There I go again. laughing until the room rings! And in this way I can discover who my real friends are. I shall come to your house first, dressed in character. I know it as an old joke, quite a thing out of the plays and novels; but I trust it will succeed. Yours, very affectionately.

" OBADIAH CORNER, "'P. S .- Expect me Thursday.

"If that isn't the most amusing thing," said Mrs. Noakes-"coming home so rich that he is suspicious of his relatives, and afraid of being courted for his money. And a bachelor too! Dear, dear! Poor Obadian Corner. who used to be the black sheep of the thing does change about in this world! Life is a checker-board, to be sure! William, what a splendid thing it would think what a difference that letter would Life is full of these deceptions, and yet be for Arabella Muffit."

Arabella; a checker-board?" asked Mr. tongue and left a fair field to Arabella. Noakes.

"don't pretend to be stupid, because Corner actually proposed to little Miss you are not, my dear, and you don't do Muffit, and was accepted by her.

thing for Arabella. Oh-yes-yes- now!"

y-e-s !" said Mr. Noakes. "Oh! I see -you mean a good match for her. But person, is no longer young, and she's never been handsome, my dear."

"That's so ridiculous!" said Mrs. Noakes, "Arabella is much younger as he is. But that is the way with you | Marguerite-such a beauty." men. The older and uglier they get, the younger and prettier they think Cousin Obadiah," said Mrs. Noakes. their wives should be. Boys of twenty sometimes fall in love with women of thirty, but men of sixty never think of everything to!" any age beyond sixteen when they choose wives."

"Very true, indeed," said Mr. Noakes.

"And very ridiculous," said Mrs. Noakes. "At all events, I've an affection for Arabella, and I'll do all I can to further her interests; and don't forget that we must keep Obadiah's secret from Arabella a hint of the real state of the than they. case, but not another soul shall know a word beyond what Obadiah has told me to tell them."

swallowed his last cup of coffee and glanced at the clock; "but don't calculate too much on success in this affair, my dear."

Then he took his hat and coat and departed for those regions colloquially known as "town," where men of business hide themselves the best part of the day; and shortly after Mrs. Noakes, having arrayed herself for the promenade, went out also, her purpose being a confidential interview with the Arabella of whom she had spoken to her hus-

Arabella Muffit, known amongst her friends as little Miss Muffit, was a very small; black-eyed lady of forty-five years old, who lived in a tiny house, principally furnished with specimens of all the fancy work that had been fashionable for the last twenty-five years.

She had no near relatives, and could remember none but the grandfather who left her the small property on which she now lived, but she had connections who took tea with her occasionally, and with whom she dined at times; for the rest, church-going, needle-work and books occupied her time.

She opened the door for Mrs. Noakes herself, and having kissed her on both cheeks escorted her to the bedroom above, where she was busy with a chaircover.

"Now we can have a nice chat," said she. "And you'll stay to lunch, won't ou, Martha?"

Martha promised to stay, and having aken off her cloak and hat dropped into chair and produced Obadiah Corner's letter. "There," she said, "real that, Ara-

Arabella read it, changing color as she did so.

"Dear me," she said, "how romantic he must be. He never used to be romantic. I suppose he's changed very nuch in these five-and-twenty years, He must be fifty-seven now. And to think of his having made a fortune and wanting to prove his friends sincere. Martha, do you think you ought to be-

"No, I do not," said Martha; "and I shall tell no one but you. I had a motive in telling you; and as he says in a postscript he'll be here on Thursday, I want you to dine with us on Thursday and meet him."

Poor Arabella looked in the glass

"He'll find me dreadfully changed, said she; "but I'll come, Martha." "Bless you, we all change! We can't help that," said Mrs. Noakes. I never worry about it;" and then they fell to talking about Obadiah and what he used to do, and what he had been doing, and found the subject so interesting that

sponge-cake, etc., that composed their When Thursday evening arrived found little Miss Muffit in Mrs. Noakes' parlor, sitting opposite a burly-looking man, whose nose was rather red and whose eyes were not honest, candid eyes by any means. He was dressed very shabbily, to say the least, and had whis-

most thoroughly. On the whole, it was rather a pleasant | and confidentially whispers: evening, and Arabella and Obadiah got her house in a few days and saw her have an ink-stain on your nose and your home at ten o'clock.

The rest of the connections, not having read Obadiah's letter, were not defamily, and whom we never believed lighted at his return. They saw him wald come to any good! How every- shabbier than ever, and they were very and pulled away at his tie he looks into careful to keep him at a distance.

have made in their conduct had they innocent people are powerless to meet "What would be a splendid thing for known of it; but she wisely held her them. - Detroit Free Press. In a little while, to her joy, and the

Thereupon Mrs. Noakes went calling among the relatives, showing Obadiah's Arabella Muffit, though a most excellent letter everywhere, and creating great excitement.

"And whet can he see in little Miss Muffit?" said one mother of many daughters, "And though I say itthan Obadiah, and by no means so plain who, perhaps, should not-there's my

"But Marguerite was very rude "The idea of an old man like that marrying-with relatives he could leave

"But men don't leave everything to relatives who insult them," said Mrs. Noakes. "Besides, Obadiah is not very old-not old at all. It's just splendid for Arabella; and she was the only one

who was civil to him, you know." Then she went away, leaving the connections generally envious of Miss Muffit, and angry with her also, as one the rest of the relatives. I shall give who had been wiser in her generation

And Miss Muffit, so happy that she began to grow glump, was making up a pearl-colored silk dress, and had sent "Well, women must be match-makers, some pearls that had been left to her by suppose," said Mr. Noakes, as he her grandfather to the jeweler's to be reset, and sat one evening building some middle-age castles in the air, with her feet on the fender of the grate, when the bell rang and her elderly lover was

There was no light in the room bu that of the fire; and she would have li the drop-lamp; he stopped her.

"I want to talk a little," he said. and I like talking in a half-light. Arabella, I've a question to ask, and I want you to promise selemnly that you'll tell me the truth."

"I will," said little Miss Moffit, faintly. "Whatever the question is, I'll tell the truth, Obadiah.'

"Well, then," said Obadiah, "did you see the letter I wrote to Cousin Noakes?"

The blood rushed to Miss Muffit's face in the darkness.

"I-I- Yes, I saw it," she said. "I know no one else did," said Obadiah. "But you-she showed it to you? Well, I intended she should. I wrote it to be seen. I never thought Cousin Noakes could keep a secret. Arabella I'm a poor man and a rascal! I have met with nothing but failure. You are rich in comparison. You've a home and twelve hundred a year. My letter was only a trap. I wanted every one to see it, and hoped to settle comfortably down among my friends with the reputation of being a rich balchelor with a fortune to leave behind him. You only saw the letter. You only were civil, and I offered myself to you, meaning to impose on you until we were safely married. cared very little for you then, Arabella wanted a home, that was all."

"Oh?" cried little Miss Muffit, as something had stung her.

"But since then," said Obadiah, looking miserably into the fire, "since then I have found how good you were-how nice, how sweet. I've come to love you, Arabella, and to feel that I mustn't play trick on you. It was natural you should like the thoughts of a rich husband—and then we were great friends as boy and girl. I don't blame you, and I can't cheat you. I think it will break my miserable old heart. But good-by, good-by. I've come to say good-by and beg your pardon, my dear. They'll say you had a lucky escape. So you have. I'm going."

He arose, but little Miss Muffit arose,

"Obadiah," she said, "I never thought of the money. Obadiah, don't think that of me. And do you care for me now?"

"The only thing in the world I love," said he.

"Stay, Obadiah," said she, And he caught her hand and kissed it and in the darkness she heard him sob So they were married after all, and Obadiah has turned out better than could have been expected, and only Mrs. Noakes knows of that bridal-eve confession, and she, you may be sure, keeps the secret.

# It Always Works.

People who ride on the Woodward eharacter, doesn't it? I look like a always holds a whispered conversation seedy old fellow who has had ill luck with some man, who at once gives him don't I?" And he nudged Mr. Noakes a seat and retires to the platform. The the other; while they mentally agreed the strap, simply because he underthat he certainly did look the character stands human nature. Glancing around the car he selects his victim, bends down

necktie is unfastened. Step out on the platform a moment and brush up."

AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE.

The Brooklyn Lady who has Lain in Trance Thirteen Years without Foodters-Describing the Doings of Absent Friends-Sceptical Doctors.

Fancher, of Downing street, Brooklyn, shades of colors. accounts of whose strange physical condition have been published from time to time, has been revived by a very long and elaborate article in a New York paper, containing statements from her is suffering from hystero-catalepsy and friends and physicians. Among the persons who have taken a special interest in her are the Rev. Dr. Joseph T. Duryea, pastor of the Classon Avenue Presbyterian church; the Rev. Dr. Henry J. Van Dyck, pastor of the Clinton Street Presbyterian church: Professor Charles E. West, principal of the Brooklyn Heights seminary; George W. Benson, Henry M. Parkhurst, the astronomer; James B. Smith, the architect; the Rev. Mr. Moore, formerly pastor of the Washington Avenue (Brooklyn) Baptist church, but now of Geneva, N. Y.; the Rev. Dr. Prime, editor of the New York Observer; Dr. R. Fleet Speir, of No. 162 Montague street; Dr. Robert Ormiston, of No. 74 Hansom place; Dr. Mitchell, of No. 129 Montague street; Dr. Kissam, of No. 100 Joralemon street, and Dr. Crane, of No. 163 Clinton street. Of these gentlemen. Messrs. Speir, West and Parkhurst have made voluminous memoranda or Miss Fancher's physical and mental changes and conditions.

Miss Fancher received an excellent education, and was ready to leave school at the age of eighteen years, when she sustained a fall while riding horseback, and broke several of her ribs. She quickly recovered from this injury, but soon met with another and a more serious accident. As she was alighting from a horse-car, the conductor, thinking that she had stepped to the ground. rang the signal to start, and turning from her, walked to the front of the car, Miss Fancher's dress caught on the step. and the starting of the vehicle threw her with violence to the pavement. She was dragged a long distance before her situation was perceived. Her spine was seriously injured and her body and head frightfully bruised. In a short time she went into convulsions. She was carried to the residence of her aunt, Mrs. Crosby, in Downing street, and put into the bed whence she has never been removed since, save for a few minutes at a time.

This accident occurred early in 1865. Since then Miss Fancher is said to have undergone astonishing physical changes. Soon after the accident she was bereft in succession of sight, speech and hearing. From violent spasms she drifted into a trance-like state, from which it required the unremitting efforts of physicians and friends to arouse her. At the end of twenty days her faculties were all restored. For half an hour she saw, articulated and listened. these three senses deserted her again, and within ten more days her fingers became clinched, her jaws locked, her limbs twisted. Spasms were thereafter

more frequent and violent. The days slipped away into weeks before she was able to keep any food on her stomach, and for nearly two months, it is said, she was without nourishment, Then very light food was one day given her with seemingly beneficial results. It is alleged that she has eaten altogether since that day-nearly thirteen years ago-not so much food in the aggregate as an ordinary healthful girl of her age would eat in forty-eight

According to the statements published, about fifteen months after the accident her body became absolutely rigid except her left arm and hand, which she was able to use. This condition lasted for nine years, during which she kept passing in and out of trances. She continued to be blind, but had the power of speech most of the time, though this any. left her at intervals.

Three years ago the rigidity of her body relaxed, and sight and hearing 4,000,000 years old. What we most care were restored. Memory of everything is to know if it is going to stand about that had happened in the nine years dis- fifty years longer. appeared. In all the nine years she had been in a semi-unconscious condition, possessed, however, at times, of avenue route have often noticed that astonishing mental vigor and of mechani pered to Mrs. Noakes in the hall, "Take when a certain tall, solemn-looking man, cal ingenuity. She refused food when notice of this coat; it carries out the aged about fifty, boards a full car, he offered to her, saying it made her sick, and eventually all efforts to make her take nourishment were abandoned. long intervals she expressed a wish for with one elbow and Mrs. Noakes with tall man never has to stand and hang to the juice of fruit or for a bit of candy, but she rejected solid matter, and for weeks and months according to her own assertion and that of her attendants she swallowed nothing. Her physical condi-"Make no move to attract attention, tion was constantly changing. One day on finely. He promised to take tea at and listen carefully to what I say. You she was without sense except touch; the next she could hear, and taste and talk.

At intervals during these nine years the body frequently became as cold as The victim steps out there every time, though in death, no warmth being perand after he has wiped away at his nose ceptible except in the region of the heart. That organ kept up a slow meathe car to see the tall man enjoying the sured pulsation, except when she went Mrs. Noakes often smiled to herself to vacant seat with the greatest comfort. into trances; then its beating was often imperceptible.

house, and, of course, not visible to her. summer.

She read books whose covers were

closed and newspapers that were folded. It is also alleged that while Miss Sightless, and yet Reading Sealed Let- Fancher's eyes were absolutely sightless, she was able to make beautiful fancy work of different kinds, and could Interest in the case of Miss Mary J. actually distinguish not only colors but

Several New York doctors of standing have been questioned in regard to Miss Fancher's alleged mental manifestations. They all asserted that the lady that the marvelous mental and physical peculiarities attributed to her are an impossibility.

Tigers at Auction. A score or more of men assembled in the menagerie in Central park, New York. The king of beasts resented the intrusion and roared with such force that he shook down the monkeys who were hanging by their tails from the wires of a cage in another building. The monkeys rubbed their heads and chattered till they aroused the bald Boston, She says that the walking that eagles. The eagles screamed so that the red little birds in another cage were terrified into a pale pink, and the one-legged storks, who were standing around and speculating on the length of time the seals could stay under water, actually went so far as to let down another leg from underneath their feathers, and looked as though they were going to move into different tracks for the winter. While this commotion going on without, the noises within the room of cages had become bewildering and almost deafening. The Bengal tiger, presumably a royal one, seconded the lion's objections to the intrusion, The hyenas pawed up supposititious graves and laughed fiendishly. The panthers slid their sleek hides around over their bone work and gave forth deep gutturals. The lionesses put in their roar and the sun bear fondled his paw with increased industry, and gave forth a sound as though he were winding himself up to join in the general outcry. And the black wolf stood on his hind claws, pointed his nose toward the zenith and howled dismally. The other animals stopped to listen to him. and he stopped for the reason that he only started because the rest of them

were making noises. Then Auctioneer Burdett said 'Gentlemen, the two tigers in those cages yonder and the one up in that cage, will be sold by order of the collector of customs. The terms are cash.

What do I hear for the three tigers?" Calvin Witly started them at \$20. John Nathan, in behalf of Barnum, bid \$30. The tigers leaped to \$70 by ten dollar jumps, when Robert Robertson bid \$80 for the three. They rapidly went up to \$210, where they hung for some time and then went as high as \$250, at which figure they were sold to Mr. Robertson.

#### Detroit Free Press Currency. The Egyptian pyramids may be class-

ed under the head of "old mades."

When a man begins to take off his coat and vest at you it is a sign that he is resorting to the court of peels.

It is the liar who wants to knock you down for doubting his word. The honest man will stop to argue matters. Confectioners are now making such a

no further use for the fruit itself, and and Austria fourth, with 1,770. The cherry trees can now take a rest.

should realize that if we had good awards-viz., 821 bronze medals and weather right along business would be | 964 honorable mentions, as compared vastly overdone and the community with 779 and 647. There are two Americans serving in

the army of the ameer of Cabul, but the English go right on making their preparations the same as if there wasn't The Hindoos have been figuring again.

and they now make out that the earth is

year and presented to editors of weekly potatoes, one slice of bread, one quarter | I-that is-I "papers measure exactly six feet from tip of a pie, one-eighth pound of butter, to tip. They were hatched on purpose and drank one cup of tea. The remain- me. It doesn't matter much, unless you for the occasion. Nevada is the State of surprises. A

lady going through one of the jails on a tour of inspection discovered her three brothers cosily tucked away in cells. when she thought them in Boston in the milk business.

# Benefit of Walking.

the head, chest and abdomen, in a ver- eight pounds in nine and one-half climbed the dingy stairs to find hi that tending to perfect health. Every the last five hours adding only one-half some intricate point in electrical science internal organ is gently stimulated to pound to his weight. The half bushel which was baffling him. more robust action. Never in a com- of apples was "heaping" measure, and As the trances continued she watched mon walk, does a person breathe twice numbered just sixty-five apples. La- cheerily, "what are you doing here this and related in detail the movements of the same air, because he is constantly duke is twenty-six years years old, five late? Aren't you going home?" the family's friends in different parts of changing his position. This fact alone feet seven inches in height, and has If you are not well educated and can the city, and ultimately narrated what is of incalculable advantage. Some never experienced a sick day in his life. sleepily rubbing his eyes and stretching "Oh, Mr. Noakes!" cried his wife; great surprise of Mr. Noakes, Obadiah find "nothing to do," improve your op. was happening to those who were many writers contend that the rebreathing of He is a thin, spare man, and has always like a lion suddenly aroused. portunity by studying. A wise use of miles away. She read letters that were air once partially used is one of the worked out for his living, usually among "Midnight, easy enough. Come this hard time may make it memorable inclosed in envelopes and kept in the most fertile causes of consumption. The farmers. He experienced no un- along." yourself justice. I mean Cousin Oba- "Such a splendid thing!" said Mrs. as the turning-point for good in many a pockets of those about her. She re- The most favorable time for walking is usual difficulty from his square meal, "Is that so?" returned Edison, in a Noakes. "Such a wonderful thing for life. Think of it, young friends, and cognized persons who rang the door- about midday in the winter, and in the and offered to bet five dollars that he dreamy sort of way. "By George, I "Cousin Obadiah would be a good Arabella, and it shall all come out make the most and best of your en- bell while they were still outside the morning and toward evening in the could eat another peck of apples the must go home, then. I was married to-

## TIMELY TOPICS.

London, Ont., has an inspector of anatomy, whose business is to take charge of unclaimed corpses, and, if necessary, appropriate them for the advancement of medical science.

The Scientific American announces that half the vinegar now sold is rank poison, and a Massachusetts chemist states that out of twelve jars of pickles, put up by different wholesale dealers, he found copper in ten of them.

In France, according to Boccardo, the workman obtains forty-seven per cent. of the profit on his work, in England fifty-six per cent., in America seventytwo per cent., and in Italy only from seventeen to twenty per cent.

Bertha Von Hillern, who for several years performed remarkable feats in pedestrianism, and thereby accumulated considerable money, has settled down to the study and practice of sculpture in loud she has done has not in the least injured her health.

> Japanese farmers are in distress. Floods of extraordinary magnitude have swept the lowlands; insects have destroyed eighty per cent. of the bean crop; small insects have devastated the rice fields; and in various parts of the empire virulent infectious diseases are reported among horses and cattle.

During the last war 594,000 Russian soldiers poured down through Rou mania into Turkey. Of these 58,800 were sent back by rail wounded and 62,150 ill, 31,000 sick went home to Odessa by sea, 29,000 are still in hospital, 31,000 laid their bones in Roumania and 99,000 perished in Bulgaria,

A co-operative store on an extensive scale is to be opened in Boston, under the supervision of Josiah Quincy and other men of wealth and influence. There is to be a storekeeper in charge, but he is to have no voice in the general management. All purchases and sales are to be for cash. The shares are \$4 each, and an effort is to be made to have workingmen take them. Two kinds of dividends are contemplated—one to stockholders on their shares and one to customers on their purchases. Groceries, dry goods, clothing, and boots and shoes comprise the stock.

The total number of awards accorded to each nation at the exposition is given by the Paris liberte, but of course. says a New York paper, the silver and bronze medals and honorable mentions argue quantity rather than quality. The best criterion of the latter, assuming that the judges have been fairly accurate, or that, internationally, their mistakes neutralize each other, is the number of grand prizes and Spain, 167; Italy, 157; United States, | plaid vest. 145; Russia, 123; Switzerland, 86; Holland. 70; Sweden and Norway, 70 Greece, 12. As to the distinctions of all kinds, France, of course, stands onies coming next, with 2,500; England | the things that ham. good imitation of cherries that there is and her colonies third, with 2,455; Spanish aggregate exceeds the English People who growl about poor weather | by reason of a larger number of minor

## A Tremendous Eater. On a wager William Laduke, of Ver-

gennes. Vt., undertook to eat in ten

hours two pounds of pork steak, four

to drink two cups of tea. At seven he abruptly asked her: o'clock in the morning he began his task by eating five apples. He then girl? Do you like me?" All the Western wild geese shot this ate one pound of pork steak, two large der of the forenoon he spent in walking | would like to mairy me." about and eating apples, of which he had devoured twenty-three at 12 o'clock. laugh, but Edison went on: At noon he ate one pound of pork steak, two large potatoes, one slice of though. Think it over; talk to your bread, one-eighth pound of butter, and mother about it, and let me know soon drank two cups of tea. He was then as convenient-Tuesday, say. How will weighed, and found to have gained sev- Tuesday suit you, next week Tuesday, I en and one-half pounds. For the next | mean?" three hours he averaged about two same evening.

## A Carte de Visite. A sweet smile as of old

Doth repose On your face like sunbeam-gold On the snows;

You are warmer than the South.

And you have a little mouth Like a rose. Enchanting Eloise You are fair;

You're a captions little tease I declare. Yet my bosom thrills with hope

When I kiss the heliotrope In your hair. Do you recollect that day Long ago, When we lingered in the gay

Afterglow; When the cuckoo's tender note O'er the honeyed meads would float Soft and low? When the pale forget-me-not

Charmed the leas. And o'er your happy cof. Eloise, Soared the irig-streaked d And the blue skies seemed in love

With the trees. In the lime; And I'm free to say my soul Turned to rhyme. And in my eyes your glance-I shall finish this romance

> When I've time. -R. K. Munkittrick. Items of Interest.

A bosom friend-The baby. An old march-The march of time. A trance-action. Walking in your

A locomotive drinks forty-five gallons

Cobblers are said to be heeling me-Oak is stronger than iron, both pieces

being the same in weight. Overcoats will be worn long this winter, especially if we have a late spring. Beavers never speak of each other as 'straight haired." They say of a square

beaver, he is fur-straight. Talk about the angry sea and the mad waves, and all that. Humph! you'd be angry, too, were you crossed as often as

the ocean is. He who doth the printer pay Will go to heaven sure some day; But he who meanly cheats the printer Will go where there is never winter.

-Whitehall Times. The first and most dangerous inroad upon the human system made by strong drink, is on the liver, and is not, at the outset, at all observable, even to the

victim. The young man who will turn up his nose at cabbage in connection with corned beef at a cheap restaurant will consume it with effusion in the guise of pure Havana cigars-"3 for 10c."

A matter-of-fact man was told by his doctor to put a check on his stomach if medals. Of these France carried off he wished to live long and be happy. 1,984; England and her colonies, 369; He went immediately to his tailor, who Austria-Hungary, 252; Belgium, 184; filled the prescription by making him a

Partridges are among the things that whirr. - Boston Transcript. Yes; and the French colonies, 57; Denmark, 27; ventilators are among the things that air. - Graphic. Yes; and hornets are among the things that bee. - Detroit first, with 13,569; Spain and her col- Free Press. Yes; and hogs are among

"Speaking of razors," said the obsequious barber, as he tendered change for a quarter. "I believe Adam and Eve were the first raisers, were they not?" The customer raised his Cain, and demanded to know if he was Abel to make another joke like that.

A Funny Story About Edison.

Among Edison's first inventions was a contrivance for producing perforation large potatoes, one half of a pie, two in paper. Among the girls he engaged slices of wheat bread, each one and one- to work with it was one who attracted quarter inches thick, one-quarter pound his notice one day, and he gazed at her of butter, half a bushel of apples, and until she became confused, whereupon

> "What do you think of me, little "Why, Mr. Edison, you frighten me.

"Don't be in any hurry about telling The young woman was disposed to

"Oh, I mean it. Don't be in a rush,

Edison's shop was at Newark, in those Exery muscle in the body is greatly apples per hour. At half-past five P.M. days, and one night a friend of his, emand uniformly brought into action by he ate the last apple and won the bet ployed in the main office of the Western the swing of the legs and the arms, and, with half an hour to spare. His weight Union telegraph company, in New York, consequently of the trunk in a vertical when he began was 145 pounds, and at returning home by the last train, saw direction. The undulations made by the close 153 pounds, showing a gain of light in Edison's private laboratory, and tical plane, are thus not only according hours. Seven and one-half pounds of friend in one of his characteristic stu to Hogarth's line of beauty, but also in this he acquired in the first five hours, pors, half awake and half dezing over