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QUESTIONINGS. Daisies in the summer meadow, Fern leaves in the woodland shadow-Why they grow and why they blo v, Know'st thou why?

Nay, not I! Dreams of happy days and places, Visions of fon i hearts and faces-Why they come and why they roam, Know'st thou why!

Nay, not I! Wouldst thou stay the flowers from blooming? Wouldst thou stay thy heart from roaming Where the I cams of love lit dreams

Charm the eye! Nay, not 1!

-Willis Fle'cher Johnson.

IN THE RED ROOM.

BY LUCY C. LILLIE. He was a handsome fellow in a manty again." way, which even the fauitless precision-

tion, which the young ladies of Colonel der shower came up." Hale's acquaintance found fa cinatingly regarded as a "good fellow all around."

reading reached him. ran; "she is going to be at the White of a main." House to day at the reception; and s; She nodded her head brightly. "So by Commodore James Nicholson, ream I. Pray come there and find me as I supposed," she said softly; "and I nowned for his gallantry and enterprise in the Ecvolutionary War. speedily as you can. I shall be in the jud ed you to be more in love than you in the Revolutionary War. red room, and so glad to see you! I were aware of."

Other barges followed, ore and as they moved a wonder if you can imagine half how glad. I have only been in Washington I never really cared for Marion Van

sure to be at the Executive Mansion by foundly miserable." twelve. I hope you'll know me after these two years. ' Hale smiled again as he read these words, for a very vivid remembrance of the Richmond days arose, dominated by the picture of the charmingly pretty girl who had written the letter; a girl holding as it were the secret of her happy, joyous youth on her lids and in her frank gray eyes; a girl who could sit in the for never had she seemed to so bewitch ing as when she was pouring tea at her father's lichmond villa, and exercising

bitterly with Marjon-well! "Talk of woman's constancy!" Hale with Portia Day."

small company of people udmitted within the sard prebeyond the White House vestid across the hall by a polite atinto the Blue room, through he was glad enough to pay his respects speak. as she stood there dispensing pretty or good-humored it would appear to most of her guests.

Hale escaped presently through the Green Room, and thence around to the where he might expect to find Miss

of ferns, whose g een width and luxuriance for ned a fitting background for ner almost laughed aloud. charming figure, in its simple costume

"I am so glad you sent for me!" was my lips a dozen times to say." Hale's greeting as he took Miss Day's

"Yes," said Fortia, frankly, and without a trace of embarrassment, "I supmonths, and have had neither nervous from my lips now that I love you. I one has thought it necessary to recom- any woman on God's cartb, and -" mend Florida to me."

Ha'e seated himself on a divan next to suspicious moisture. "Go, her, feeling as though the months of ab- hastily, "speak to Marion, and then come sence were suddenly bridged over by his back to me pleasure in this meeting.

"And so Marion is coming here?" he will be my wife," he said, almost roughsaid, presently, feeling it best to plunge ly. at once into the subject.

why I sent for you.' Let us ho; e you wanted to see me

at once. Tell me-what is your last rec-

"My last remembrance," he said, slow-"is at the Barnetts' ball; she was you spoke to her." looking very beautiful, and - it was just a wee; after she had broken our engage- and laughed joyously. "And so you in- She wore it when the king was ment. Yes, she was very lovely."

"No doubt. And you were very much in love, I suppose?" "Yes, I seemed to me as if things in life were particularly hollow. I'v you

"confidentially, that it was very foolish thing to do." to start out in life with much belief in human nature. But, do you know I have never lost my faith, and, cariously enough, I have always be reved in you."

"I ought to believe in myself, then," the young man sail, eagerly, "Lecause I."

Pertia laughed. "You have forgot unmber.

"My dear." he said, looking down at the girl's face, "do you know that I universities this winter is 26,045. The university of Cerlin has 5,478, the other universities having a much smaller pertial laughed. "You have forgot unmber.

QUEENSTOWN, MARYLAND, SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1888.

I have so often wondered just what it Richmond. And that was what sug-was intended you should be. I should gested my doing such a forward sort of hate to think of your making any mis- thing. But you must be very certain "ike yours, for instance," she said, you positively must go and speak to

you engaged, then?" he exclaimed. She shook her head. "No; and yet I Davis." - Harper's Monthly. am considering some one. It is some one who has been a good friend to me for years, and whom I admire immense-

m staken I was in fancying that a clever | the 30th of April, 1789.

Cn a certain brilliant January morn- cynicism you prided yourself upon, to and markengardens, with here and there ing a young man was approaching the understand what was really vitally worth a villa of some prefensions to elegance.

of his attire could not make fopp sh. tia, lowering her voice slightly, as a dent-elect, or the impressive ceremonial large elderly woman, who seemed to have which accompanied his taking the oath.

Saxon, and which made him among men bride and groom, 'he said, jeyously. Some six years before, he had been I am glad to talk to you about it, because being presented to the President by his crossed in love. Miss Marion Van you remind me of the man I am think- nurse, as a child who bore the name of Buren had unexpectedly jilted him, ing of-accepting; and I want you to Washington, and he could recall the marrying a man from California, whose, tell me whether everything you used to thrill of pleasure which he experienced death, however, hal made her a rich say and do in those days was sincere." widow just eightee a months ago. Colonel Hale did not exactly relish being com- his head. Hale had made no particula, effort to pared to the man Miss Day was content-Hale had made no particular effort to pared to the man Miss Day was contemment her; indeed, had not for some plating marrying, but he said, promptly months cared to inquire her whereabouts; but he he to'd himself that he

talk of nothing but Richmond days. Be doubt have married her and been pro. every vessel anchored in the harbor.

Portia was thoughtful for a moment, and then said: "I am sure that you were in love, but you did not understand you -se f. This man whom I am, as I told you, considering, lias been really in love with abourd fancy of loyalty to another wo l'ag. man, and therefore has never had exactly the courage to speak. Now I have thought a great deal about him lately, rated until the President's barge was saddle for a twenty-mile ride and dance and made up my nind to put him to the nearly abreast of her, when "suddenly, half the night afterward; and yet whose test. Give me your advice. Would you as if by magic, the yards were manned, presiding charm was purely domestic, consider it unwomenly on my part if I the ship burst forth, as it were, into a full -that I care for him."

the most unaffected of hospitality. If for me," said Hale, almost angrily, he had not been in love so long and so "How am I to advise you to show another man that you love him!"

said to himself as he sprang out of the remain, I believe, the girl said, in a low appeared. Certainly the New York genhansom; nothing but man's constancy voice, and laying one of her hands gently prevented me from falling madly in on Hale's arm. "Remember you must command to devise and prepare a celefind Marion. She promised me to be were here by quarter of one."

"I shall not look for her," said Hale. "Remember, ' said Portla, quickly, and Hale followed in their wake, "what you told me once-that if she were a widow you could trust yourself to meet her. Wait: Let us go into the doorway of which he beheld the fair Bine Room, and if she is there, look snake, but few persons have seen one. young mistress of the mansion, to whom at her from a distance before you

They rose, and almost at the entrance a shock which seemed almost physical, What ghost! / thing had he been therish. She was standing against a tall vase ing all these years and calling it disap-

"She is what she always was," he said. of soft gray, with ornaments at her joyously. "Portia, I thank you for bring- snake glided past him and stuck its tail throat and in the clasp of her belt-which ing about this meeting; but listen to me. Hale was sure he remembered choosing Do not ask me to counsel you in regard with her—queer Oriental stones in dull to this—other man. Let me tell you securely fastened itself, whipped itself

hand in his. And "how well you are ished. The girl was trembling and unnerved. Hale drew her back into the Red Room.

"Never mind where we are," he said. pose I am, since I am perfectly well. I hurriedly; "no one will hear us; and have been home from Europe nearly six what yer you do or feel, you shall hear poisonous matter, and sharp like a needle prostration nor malaria, and as yet no would rather have you for my wife than as dark-green in color on the back and Port a's eyes were thining through a

'I will not go until I can tell her you

"If I let you tell her that," said Fortia, "Yes. And now you know, perhaps, shyly, and lifting her sweet eyes to the young man's face, "will you torgive me for what I have done?-no, wait a minute. I will confess my sins. Yesterday "I don't think I ever wanted to see any I heard that Marion was to be here, and ter to the Poll Mall Gazette, has a gorone more. But we must talk about Marion I wanted you to meet her, but I deter- geous attire, Wealthy ladies will spend mined to give you the chance first of a fortune dressing them up. Little

you were considering? invention; he was-"

"My dear," he said, looking down at

you do not think me bold. And now Marion. Only one thing : be sure not to He seemed a trifle annoyed. "Are call her Mrs. Skelton, because she was married again last week. Her name is

Washington's Inauguration. The people of the City of New York "I admired Marion," he said, quickly, are already preparing for the celebration "but let me assure you that it was not of the hundredth anniversary of Ceneral with ery much foundation. Do you're- Washington's inauguration as President member my telling you that evening how of the United states, which occurred on

woman was all that one needed in a New York was then a city of about thirty thousand inhabitants, and occupied "Yes. We were sitting up in the studio." only the lower extremity of Manhattan And that was the first evening I ever Island. Trinity Church was regarded as thought of what there was really to care being "up town," and the rest of the about in life. You seemed, with all the island was pure country-small farms

White House, and reading a letter as anything. That was just a week before well as the hansom in which he was papa hired the villa at Richmond."

Nevertheless, the committee having the coming festival in charge will find it well as the hansom in which he was papa hired the villa at Richmond."
the coming festival in charge will find it being hastened along would permit. "And two years before I saw you difficult to equal the brillant and becoming pageant which the men of 1789 "Ah, but, my friead," exclaimed Por- arranged for the reception of the Presi-

destroyed his native American humor lost her pasty, drifted near them, "what or alertness, but had given to both days those were! Will you ever forget them, in the fourth volume of his an air of being the result of the mornings on the ri er, or the old biography of the Father of his Country, a large-minded sort of civilization where we took tea when the thunds written with peculiar warmth and finency, for the author was a boy six "And the land'ady mistook us for years of age when the inauguration occurred, and may have witnessed some of "I remember it all," she went on, and its striking scenes. He could remember when the great man placed a hand upon

abouts; but new he to'd himself that he you, you may be sure I was. I always memorably fine. At Elizabethport, in was sure his folly would be quick fe't happy enough with you to be natural New Jersey, fifteen miles from the city, ly revived, since he had experienced such and true to the best that was in me. As the Committee of Congress met General pleasure when the letter he was now well as I remember, I said everything to Washington, and conducted him to his you that crossed my mind. / No woman seat on "a splendid barge," built for that "Marion is in Washington," the letter ever had a better opportunity of judging great day, and manned by thirteen master-pilots in white uniforms, commanded

Other barges followed, draped in colpre and they moved along the procession of boats continually increased in a day or two, or I would have notified Buren at all. If she had not jilted me number, until a grand flotilla swept on you sooner. Dear me! I believe we will and married old Skelion, I would no toward the city, saluted as it passed by

One joyous moment Irving describes as though he had seen it from the window of his father's house. Amid the general gayety and enthusiasm, while from every ship came the sound of martial music or the thunder of great guns, one vessel me a long time, but he is clinging to an was silent and did not display a single

This was the Spanish man-of-war Gal-

vestoo. She remained silent and undeco-

were to take some means of showing him array of flags and signals, and thundered a salute of thirteen guns." It was a hap-'You are making things very difficult by thought, and beautifully executed. The other ceremonials of the week were in harmony with this auspie ous reception, and the demeanor of the man "We have just ten minutes more to gave dignity to every scene in which he tiemen will need all the time at their bration that shall be as worthy of the wealthy metropolis in 1889 as that of 1789 was of the little seaport town .- Youth's Communion.

The Hoop Snake. Most people have heard of a hoop O. T. Mason, of the United States National Museum, in writing to the Washington Star, emphatically and bows and smiles, shaking hands with of the room paused suddenly, for the lady flatly denies that such a creature exists every one, and saying something bright they had come to seek was standing a few in the world, in order to open a conpaces beyond-a tall fair woman, with troversy on the subject and elicit inforsomething queenly in her manner that mation. New Conductor Addy Kirk, of made her distinguished in any place, and the Pittsburg division, Pennsylvania gave her now an air of importance even Railroad, aillims most positively that he lower door of the charming parlor in this notable spot. Hale experienced has not only seen but had an adventure with one in Warren County, Illinois, during his res'dence there. He says he was in the wood; one day picking blackpointed love? He turned to Portia and berries, and having heard of a hoop scake he observed one rapidly rolling toward him. He stepped aside; the into a white oak tree which was two feet in diameter. The reptile, having what I have had it in my heart and on on either side of the tree until it was dead. He proceeded to the house of his But Portia's self confidence had ran- employer, and with an axe they returned leaf on the tree was dead. The tail of the serpent was armed with a hern-like appendage, about one inch and threequarters in length, hollow and filled with at the point. The creature he describes sides, and the belly as white as snow. In rolling it grasps this horn appendage in its mouth, turning its belly out. He remembers hearing his father say he saw two of them in his time, and his lilinois employer three. After this wel! authenticated version of the existence of a hoop snake, Mr. Mason will have to take to the woods or modify his sweeping denial .- Altoona (Penn.) Tribune.

The King of Spain's Nurse.

The Asturian Nur e, says a Madrid letfinding out not only your own mind, but King Alphonso XIII. has one of these mine. I wanted it to be settled before nurses from the mountains near Santan. her." der, and her costume has always been a The young man threw back his head conspicuous feature at court ceremonies, vented the story of the young man whom christened, and again when he was presented to the Cortes. It consists of a | \$5) of gold around it, a blue velvet apron | not necessary to erect a new one. But it | not? - Fortland Oregonian. "My stupid self? Is not that the case, also trimmed with gold, a bodice of would soon pay for it-elf by the adverremember all the nonsense I talked to my dearest." He had her hands in his, black velvet fastened with lovely sliver tisement that it would give the road. If The girl smiled bea tifully, for there came across her a happy consciousness her a happy consciousness that he had made that a regular allowance each that he had made that a regular allowance each contented loafer, thinking of eating and the contented loafer, thinking of eating and contented loafer.

THE METHOD OF "TELEGRAPHING

BY INDUCTION" DESCRIBED. Making Messages Jump from Mov-

ing Trains to the Wires Alongside generally allowed. the Railroad-A Novel Process. fortably seated in the smoking car of an allowed. ifternoon train on the Lehigh Valley road, when his attention was attracted by a peculiar sound proceeding from one orner of the car. It was interrupted at irregular short intervals, and hid the sound been metallic it would undoubtedly invoice. have been recognized as the "click" of a telegraph instrument. But it was not metallic; it was more like a mosquito's 'ping," emphasized and cat up into

short fragments. Upon looking around for the origin of young man occupying a back sest. Around his head passed a broad band business without allowing a very long which fastened a p cul ar black affair credit, which is nearly always one of six against his ear. A moment later the months, reporter was scated beside him and In En

carning about "elegraphing by induc-The operator held on his lap a board about three feet long and two and a half eet wide. At one end of it was a pad of message blanks. Near the centre of the board was the key, and on the right was the "induction coil" with a steel case. When the reporter sat down, the operator was sending a message, and the aused the sound that had first attracted a long credit is usually allowed.

isked when the message was ended.

"Oh, we make it sound that way so hat the office operator can distinguish it roin the regular line. We can, by changng the sounder, make it any note that we please, but this is found very satisfac-

Where is your line? Under the cars?" "Oh, no. That's it, out on those

oles, beside the track. "But how do you make connections." "We don't. That is, no direct e nection. We telegraph by induction. This," placing his hand on a box about he size of an ordinary value, "is our rattery. We sen I a current through the est drawbacks to commercial intercourse in roof of the car, and d wn to the with Brazil lies in the necessity of allowround through the ax'e box and wheels. low, there is also a current passing along the line on the poles. The presence of months. oue of these currents affects the other, oof, it produces a corresponding effect that the goods may be easily and quickly spon the line current, and that effect is disposed of. But since this system of inderstand why this should work at such being given up. an hear the conversation of persons us- terms of credit, and there is no uniformg a wire near yours. The only reason ity in this respect. at it works better with us is that we se a different kind of electricity- a linary current in a sim ar way." "What is the sTair strapped to your

"That's my telephone. We have to ase the telephone to receive the message, and I have it strapped in place so that oth hands will be left fice. Although ur system has been working beautifully ipon this road ever since last October, he company are constantly experiment. ng in order to improve upon it if possiages, both to the road and the passeny means of which every two trains on a vision of the road are in constant teleraphic communication with each other nd with the train despatcher. Why, ust before our system was introduced on his road there was an accident on the ennsylvan a road that cost the company \$25,000 and the fives of two employes, t resulted from the carelessness of a tation operator, and could never have appened if both trains had been in comunication with the despatcher, Of ourse, too, this system chviates the reat loss of time entailed upon freight and gravel and construction frains by the

id system. "Then the advantages to the passengers are very great. Every trip numerous a sengers send me sages by me. Some them are of such a nature that it ou d be quite a serious matter for the sender to have to wait until the next stop send then. Of course, on some of the fast trains, that do not make any cop at all for hours, the importance is incre sed. l'assengers may send mesiges from the car to any point reached receive messages from any such point. A lady was taken sick on this train going out to Easton the other day. I used my instrument, and when the train topped there was an ambulance and a ardly pulled out of Newark yesterday

"What does the system cost?" "It costs about \$16 to equip each car,

To test the working of the system the digestive apparatus. If this is the reporter wrote a message to himself and Zetesch has won the champio had it sent to Caston. When he arrived San Francisco Chroniels.

have always admired your penetration. ten, perhaps, that you told me this at A WONDERFUL TELEGRAPH there a message was handed him by the A RAIN OF BOMBSHELLS station operator, and upon comparison was found to tally exactly with his re-

> Credit in Different Countries. In Australia a credit of six months is

In Asia Micor a credit of but two A New York Sur reporter was com. or three weeks is in most cases all that is

In Italy but little credit business is done and none without good security being given. In France a four months' acceptance

s required to be sent in settlement of the In Cuba the time fixed for payment is

generally from four to five months after delivery of the goods. In the Bermudas accounts are settled but once a year. The 30th of June is this peculiar sound the reporter noticed the day usually fixed for the payments. In Austria it is scarcely possible to do

> In England a payment of the price of goods delivered is required at the end of three months, dating from the day of

In Turkey even objects of prime necessity are sold on credit, and in this country, as well as in Russia, the time allowed is in most cases twelve months. In Spain four-fifths of the transactions are done on a cash basis, while in Portribrations of the armature were what ugal great liberality is shown, and quite

In China it is not customary to give "Why does your instrument sound so credit. Money is obtained from lenders, lifferent from other ones?" the reporter who exact an interest of from 8 to 12 per cent. Business is nearly always conducted upon a cash basis.

In Mexico the large commercial houses willingly give credit of from six to eight months, and in the retail trade longer | I was synttered from head to foot with terms are given eastomers in which to settle their accounts.

In Canada settlements are made at the end of thirty days, with a discount of 5 per cent. Sometimes a credit of from three to six months is allowed, but in this case there is no discount. The Consul-General of the United States at Rio states that one of the great-

ing too long a credit. At Rio, as at Buenos Ayres, minimum credit is six In Costa Rica a credit of from six to and when, by using the key, I break and twelve months is given in case of mertrain make the current through the car chandise imported from Europe, in order

sit in the office. Now, some cople can't credit has often led to losses it is now great distance from the line when the . In Germany the credit system is very urrents through the wires on the same widespread, the purchasers in settling pole do not a fect each other in the same their accounts are generally much louger way. Eut, I reply, they do affect than in France and England. Nearly ach other to a certain degree. Often, every commercial and manufacturing when you are using the telephone, you branch of business has its own particular fire of barteries or gunboats, but the

Antiquity of Falth Cares, ronger current, if you will-and our The rower of mind over body for disnstruments are made especially to be in- ease or for health is no new notion, says nenced by the currents so affected. I the Rev. Heber Newton, in the New can show you the difference by taking York World. The medicine man has pracomething enti ely disconnected. Enp- ticed for ages among savage tribes. In pose you heat a quart of water to boiling the temples of ancient paganism cures soint, you do not feel the heat from it were wrought by treatment which sugin il your hand comes almost in contact gests an early form of mesmerism. A with it, or the versel that contains it. disease which is an illu-ion, may be Nowheat a piece of iron that hot and you cared by a remedy which is an illusion. an feel the heat from it for some dis- Imagination which cures imaginative ance. Our current differs from the or- diseases, may aid in curing most actual portance of mental sin'es in curative processes. Even a broken bone will knit better under the influence of a happy mind. Cancer may be removable. only by knife, but the best plaster afterward is an easy mimi. Cholera germs are most actual physical forces, but they find no condition for action in the man whose perves are braced by fearlessness. The mind cure has systematized common sense concerning mental moment's thought how many advan- influences on the body. The philosophy of the power of mind over matter is as ers, arise from a system of telegraphy old as Plate and the Hindoos. It is exaggerated and sometimes carlcatured in the metaphysics of this new system.

An Orator's Imperturbability. While Governor Joel Parker was a member of the New Jersey House of Assembly in 1848, a question of some local and political importance came up, and the then young and rising statesman dec'ded to oppose it vigorously. To this end he prepared an elaborate speech, in which he let his patriot fire burst into flame. He was so well pleased with his effort that he told a friend what he was going to say. To emphasize one portion of his speech he referred to an oil porwall at the right of the speaker's desk. When he got to that portion of his speech, he e claimed: "And even the F. ther of lifted his eyes toward where he supposed the picture was. It had been removed by his waggish friend. He instantly dded; "Has been taken away, in fear by the Western Union, and can similarly pa sage of this iniquitous measure. - learned that they were not out of danger.

An Architectural Poser. A gentleman who is about to build a home in the suburbs wishes to know hysician waiting for her. We had what point of the compass his house must face in order that the sanlight may shine when the conductor received a message equally on all its four sides. Houses are from a lady who had got of there ask. are generally built to face one of the pointed at anding any of us alive. Ining him to look out for her satchel, cardinal points of the compass, and the which she had forgotton to take with north side is hardly touched by the sunshine. The gentleman above mentioned thinks there must be some way of building the house so that the sanshine can but only one car on a train has to be fall nearly equally on each side. It gives equipped. The outside line costs about one's brains a twist to think of it, but a mile, including labor and all, perhaps some builder or architect can tell "Not at all I assure you he was no rich velvet skirt with two broad bands When the old line is near the road, it is how this can be done, or if not, why

A Famous Quail-Eater.

all other trains for miles, and with the quait-eater. It is claimed that the best bread and butter, despatcher, they would have less fear of previous record is two quait a day for danger from collisions and other ac- thirty days, and that the man who made it was allowed to use pepsin to aid all this year has been a llessing to

AN EX CONFEDERATE'S ACCOUNT OF THE SIEGE OF FORT JACKSON.

Thirty Monster Shells From the Federal Flest Falling Into the

Confederate Works Every Minute I was drafted to Fort Jackson, below New Orleans, about three weeks before the Federals fired their first attacking gun, writes an ex-Confederate in the Detroit Free Press. To us on the Confeder. ate side the po i ion seemed absolutely impregnable. Forts Jackson and Philliwere almost opposite each other, with the river so obstructed as to prevent any vessel passing up and to hold a fleet under fire, and the only fear that we had was that Farragut would not send a vessel near enough to try our cannon. Above the raft and forts lay a Confederate fleet of sixteen or eighteen vessels, including a ram and a floating battery, and it was the general talk among the soldiers that we had overdone the business and scared the Yankees away before a shot will fired. We had, all told, 170 guns, nine of them of the heaviest caliber, and in case of a fleet coming up we should have

them at almost pistol range. About the 18th of the month our scouts reported that a large Federal fleet had come up and anchored in the bend below, which was shut off from our view by a heavy forest. The feet had not only come up, but the Yankees were towing mortar schooners to positions, and it was evident that they were going to give us a display of fireworks. The first mortar was fired at us on the morning of the 10th. I was on sentry duty at the t me, and I plainly saw the bomb as it came. It fe'l upon the parade ground, went down five or six feet into the soft soil, and the explosion threw out a dozen wagon loads of wet dirt. the muck, and a piece of the shell struck my bayonet, bent it double and flung the gun twenty feet away. It was sca cely known what had happened when the second bomb came. This fe'l into the ditch, and the explosion scattered mud for 300 feet around.

We were now called to the guas to return the fire, and our heariest ordnance was soon directed at the enemy. Outside of his mortars he had some eleveninch gans, which sent their shells at the at these we had little care for. The shells struck the walls of the fort and did little or no damage. It was the monster bombs which filled us with dismay. From the time the fourth or fifth one dropped and the Federals found they had the range the fire increased until a shell was dropping upon us every two seconds. The air was alive with their bissing and groaning and sputtering, and the explosions came so fast that the car could detect no interval between them. No man in that fort had ever been under a bomb fire before. There would have been no flinching from the r in of bombs had not continued a quarter of an hour when the men were thoroughly demoralized. In this short space of time I saw twenty or thirty men killed, and the destruction to property was great. We were ordered to the bomb proofs, and all those not working the guns were soon hidden away from

Just imagine a monster shell falling every two seconds, to explode and scatter its tre and fragments for twenty yards around to fling up a wagon load of earth with each exp.osion-to start a fire wherever there was anything combustible -to deafen the ears and almost deaden disease. Every physician knows the im- the body by the concussions, and you will realize something of our situation. Such men as were not wanted at the gans were obliged to act as a fire brigade before noon, and the buildings in the rear of the citadel were fired and the flames estinguished a dozen times overup to 5 'clock in the afternoon, when everything bursed to the ground. During the day I had several narrow escapes, as d d all the others. It was no use looking for bombs in hopes to dodge them. They were falling too thick for that. One came down within five feet of where I i stood, buried itself five or six feet in the soft soil, and when the explosion came hree of us were lifted up and flung a distance of twenty feet. One man had s leg broken, but the other two of us ing you out, I stepped for a moment into were hard y bruised. I saw a bomb deend square upon the head of a Corpoal who was crossing the parade ground. I was looking full at him, but could gever realize just what occurred. He seemed to disappear in a cloud of smoke, and the only remnant ever found of him was a shattered hand.

From the 16th to the 21th, without an our's intermission, we were subjected o this terrible fire, and during the last wo days the men were nearer revolt than trait of Washington, which hung on the I ever saw them afterward in the Confederate service. Three or four times our magazine was in imminent danger, and was sared only at great risk and by his Country-' He raised his hand and hard work, and a great share of our provisions were destroyed after the first day. The shells cut the levee in front f the works, and the water came in from the river to add to our discomforts, and spell it."- New York Sun. that he would blush for shame at the the men shut up in the bomb proofs soon But for our heaping on fresh sand-bags not one of the proofs would have stood Clara-"Why, I always thought he was the life. During the passage of Farragut s fleet every man in the fort was he is all that, you know; but his neck's called to the guns, and then we not only had the aire of the vessels but the rain of wear a tura-down collar."-Life. cmbs as well. When the fort surrrendered the Federal officers seemed disapdeed, it was a wonder to us that enough men were left to man a gun. From 15,-000 to 20,000 bombs, each one bent on killing at least one man, had alighted in the works, and we had received from 2,000 to 0,000 missiles of other sorts. and yet the garrison had not lost a fourth of its number. I saw Porter himself as he came to arrange for the surrender. and I heard him express his amazement to Colonel Higgins that so many of us ed the old man. "Shortly after young were left alive. The fort was as good as Sampson left you last night I thought I

that he had made that evening one of through it! B t you must never, never and long earrings of the same. A rich ride, and that their safety is looked after day for thirty days, and thereby won a sleeping more than aught else. He can't Of course we don't want anybody to "You told me, I remember," she said, Perhaps you think it was not a womanly dark hair, which she arranges Madonna their conductors of the championship of the world as a tobe a wild Indian and hustle for his nations of Europe are determined to

The fashionable rage for tarquoises the fact of word Poo of this year has been a Hessing to enclose the fact of th sho happen to have a stock Sems that so ear ago now fetch \$1

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THE STOVE IN THE VILLAGESTORE When the twilight has deepened to darknes They gathered from far and from near,

Old farmers who plodded the distance As pilgrims their shrines to revere; At the shabby old store at the "corners' They met and they entered the door,

For the Mecca of all these old cronies Was the stove in the old village store It was guiltless of heauty or polish. And its door was unskillfully hung, But they made a glad circle around it,

And the genial warmth loosened And they talked of the crops and the weat Twin subjects to gossips most dear.

And the smoke from their pipes, as it blended Gave a tinge to the whole atmosphere. Full many the tales they related, And wondrous the yarns that they spun,

And doubtful the facts that they stated, And harmless the wit and the fun; But if ever discussion grew heated It was all without tumuit or din,

And they gave their respectful attention When a customer chanced to come in. When the evening was spent and the hour For the time of their parting had come, The rapped from their pipes the warm ashes

And reluctantly started for home: Agreeing to meet on the morrow When the day, with its labors was o'er,

For the Mecca of all the old cronies Was the stove in the old viliage store. -Mrs. A. E. Treat, in Siftings.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

The point in question-An interroga tion point. A marked effect - The work of a ship

ping clerk. A tug is the only thing that has its

tows behind. A Standing Offer-"Will you take my eat, madam?"-Life.

We've all heard of angry seas, and that's why the waterspout.

The flour of the family you will ofter find becomes college bred. -8 atesman. The smartest detective in America is now in this city. He arrested a man't

attention the other day, and is to be premoted in consequence .-- Siftings. Sometimes things go by contraries. Thus the anniversary of the birth of Burns was celebrated by a good many people free ing to death. - Graphic. Mrs. Realestate (solicitously)-"What

tressed. Is there anything on your mind?" Mr. Realestate-"1 es. Lots." "Why am I like a journey long!" He asked ber, blushing red;

is the matter, dear? You seem dis-

"I do not know, unless it's that You make me tired," she said. - Nebraska State Journal. "We don't say 'chestnuts' any more here," seid a well known club man yesterday. "The latest kink is to bawi 'Hawthorns,' for he's the fellow who

wrote Twice Told Tales, you know."

-Philadelphie Call. Archbishop Whately was one day asked if he rose early. He replied that once he did, but he was so proud all the marning and so sleepy all the afternoon that he determined not to do it again. -Singapore Review.

Her Cousin-"I must say, Emma, that you've grown quite handsome. There, now, can't you give me a compliment in return?" His Cousin-"Well, I should say you were a gentleman of most excellent taste."-Harper's Bazar.

Farmer Bascom-''I do wish the threshng machine would come around this way." Johnny Bascom-"Oh, pa, that reminds me. Teacher wanted me to tell you he was comin' to our house to board next week." -- Burlington Free Press.

There lie the remains of poor Christopher Type, The rest of him couldn't be found; He sat on a powder cask smoking his pipe. While the wind blew the ashes around.

Professor - "Which is the most delicate of the senses?" Sophomore-"The touch." Frofessor-"Prove it." Sophomore-"When you sit on a tack. You can't hear it; you can't see it; you don't taste it; you don't smell it; but it's there."-Art Journal.

Miss Porcine (of Chicago)-I was at

your office this morning, papa, but find-

the killing department." Mr. Porcine-

"Yes?" Miss Porcine-"Yes, papa; and it struck me that Mr. Slaughter wasn't quite at his best to day. - Tidlits. Prince Talleyrand was startled out of his sleep one night by a pistol shot, and seeing h s man servant in the room he asked him what it was all about. The man replied: "There was a mouse in your room, Highness, and fearing it

might disturb your rest I shot it." Minister-"So you go to school, do you, Bobby?" Bobby- "Yes, sir." Minister-"Let me hear you spell bread." Bobby-"B-red." Minister-"Webster spells it with an a, Bobby." Bobby-'Yes, sir; but you didn't ask me how Webster spells it; you asked me how I

Grafton-"Awfully clever fellow, Gagley. He might shine in society if it wasn't for his one infirmity." Miss correct in his habits " Grafton-"Oh, yes, so deucedly short that he always has to

Mrs. Hobson (at a church picnic)-"The lemon pie you so kindly contributed. Miss Smith, I find is spoiled." Miss Smith (in amazement) - "Spoiled? - " Why, my dear Mrs. Hobson, it was made fresh this morning." Mrs. Hobson-Yes; but unfortunately youn, Mr. Sissy

sat down on it." - Harper's Fazir. "Papa," says a beautiful girl, "I found several sigars scattered about the front vard this morning. Did you drop them." 'No, they don't belong to me, "respondheard a noise outside, and I shouldn't be surprised if Nero had been shaking him for the cigars. Evidently the deg

have it out in that way with each other. we would like to call their attacker