A SERO WATER STONE OF THE STORE OF THE SERVICE OF T From one town to another The staid, brown highway runz, Laid out by the good fathers. Trodden by us and our sons. This way passes the schoolboy, The countryman with his load, The bridegroom and bride-

A busy procession Ci young hearts and old-And none turns aside Or pines for the Vagabond Road.

Oh, the Vagabond Road, have you seen it? How describe it in words? Green, capricious, enchanting, Haunted by sweet singing birds. Still pursuing its pleasure

By rock, pasture and fall, Escaping, ascending, Deploying-and, where know not, but surely

Deliciously ending (So be it!) in nothing at all.

Dusty and safe is the highway, Thrice respectable, too; Here are clustered men's dwellings, Church and market in view. , too, travel the turnpike

And there fix my abode— Yet sometimes, perchance, I halt for a moment, When no one is by, And throw a long glance

Far, far down the Vagabond Road.

By Clio Stanley.

A sunny afternoon in May, with green leaves blowing hither and thither, and the frolicsome little winds climbing up the frail ladders of the vines over the doorway, making them all a tremble. There was a er" sweet chorus of robins in the maple tree, and bits of melody falling ly from the chin's lips over the way. There was sunshine on the graveled garden walk, and its yellow spiendors had stole? in through the wide-open door, and were caressing the backs of the two gray kittens rolled up in soft little balls at Lenny Howard's

But Lenny was in one of her unhappy mools that afternoon, and cared nothing at all for the blessing of the sunshine or for the chorus of sweet spring sounds stealing in from the leafy outdoor world. There was a cloud on her young face that the sunlight could not banish.

"Dear me; I do wish Belle would come back! She has been gone long enough to do forty errands, I am sure; and she knows I am alone, and tied to this hateful chair."

Two days before, at a grand pienie on the mountainside, Lenny Howard had fallen and twisted her foot, so that she would not be able, the doctor said, to step on it for a week; and as she was a restless little mortal, quently yours, but then you need nev- improbable that the peculiarly attrac who kept still ten minutes at a time er call me anything but Belle. Of tive and refreshing quality which unless she was asleep, the enforced course, you couldn't do it!" she add. makes the early morning air has its quiet was a terrible punishment; all the more unendurable because Belle Fairfax, who had promised to stay with her all that dreadful week, had gone out for half an hour, and had

already been gone two hours. "It's too bad!" she exclaimed again, when another ten minutes passed without bringing Belle. "Get out of my way!" she exclaimed, pushing the two gray kittens off the cushion; I'm tired of seeing you so still!"

The kittens went rolling and rollicking after each other across the floor in a sudden spasm of merriment and at the same moment Belle stood in the doorway, laughing at their pranks.

Even Lenny, vexed as she was, could not help thinking what a pretty picture Belle made, framed by the ed her very tenderly, nevertheless.— is probably essential to the well-being old doorway. Such a bright, laughing face it was; nut brown hair above, nut-brown eyes below, both just touched with a glimmer of gold; cheeks the color of a pink rose, and Why the Plan is a Good One For the lips still redder and sweeter; and under all a dainty chin with a dimple in it. But, then, Belle had been cruel, meeting with much success wherever and Lenny didn't mean to flatter her. it has been introduced, says the Bos-

hat on a soffa, and sitting down in a school banks, and these seemingly inlow chair by the window; "but then significant sums soon amount to dol- way through the flames bearing in his you know I haven't been out for two lars. The secret and essence of jaws the living body of three-year-old "why do you begin on such a big

Besides what?" asked Lenny, at length; for Belle had picked up the kittens and was playing with them, apparently forgetful of the fact that was and spend, yet it moves the leaving little Florence on the kitcher floor. When the wind shifted Rogers that the follow.—Chicago floor. When the wind shifted Rogers that the follow.—Chicago floor. When the wind shifted Rogers that the first the first that the follow.—Chicago floor. When the wind shifted Rogers that the first things into higher the object that the first them and twirled his floor. When the wind shifted Rogers the first that the first them are the first them and twirled his floor. When the wind shifted Rogers the first them are the f she had left her sentence unfinished. in the higher range of our nature, and his wife rushed for their home A rose-flush crept to her face at Thrift has no secrets. It tells frankly but when they reached the clearing a moment for an answer.

But Lenny looked at Belle's bright results from off-times most unpromlace, and hardened her heart against ising beginnings.

Had she not acknowledged that form without imparting the business cases in the Sahara as a matter of texthey had forgotten her? and had not characteristic, but in school banking periment, thus usurping the place of Frank Maxwell been her devoted lov. the latter is the sole aim and design, the "ship of the desert." This takes er for six months? Only that day at it would not present a young man to the romance out of desert travel, but the picule he had begged her to say a business house thoroughly conver if the experiment proves successful when she would be his wife, and now sant with business, but having self- the prosaic motor car will aid vastly ne had quite forgotten ber in a stroll indulging personal habits. On the in exploring the Sabara. A camel can with Belle! It was certainly more other hand, it would send the Bata go 100 miles without a renewal of supthen any woman could be expected to of youth into awaiting fields of prac-plies, while a gasoline motor can go rich?" asked Plodding Pete. ear with good nature, so she turned tical endeavor knowing how to keep 500 miles.

at me, dear; for I have something to celving the deposits than to the de-

"Never mind that. It is enough for you to know that I think you are the most deceitful creature in the world, and that Frank Maxwell is-"

"What Lenny?" And Frank came in, just in the midst of the angry sentence, and looked in astonishment at Lenny's flashing eyes, and Belle's troubled

"I told you how it would be, Frank," began Belle, "and you must' see I was right."

"But I really don't see why Lenny should be vexed at the matter if you' are satisfied. Lenny, I had really expected better things of you," continued Frank, with a reproachful glance in her direction.

I know how it is," faltered Belle; "Lenny thinks I am too young and foolish to be your-"

-Dora Read Goodale, in Lippincott's stamping her little foot angrily down on the gray kitten's tail, and flashing her eyes from one to the other. should like to know if you are not six whole months older than I am, Belle Fairfax! and I'm sure I don't care," continued Lenny, growing suddenly very white and sinking back in her chair, "but-but you might have told me before. Go and marry him as soon as you like, but don't stand! there making faces at me any long-

And Lenny shut her eyes resolute-

"Well, I am sure I am glad of your permission, dear," Belle replied, with a melancholy little laugh; "but, Lenny. I want you to be glad of it; because I shall want you to come to us to day and of day to night several often, until you are married your. physical changes take place, says the

Lenny opened her eyes, and looked temperature at sunset and a rise with angry astonishement at Belle's again at Jawn, and consequently blushing face.

down and taking the little restless hapes in his own "be your own loving self. It isn't a bad thing to have such a jolly little stepmother as Belle; and if--"

But that sentence was destined never to be concluded, for both Lenny's arms were around Frank's neck, and tirely because it is water, but because -well, he found new employment for it possesses an invigorating action,

really good in you," broke in Belle. it has been stated that during its "Of course, it will seem queer for me formation peroxide of hydrogen and to be Frank's mamma, and conse some ozone are developed. It is not ed, laughing.

ten, all defiance vanished from her morning air wears off as the day adlaughing eyes.

exclaimed, hiding her face again on oxygen, ozone or peroxide of hydrogen Frank's shoulder; "and of course we (whichever it may be) being used up shall call her mamma, shan't we, The difficulty of inducing grass to

after all?" asked Belle; "you thought by saying that the tree absorbes the you would frighten me, because I left nourishing constitutents of the soil or you so long alone?" "Yes," murmured Lenny, softly.

husband what her jealous heart had explanations is true, the real reasor imagined—that he had learned to most probably being that the vitalizing love Belle best, and that Belle meant dew cannot form upon the grass un to be his wife.

"Pshaw!" said Frank. But he kiss- rain and light can reach it. Dew New York Weekly.

BANKING IN THE SCHOOLS.

Children.

"You've been away two hours," she ton Transcript. By its means chilbegan, with a doleful face.

"I know it," said Belle, tossing her pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, pennies, which are deposited in their between Yuba and Butte counties, pennies, penni lays, and it has been such a perfect thrift tend to exalt things into higher Florence Rogers. The parents of the thing?"

Lenny's question, and she hesitated of forethought and exhibits the pro- it was to see the barn in a blaze cess of saving for future use. It looks Rogers tried to get to the house, but But the proud head was lifted at last and the bright eyes fixed bravely on Lenny's face.

after little things and points the way to carefulness. It teaches a thorough the kitchen window with the child, her garments knotted in his "Not at all. But he puts his money" I met Frank just as I was coming act in its dealings. It keeps a secret teeth. The baby's clothes gave way away and doesn't appear to have any home, and as I wanted—I mean we account of its credits and debits down as the dog landed, but in an instant appreciation of all the things he might had something to say to each other— to the cent and reports its balanced he had her again in grip and reached buy with it."—Washington Star. walked back a little distance. I accounts daily. It keeps company safety. The child's face and hands am afraid Lerny. We really some with all the virtues. It an were cut and burned, but she recovyou. But you'll forgive me, and I tagonizes all the vices. It favors a ered. won't leave you once tomorrow. full manhood and works out healthful

The school may teach a business mails and supplies between different er back on Belle, and refused to say a dollar after it has been earned.

tell you, and I really want it off my positors themselves relative alone to mind? Frank thought I ought to tell financial considerations. While the handling of a largely increased num-"Don't dare to tell me, Belle Fair ber of accounts entails some extra fax!" cried Lenny passionately. "Do expense and clerical labor, yet say." you suppose I don't know all about ings banks have uniformly founded in

it?" she continued, facing Belle with compensating conditions ample justifi-"How did you—when did you find school. Parents and friends have cation for their co-operation with the been stimulated by the example of Belle asked the question bravely children noticeably increasing the list enough, but she was really shaking of lepositors and amount of deposits. e advantages of the savings bank been thus advertised to the public at

a slight expense. The school savings bank system is now in operation in 1479 schools of 118 cities, situated in 24 States of the Union, and of 370,457 scholars on the register, 163,578 are depositors of \$1. 309,611, of which \$869,878.48 has been withdrawn, leaving a balance of \$439, 732.52 due little depositors to January, 1902. It is calculated that more than \$2,000,000 has been saved by the American children since the introduction of the plan in 1885. Is not such re sult sufficient to justify the universal adoption of the plan which, besider the monetary question, has proved to be a powerful agent of social reform?

THE EARLY MORNING AIR.

"Will you hush!" cried Lenny, It Has a Virtue Over That of Later

Chemists have long ago told us not | tip.—Beston Transcript. only what is the exact composition of the air, but also that this composition is practically constant, whether the air be that near the mountain top or sea, or from the chemistry would not appear to offer an explanation of the benefit gained from "a change of air." Similarly everyone knows the

sweetness and freshness of the early morning air, attractive properties which disappear as the day advances. but so far as analysis goes the composition of early morning air is not different from that of air at any other time. Ie is well to remberer, how. ever, that during the passing of night London Lancet. There is ? fall in

moisture is alternately being thrown "Come, Lenny," said Frank, sitting out and taken up again, and it is well known that change of state is accompanied by electrical phenomena and certain chemical manifestations also. The formation of dew has probably therefore, far more profound effects than merely the moistening of objects

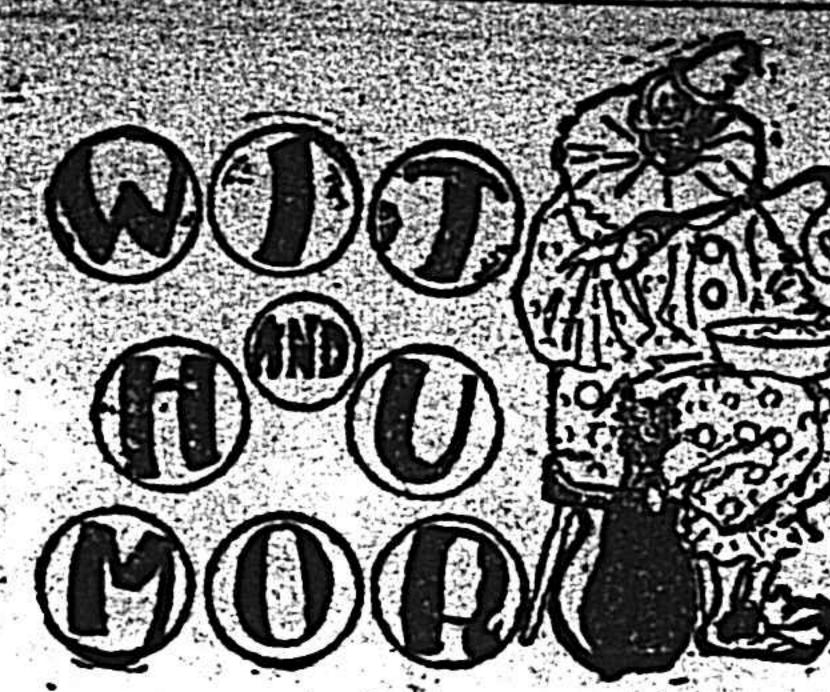
with water. Dew is vitalizing not endue partly, at any rate, to the fact "Now, Lenny, I am sure this is that it is saturated with oxygen, and origin in this way. Certain it 3 that Lenny locked up as meek as a kit- the bracing property of the early vances, and it is easy to conceive that "I think it will be just lovely," she this loss of freshness is due to the

flourish under a tree in full leaf is "Then you were only making fun, well known, and is generall explained that it keeps the sunlight away from the grass and protects it from rain But she never told anybody but her It is doubtful whether any of these der a tree, whereas as a rule both of both plants and animals to a great er extent than is known, and the beautiful expression in the prayer book "Pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing," may be remembered

in this connection.

A California Dog Hero. From California comes a tale of a

Gasoline Motors on Sahara. Gasoline motors are carrying tha



A JUVENILE THEORY.

I bet you it's a magic house we all are livin' in. couldn't tell you half the things that

keep a happenin'. But things are disappearin', just as it' 'twas fairy land,

tricks in sleight o' hand. Preserves an' jam will melt away as i quick as "presto change!"

And some old wizard's showin' off his'

An' nice new clothes get mussed an' soiled; it's something very strange magic house is always full of such mysterious jokes,

But where's the use of tryin' to explain to grown up folks? -Washington Star.

HOW IT HAPPENED. Wolf-What made you fall down in

the stock market? Lamb-Somebody gave me a straight

FILLS THE REQUIREMENT. Moldy Mike—Dis yeer paper says ther secret of aristercratic appearance is the repose of manner. Wearie William-Dat's me-New

ork Weekly.

DEFINED. Tommy-Pop, what is an optimist? Tommy's Pop-An optimist, my son, s a man who is married and glad of -Philadelphia Record.

TIME'S SLOWER STAGES. Muggins-Men live

Buggins-That's right. My wife and | I were the same age when we were married. I'm forty-five now and she has only turned thirty.—Philadelphia

ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT. Richard-Are these good apples on your trees?

Robert-We don't know; our neighbors' two boys never let any of them get ripe.—Detroit Free Press.

LOQUACITY. "Money talks," said the cold-natured

politician. "That's right," answered Senator Sorghum, "but this demand for campaign speeches from me is becomin oppressive."-Washington Star.

STILL MORE UNTIMELY. "Do your neighbors sing the latest songs of the day?" asked the landlord. "I shouldn't object to that," answered the sad-eyed tenant, "their specialty is the latest songs of the night."-Washington Star.

A MARVELLOUS MEMORY. "Wonderful man, that Brackett." "How so?"

"He can remember the names of a least a dozen of the works of fiction that were popular five or six years ago."-Chicago Record-Herald.

SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT. Bragg-I got \$10,000 for that bulldog I used to own. Naggs-What? Ten

Braggs-Well, not exactly. I traded him for two five-thousand-dollar pups. -Chicago News.

ECONOMIZING.

was a first-class investment. Broker-So it is. If there is no ore women than among men. there, just think of the money that it!—Boston Transcript.

THE BELT LINE.

"I propose," said the ambitious

"The trouble with father," said the gilded youth, "is that he has no idea of the value of money."

HIS EXPERIENCE. Miss D'Auber (an amateur artist)-Have you ever been done in oil, Mr. Marks?

Mr. Marks-Well, I guess yes. Miss D'Auber-And who was

Mr. Marks—Artist be hanged! It was a promoter that did me.—Chicago A PHILOSOPHER.

"I don't suppose dere is any real happiness," said Meandering Mike. "Wouldn't you be happy if you was "I dunno. Dis way I allus has an Lenny," said Belle, with a little ing system is scarcely less advant. Some people eat too much because o' dese folks dat has to play golf to git the savings institutions reformer to her value, "waste you look ageous to the savings institutions reformer what they can do today," much an milk,"—Washington Star.

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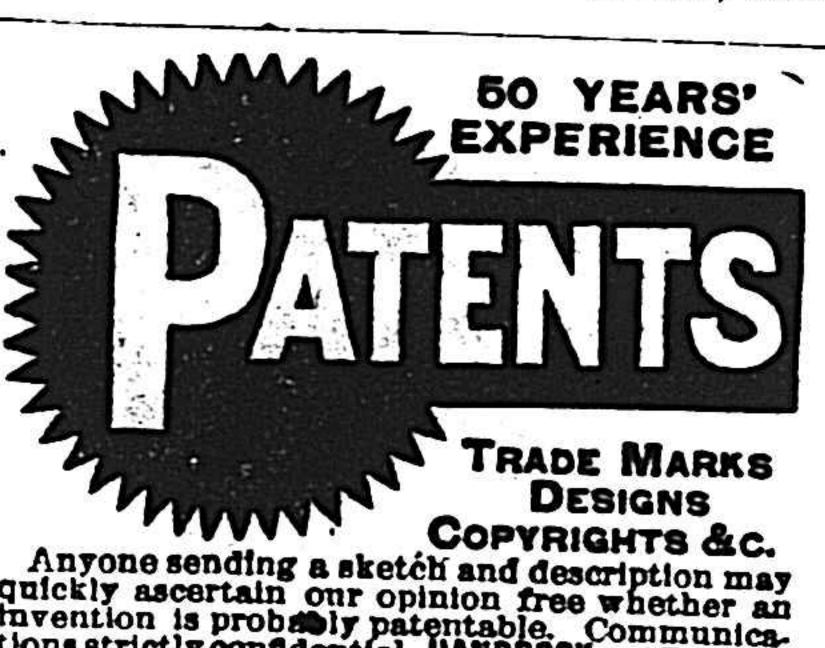
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Men have light eyes oftener than brilliancy. Byron's eyes were gray, will be saved in not having to work women, but in the intermediate fringed with long black lashes. shades between light and dark the | Charles Lamb's glittering eyes percentage of the two sexes is very were strangely dissimilar in color. nearly the same. In this intermedi- one being hazel, the other having ate category are brown and hazel specks of gray in the fris. Chatter eyes. The percentage of these among ton's brilliant gray eyes were his

Minerva was bestowed a surname to had eyes of this hue.

chiefly concerned the novelist and the | Gray eyes have ever been the ideal poet and lately, says the London Ex- of all great novelists. Among the press, the cold-blooded statistician number Charlotte Bronte, George Ellot, Kilkie Collins and Charles Reade.

blue eyes are decidedly rarer among poets. Coleridge's eyes were large. light gray, prominent and of liquid

men is 43.1 and among women 45.1. most remarkable feature. Under Blue eyes are considered to possess strong excitement one appeared great attractions. This was the case brighter and larger than the other. among the Greeks and Romans of As to green eyes, they are for the classic times. Upon the goddess The Empress Catharine of Russia

## TO SEARCH FOR TREASURE

If the sea were drained, says the stroyed by ages of rust and ror, but Family Herald, what treasures we there must be a great deal not yes could find upon the old ocean floor- found by occasional seekers.

Now the authorities have given Prof. | threw their treasures to the go Nispilandi permission to make a syst the lake for safe-keeping. Er tematic hunt. The ancients used to riches have been found in the 18 throw treasures to Father Tiber as | warrant several attempts to cur Some people eat too much because 0' dese folks dat has to play golf to git and armor of thousands of warriors a lew feet. Now an English comp who fought on the banks. Much of its to drain the lake by means this wealth has no doubt been de tunnel, and r ze the bettem.

galleons loaden with gold beyond the The quest for gold and jewels at dreams of avarice! Lesser waters the bottom of the Lake of Guatavita than the sea, however, hold treasure in Columbia is at once more romantic. which can be found. Almost simul- and surer to be profitable. The lake taneously come reports of two scien- lies ten thousand feet above the sea tific quests, for wealin hidden under and was held sacred by the tribes of the face of the waters. The Tiber of patives that lived near it when the old Rome is to be searched, and a Spaniards came. Every year the say lake in the Republic of Colombia is to | ages, headed by their king, visited be drained for the gold and jewels, the lake. The king, covered with gold votive offerings, that were thrown into | dust, plunged into the waters, and his it by the natives long ago. subjects threw after him gold and For a century there have been silver and emeralds. When Quesad plans to turn the Tiber aside tem- and his Spaniards made their way porarily to search its dirty bottom, the Andes to the lake, the patty