OVERSIGHT. by points and sages you've off heard not even to greet/little Eddie. precious than gold;

When the guest . who approaches only a friend.

Alack! 'tis too common a rule on this' der true worth.

Though kindly the purposes which we

We forget to express them, because all the world." he's a friend.

-Washington Star.

By Helena Dixon.

"Of course your mother must have a home with us, Carrie. Widowed, and with no child but you, she naturally and rightly wishes to come to you. And, only think how nice it will John cares for no one but me. He is be for us all to have her here. No more lonely hours for you while I am cooped up in that gloomy workshop of mine upstairs."

So spoke John Royalton as he arose from the breakfast table and caught I'd had presence of mind enough to up, his chubby-faced boy, adding, as he perched the little two-year-old on his shoulder:

"And my litted curly-head wants a grandmamma's experienced eye upon him to cut short his mischieyous pranks. Don't you, Master Chatterbox?"

And away the little fellow was borne to the little room which John her. She's the original of that por-Royalton was a painter, and the domestic little wife was left alone to write a letter inviting her widowed mother to her home.

How like the dear old times it will second to have mother with me," murmured Mrs. Royalton, as she folded "A woman wants some tholical person as dear John is to tak to, and I declare I don't see any oie else in an age except now and men, when some sour-visaged old maid or simpering miss comes to have her portrait painted."

The Saturday following the posting of Mrs. Royalton's letter brought the expected guest to the Royalton cottage. Mrs. Perring was a very nervous, very lively, and very eccentric old lady, who made it her boast that she was never idle a minute between

daylight and bedtime. When she became settled with the Royaltons, she applied herself assidcously to "putting things to rights." Every drawer, every chest, every cupboard, was ransacked and the contents of each arranged in accordance with the old lady's ideas of order. wen John's desk was rummaged, and very letter and paper peered into, ast to find out in what particular dche each one ought to be put.

In about a fortnight Mrs. Perring d the satisfaction of thinking that she had got things about the house good running order."

there's only that outlandish paint her wrong. make a new place of that."

Fortune smiled on Mrs. Perring's plans. John and Carrie, and little Edwny elbows and went to work. Il day long the furniture in the upon her." st's room flew vigorously around.

She came out

and closed the do

religions mothers

Steris and a bangs

conducted from her face. everything in the room was rushing right into the villain's arms." Mary Leiter I always said she would low the surface, and, if so, at what done," Mrs. Perring made A cheerful light shone out from the make something to an adjoining closet, but uncurtained windows of the Royalton has." the door securely locked. For cottage as the two women stealthily ent the worthy lady was in a approached near enough to gain a ry. How was she to straighten view of the interior of the room in the closet? Do it she must where John, with bowed head, was prevent the new lady agitator frem would, and very quickly Mrs. walking to and fro over the carpet. bechought her of a bunch of Carrie could not catch the expreswhich happily she had brought sion of his face, but she saw that ever they demanded. The keys were produced, and anon he turned his gaze upon a n triumph Mrs. Perring unlocked painting on the wall—one which had

> The young wife's face turned ghast-Ty pale as, peeping close to the wintow she saw that the painting was ! he one she had seen in the studio

ould not could not leave the win-

order and spoke along

nose, and were note pace raised, with Eddie into the house, We bring forth our best and we serve in praise of his wife's mother.

with Carrie. The young wife's face anger and indignation, as she listened to her mother's words.

We laugh at his hopes and encourage night and hanging in ringlets all —convinced Mrs. Perring that

Carrie sank back in a fainting condition, and her mother clasped her in her arms.

see you treated in this shameless ever thereafter John proper seeming. The hypocrite! But York Weekly. I'v mistrusted that his loving ways were all put on ever since I cleaned his desk and found scraps of poetry

about love and such like nonsense." "Mother, don't; you will kill me by ' too noble, too---"

"Take my keys, then, and go satisfy yourself. Go look at the siren's portrait in the closet. It isn't finished yet. I could see that, and I wish now give it two or three extra toucher with the brush myself. No wonder you found his room locked so many times of late, and had to wait your artist's pleasure Fore you could enter. And the deeply-veiled old woman that we've noticed going upstairs so many times of late isn't an old woman trait and no mistake. See, there she goes up the steps now! Mighty careful she is, too, not to show her face. There-did you ever see an old woman with such feet and ankles? She's

the woman!" When the unknown woman had departed, and the unconscious John was quitely eating his dinner, Carrie left the table under some pretext, and with the rusty key in her hand, she ascended the stairs and entered the studio closet, and stood before the painted form of a woman before whom her own charms sank into insignificance.

What was this beautiful woman to her husband? Carrie's heart lay like a lump of

lead in her bosom as she turned away and sought her mother. Shortly after John returned to his labors, the two women—the elder 1 virtuous indignation, the

Founger too utterly wretched even for tears-left the house, taking Eddie Silently the poor wife followed her mother in quest of some quiet retreat

wherein to pass the night. On the morrow Mrs. Perring had resolved on taking her charges into the country. This was Carrie's birthday, and always heretofore, during the few years of their wedded life, John had remembered the day with a suitable gift; but today he seemed to have forgotten not only the present, but even

that it was her birthday. "Poor thing," murmured Mrs. Pershop upstairs—John's study-o I mind ring, philosophically, as, in a lonely Carrie calls it-but what's had a room, Carrie clasped her boy to her thorough ventilating, and the very bosom and wept passionately over

"Poor thing! it's hard for her to bear at first. She loved him altogether better than he deserved, even le were away, and the little old lady were he true to her. It's best she prepared herself for the onslaught, should see him no more. Let her have. donned her poorest dress, tied a her cry out, and then she will be calm kin over her head to keep off the and a different woman entirely: rolled her sleeves above her strong to resent the insult and injury which that wretch has heaped

When the gloomy night was curtainarticles denounced as "worth- ing the earth in darkness, Carrie beg- A good story from India is told in exile and to make his place of retreat rubbish" were hurled through ged piteously to be permitted to look the Sheffield Telegraph: An Americar the abode of comfort. dow into the back yard, while upon her old home once more. She globe-trotter, dining with a gentleman rs that "might come in play for would not enter the house—she might in Calcutta, was asked if Americans ething, some day," were stowed never again do that—but she could were interested in India. The Ameri organized a new division to be known y in the garret. A portrait, on saze a moment into the dear, familiar can assured him that such was the as the division of hydrology. N. H h the paint was yet wet, was rooms. John might be in the pleasant case, and said: "One day I met a lady Darton will be in charge of the opera getically dusted with a coarse sitting room as of old. She had left I knew in the cars, and I handed her tions conducted by this division in paints were mixed incongru- a note for him, and she longed to know a newspaper in which was a paragraph | the West, the chief center of the work

never before hung there.

Mrs. Perring, who had not heard a When bedtime came the old lady word of what had transformed Carrie That friendship is precious; more arose in solemn silence and retired. from a breathing statue into her old The next morning, when John re- joyous self, was too thoroughly pro-And yet when a stranger approaches paired as usual to his studio, he ut voked at what she considered her tered vehement sentences not at all daughter's lack of spirit and sell-re bim in state:

While he was engaged in undoing, When, however, she did so, she found fiscal year.

But scant is the cheer that we oft- so far as lay in his mortal power, the husband and wife—the former with mischief she had unconsciously one arm supporting Eddie and the wrought Mrs. Perring was closeted other encircling Carrie's waiststanding before the painting which was coloriess, and her eyes wild with through Mrs. Perring's romantic sus picions, had wrought so much, though

happily not irreparable mischief. We treasure the dross and we squan- It's a beautiful face—the hand. A few words neatly written and somest picture of a real person I ever pasted under the portrait—which, af We greet his ambitions with critical saw. Great dark eyes that seem to ter all, was not a portrait, but purely look you through, hair as black as the work of the artist's imagination about her face and neck. The skin is was altogether wrong in her sur just like alabaster, so white and clear, mises, and that, after all, the deeply and the lips look like ripe cherries for veiled woman might be as venerable as her appearance indicated.

"A Birthday Gift to My Wife." These were the words which Mrs Perring read, and then she manager "Oh, my poor lamb! that I should to slip unobserved from the room, an manner. And John so dignified and mother-in-law was a model one.—Nev

> TO STUDY THE BAHAMA ISLAND! Expedition Fram Baltimore

> Make a Thorough Report. An expedition recently left Balt' more for the purpose of making ar exhaustive study of the Bahama Is! ands, the report to be presented to the United States Government. The idea of the expedition originated witl Professor George R. Shattuck, of the Johns Hopkins University, and under the auspices of the Geographi Society of Baltimore, which de frays a portion of the expense.

Some of the principal lines of ir vestigation will be concerned wit! the animal and plant life of the is! . The geology of the group wil also be examined and a bench marl will be left with the view of ascertair ing to what extent, if any, the Baha mas are sinking or rising above the Special attention level of the sea. will be given in the reports to the industries, commerce, physical condition of the inhabitants and any other economic feature which may sugges itself. An elaborate outfit of scienti fic apparatus for the study of climatic conditions has been provided. The diseases which may be prevalent and general sanitary conditions will be included in the investigation. This portion of the work will be in charge of Dr. Clement A. Penrose, assistar director of the expedition.

Diseases of Metals

Certain metallurgists in German; have come to the conclusion metals are capable of being infected with disease. A leading scientist Prof. Heyn, has found that in the injury dene to copper from overheat ing the metal is poisoned with wha which causes sickness and structura weakness. Steel that has been poison ed by hydrogen is deteriorated unti it becomes almost as brittle as glass ' Another scientist has discovered ; certain kind of tin pest which inhab its roofs. He found also that when contact with healthy tin the latte: soon became infected and was finally destroyed.—Harper's Weekly.

"Cycle Campers."

An association of cycle has been formed in England with the idea of dispensing with inns while on tour. Rainy and cool as the Eng lish climate is, it is found possible and pleasant to carry all one's lug gage for camping in a common lug gage carrier. At a recent exhibition tents weighing from eleven and one half to thirteen pounds were shown Two cyclists can get along with the Chicago Tribune. No doubt

Americans and India.

and brushes put through a how he bore the separation; whether headed 'India and Lord Curzon.' She of this new arm of the survey's serv ring process, till the old lady's he was rejoiced or sorry that she was settled down to read it with close at ice. Of late years the selection and sched with the exercise, and gone. tention. I remarked to her, 'You seem determination of localities suitable became the medium by "It's nonsense," said Mrs. Perring, interested in that item about India. for the sinking of arterian wells and copious streams of perspiration angrily; "but if you're determined to Yes,' she said, I am. When that of determining from surface indica go, I shall go along to keep you from young man came out here and married | tions whether or not water exists be

Had the Papers.

A few bold spirits determined to Kansas from speaking. Where is your lecture license?"

With a glance of withering scorn mingled with triumph, she opened he: grip, extracted therefrom a paper, and waved it in their faces. "Here it is!" she shouted vindic

It was her marriage certificati Even then there was one man on the Carrie was ready to faint, still she committee of protestors who could not understand why his associates knowledged their defeat so readily. H length John paused before the was single. Judge.

to \$35,868 were sent to the conscience fund of the United States during the

One of the penalties imposed upor reasonable automobilists, who know how to use their machines and not be public nuisances, is that they must bear the odium intended for the idiots who use highways as a race trac! states the Buffalo Courier.

Trains are running on the railway from Mombassa, on the Indian Ocean. to Lake Victoria Nyanza, a distance of 548 miles. The road will make a saving in transportation of Uganda and East African protectorates of \$175,000 a year.

Ohio having paid the last of her debts there are now six States with. out outstanding obligations. They are Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, New Jersey, West Virginia and Ohio. The debts of Delaware, Kansas, Michigan, Nevada, South Dakota and Wyoming are only nominal.

Governmental insurance of horses in Bavaria is eminently satisfactory as shown by the first annual report the Royal Chamber of Insurance. The Government has conducted the business of insuring cattle against fire and hall for many years.

Of the alphabet the letters most fre quently used out of every 1,000 letters formed into words in daily use are, first, the letter E, which takes the lead, occurring 137 times; the next, , running 88; O, 76; S, 75; I, 71; R 70; N, 66; H, 65; A, 64; and L, 40.

Georges Brandes has joined Bjorn sen in his efforts to bring about a better understanding between Norway and Sweden. The reasons urged for this are that Russia's depriving Fin land of her constitutional rights is only the first step in the march of the empire west to the Atlantic, and that only a united Sweden and Norway will be able to resist the march the Bear.

Since the addition of a clause to the French game laws for the protection of wild birds Police Superintendents in Paris deal strictly with the mer who bring bullfinches, thrushes, chaf finches and others to the Sunday mar ket on the Quai aux Fleurs, near Notre Dame. The other day the com missary of the cathedral district lib erated about 300 bidls and arrested two of the bird catchers, charging them with infringement of the game

he calls copper protoxide, a discrder affecting the public health for good or ill, is the amount of sunshine Fresh air and sunshine are Nature's most potent disinfectors and disease germ killers. Especially are the di rect rays of the sun deadly to the microscopic forms of vegetable life, to whose poisons, elaborated under favthe diseased mental was brought into oring conditions of heat, moisture and darkness, are due the scourges of human life. A few hours exposure to these rays destroy the vi tality of the flora that cause consump tion, pneumonia, influenza, diphtheria and many other maladies.

It has been said that an after din ner glimpse of the modern family, in stead of revealing the different members amicably assembled about the "evening lamp" would show the young women of the house stowed away in their own snug upstairs corners and. the man of the house enjoying the smoky seclusion of his den. Is this a including bamboo poles for pitching true picture? Probably not, answers tent and aluminum cooking utensili was a woman who first banished weighing in all only twenty-five man to u den, and in all probability It was because of her repugnance to the domestic smoke nuisance that she so exiled him. But she has shown

> The Geological Survey has later, him—and she depths, have become so vast as to re quire the time and energies of more han one member of the survey, and or this reason the new division will lave this phase of work as its special

> > telief not only upon observed phenom. The man with the chip on his shoul of mind can ana but also upon the fact that the let is easily recognized, and his so petulancy a universal belief of the natives points liety by wise people is carefully avoid disease to this conclusion. It reminds its ed. He can go nowhere without troughtsane readers that in 1902 the winter set in | ble following in his wake. If he at in th at harvest time, and that at the hav, lends a theater he is either annoye making season the rivers were already by the usner or someone in full of ice. In November and Decem | ence, or at the man in the bert the thermometer registered fifty for not having sold him degrees below zero, and enormous quantities of same were trozen to Teath and the matter and the first three to

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