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THE PERFECT DAT

A breath of summer lingering in the air, But yet a thought of winter in the A fragile blossom bursting here and

The drowsy burging of an insect's wing, The sound of rouring river far away,

A climbing vine to which white flower swer my toul, is this the perfect day? lield all brilliant withgay goldenrol, A woodland gorgeons in a thousand buss A breezeless stillness our the deadish sod,

The hill-line lost in streeks of endle A little fern-enwreathed brooklet singing

by, And over all soft clouds, like lambs astray, Scarce move across a lilac-golden sky,

Ah! beart of mine, is this the perfect day?

A heart wild-throbbing to another's beat, vo eyes which speak a million tender A touch of lips against a blushing check, A murmer of half-broken whisperings:

The eastacy of love, by love uncrowned; The gentle fading of the worll away, The loss of time and space and grief of

This, O, my souli this is the purfect day. corgin B. Burnr, in Outing.

ER'S DREAM.

clined, sayin' he considered the best then, but I couldn't quite catch it, and the next minute he was making his old thing he could do was to go to bed as lorse fly down the steet. "The old woman allowed as be'd betoon as possible. He looked up at the lock and said:

ock and said:

"'Why, I hadn't no idea it was that suspicion came in.

"Well, the sheriff told me just about the suspicion came in.

"Well, the sheriff told me just about the sheriff tol late! Ten o'clock! I ought to have been in bed an hour ago. We must have

bout that time, and I lit a candle and himself; for he'd been there so often

that he knew the way as well as I did. "Then me and the old woman set up little longer, and after comin' to an agreement that Sadler was sick, but disgreein' as to the proper remedies-she ras great on herb ten, inherited it er mother—se went to bed, too.

Sadler had the room just above the must opine. I laid there, a countin' the sheep jumpin' the fence, which is a mighty good occupation in case you've any distractin' thought on your mind and you want to drop asleep, and I could hear Sadler tossin' around on his creater that the same could get back to town. He played his part pretty well, but no man can tell everything that's going to happen. If the doctor hadn't chanced to be abroad that night it mint. bed. Finally I went to sleep, the sheep still a jumpia, and Sadler still a tossia. "About three o'clock in the morning

was awakened by some one knockin' n the door of my room. I got up to e, and already dressed.

dector, or have

I need a doctor, said think I've seen a ghost. collect what I told you last by feelin' that something was hat's sure to be true. Not that dead certain-not that I'm deal certain, he said, sort of excited, but this

dream has come on me so powerful strong that I can't shake oil the impression of it I must go back to Newburg right away, to see if my store is still standing.

with all my goods. 'What's the use of payin' any attention to a fool dream? sheep, and before you know it you'll be

> ildn't be consinced. to town, a mat. him so obsticate, and fearing weak condition he might go tulings I wanted to get at his store.

fler a liamy bite of cold most and off we started. went by the old ridge road, and road daylight by the time we looked down from the top of the lood heaven's Look, Ben, it's

e enough, there was blue smoke finn of Badler's store.

mails about the lastest time down that ever was made, I consider, than five minutes we wer down the main street of New-

rowd had gathered, but the stere was still standing, door was open and there was ke in the rear. As we came

pretty bad go, Badler, bu lost of it for you. for the doctor, the whole

"I heard Sadler say something just would have beat all the jockers at the fair. And as he left, a mighty strong

what the man had said, with the addibeen sittin here two hours at -least. It tion that it looked like a case of -what war just eight, wasn't it, when I come do you ca'l it?-incenderism. I told him the strange dream that Jim had, and he "I fold him I thought it was just said that seemed to clinch the thing, and he had no doubt that Sadler had argave it him, and he went upstairs by ranged a slow face himself in the warehouse, to burn the store down and get the insurance, and had then come out to my house to avoid suspicion. But the meanest part was him tryin' to fix the blame on his clerk."

"But why did he tell you he dreamed it?" asked Alice. "It seems to me that

was not very smart in him."
"Well," said Uncle Ben, "that's one between his room and ours, which lan't was so naxious to know whether his fuse became known there was lots of excite-ment against Jim, but he had skipped out, and to the best of my knowledge he is now up in Dakata, havin' probably stopped dreaming, since his first dream was unsuccessful, though it came out

bout as true as dreams generally do. Whether Uncle Ben had intended his story to be an antidote for the depressing effect of the previous narrations or not, at least such was its consequence, and we all fellighter hearted after hearlug it .- Boston Transcript.

Dogs and Their Tails.

Dr. Louis Robinson, the ingenious nau of science who experimented with babies in a London workhouse in order to prove their descent from monkeys, has a very interesting article in the Conten porary Review entitled "Canine Morals and Manners," It practically comes to this, that the dog speaks with its tail-

happen? Well, it's about that.

The proof of the adverse of the all hunting dogs, such as foxhounds, or the all hunting dogs, such as foxhounds, or wolves which pack together, the tail is carried aloft, and is very free in morement. It is also frequently rendered more conspicuous by the tip being white, and this is almost invariable the case when the hounds are of mixed color. I dreamed that somehow my store caught dre, and is this very minute burning up, ual member of the band would see of his fellows. There is no doubt that hounds ny attention to a fool dream! habitually watch the tails of those in advice, go back to bed, count front of them when drawing a covert. sheep, and before you know it you to be fast usleep, with your store still standing the presence of a fox, but scarcely suf- and cour stock all with. You're not ficient to be sworn to vocally, the tail of ts the matter with you. the finder is at once set in motion, and good, you'd laugh at the warmer the scent the quicker does it way. Others seeing the signal instantly join the first, and there is an assemblage Others seeing the signal instantly of varing tails before even the least whicher is beard. Should the drag grove a doubtful one the hounds separate again, and the waving ceases, but if it grows stronger when followed up, the wagging becomes more and more emphatic, until one after another the bound

legin to whine and give tongue and stream off in Indian file along the line of seent. When the pack is at full cry upon a strong scent the talls cease t vave, but are carried aloft in full view.

The moment when the dog most en-joys life is the moment when he sights game. That moment is the time that he wags his tail most vigorously, in order to sunounce his discovery to his fellow the village just about dogs. In this way, by the habit of as tociation, he got to wagging his ta whenever he was pleased, and the more pleased he is the more vigorously he wags his tail, so that the wagging of the dog's fail, under the influence of pleasurate the time when the dog used his tail as a of the discovery of his prey .-

Snalls as an Articl: of Diet.

Upwards of 103,000 pounds of snails are caten every day by the residents of gone up. He seen it the gay French capital, the seen it being the busiest industrial mart in Paris, being the busiest industrial mart in Paris, being the busiest industrial mart in Paris, business of Dijor rields its proprietor \$1400 per year. es are carefully reared in

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

STUBIES THAT ARD TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

and White.

Usually the Case-No Time to Lose The Waning of the Honeymoon-Why He Came Early, Etc., Etc.

Help a man out of trouble, and though he'il Your kindness as soon as his trouble is If ever again in a hole he should get,
Ah! then he will think of you kindly once

THE WANING OF THE HONEYMOON. She-"It was right here that I accepted you, John. Had you forgotten?" He-"My dear, there are some things I can neither forget nor forgive."-Black

NO TIME TO LOSE.

He-"They tell me you never expect to merry." She-"Indeed I de."

He-"Well, your father's got to make an awful lot of money in an awfully short time, then."-Truth. A CLOSE BILAVE.

"I hadn't heard that you'd been ill, "Have though; been pretty close to

death's door." "Yes; two doctors in the house at the same time."-Life.

NOT A PLIABLE THING. Ethel-"I don't want to break our

Harold—"Possibly you don't but you stand my meaning. There's a big hole are bound to do it, if you keep on trying to bend it around, so you can take in every good looking fellow that comes along."—Detroit Pres Press. along."-Detroit Pres Press.

NOT SO DANGEROUS, NOW.

Ludy-"And what does your father Little Girl-"Ob, papa is a doctor."
Lady-"Indeed! I suppose he pracices a great deal, does he not?" Little Girl-"Oh, no; he doern't ractice any more. He knows how now.

BELIABLE. Ethel-"I heard fast night that George vas bead over heels in love with me. Mrs. Knox -"You can't believe all you

Ethel-"No, but I shouldn't wonder If there was something in it."

Mrs. Knox—"Who told you?"

Ethel—"He did."—Truth.

WHY HE CAME KARLT. Mother (sitting down just as the train starts)—"Oh, would you mind changing sents with me, sirl My baby Fanta to

look out of the window. Mr. Haven Hartford (with sarcastic politeness) -"With pleasure, marlam. I have been saving this seat for him for half an hour."-Life.

AN UNKNOWN INGREDIEST. Clerk in eating house (reading news-"liere's a nice receipt for mak-

ng chicken pic."
"Proprietor—"Let's hear it." Clerk-"One chicken-"

Proprietor-"That 'Il do. It's clear the fellow who wrote that doesn't know anything about cooking."-Buston Tran-

ON GUARD.

Stera Father-"Are you in carnest. Sultor-"I guess I am. Pawped my

watch to buy the ring."

Stern Father (relenting) -"Very well, you will allow me to present a misearriage of justice occurs. There is little merey for the culprit—only stern justice for justice's sake—and it

DELAYED SOLICITUDE.

Mr. Golightly - "Where were you resterday?"
Mr. Canesucker-"I was at Clamwhoopers in Madison arenue. They are celebrating his diamond wedding and I was called on for a speech."

What did you say?" "Ob, nothing in particular. I merely expressed the hope that they would get along together."—Texas Siftings.

A LITTLE EPICURE.

Lily-"Please let me have some Mother-"Yes, my dear, and here is

or you too, Minnie." egins to cry. but is the matter, OVERREACHED HERSELF.

Nicce (showing the wedding presents to Uncle George)—"I wanted you to see them all, dear Uncle George, so that u won't send a duplicate. Duplicate wedding presents are so very annoying, you know "

Uncle George-"H'm! What's this?" Niece -- "That's pape's check for \$2500. Isn't it lovely?" Uncle George—"Very. I intended to send the same thing; but rather than annoy you with a duplicate present I'll send you \$500."-Tid Bits.

AN INEXPERIENCED YOUTH. Married Man-"And you are engaged o Miss Blankie!"

Young Friend-"Yes. I watched he whole day on a railroad train, and became so interested in her that I folowed her up, got an introduction, and now we are to be married."

"Was she traveling alone?"-"No, she was with her mother, her kindness to her mother is what captured me." "But, gee Willikins, old man, she'll go on being kind to her mother."—New

York Weekly. BOUND TO HAVE HIS SLEEP OUT. Pat and Mike were two brothers employed as scamen on a sailing versel, who

orked in different watches. It was Pat's watch on deck when the ship struck a rock, causing her to leak badly. Pat was therefore sent below to tell his brother to rise at once as the ship had sprung a lea't.

"I don't care," says Mike, if she has sprung a bed of onions. I sor going on with my sleep."

in the other side and let it out again; I am going on with my sleep."-Mercury.

JEPTHA'S DIPLOMACY.

\$5 to buy a wrinkle remover."
"A what?" gasped Mr. Jones. "A wrinkle remover-something that taker out wrinkles." "Maria," said Mr. Jones sojemuir, "ct me look at you." So Mrs. J. faced

around and Jepthabeat the whole power of his eagle vision upon her face. "They are plain enough," said Mrs. mouth make me look as old as Methuse

"Maris," said Mr. Jones, "pause, before you do anything rash..." "It isn't rash, it's wrinkles."

"Don't interrupt me, Mrs. Jones. In the first place, do you know what those

lines really are?" "They are the hollow footsteps of age, Mr. Jones."
"Hollow nothing, Maria! They are

dimples struck in. Now which would you rather, or go fishing! Have the world think you never had any dimples, or proudly weir those records of past beauty, that was bewitching and incomparable-which?"
"Well, it's the lady or the tiger,"

said the much-flattered Mrs. Jones; "I -guess-I'll keep the wrinkles." And as Jones walked off triumphantly be murmured, sotto voca:

"Another fiver saved, by gracious, through a little diplomacy."—Detroit Free Press

The Way Mexico Treats Bandit .

"It is a good thing for Messrs. Evans and Sontag that their little eccentricities in the way of manslaughter and train robbing were not indulged in Mexican territory," said a Mexican resident the "The penalty for their kind other day. of peccadillos in Mexico is el fuillamien-to-the fusillade-and it is seldom that from such execrable crimes as those which have recently done incalculable injury to Mexican laws are rigid in California. this regard. The only court is a mere handful of daring and dashing fellows-Los Rurales-the militury Federal police of the sister Republic. These same Rur-ales will trail the fugitive train robber over the most forbidding deserts, or through vastest solitudes of the Sierra Madres, never knowing fear nor what it is to give up a chare. Usually they capture their man.

"The rest is picture; que. "Whatever there may be of grimness in the spectacle is lost sight of, because it is sailitary law that speaks and acts for society. No matter how many miles the Rurales traveled for the prisoner he is taken back, in according with the laws of Mexico, to the scale of his crime, and there his life is smalled out in explation. "The Rurales, it may be a squad, or a

platoon, or a troop, sit in judgment ever s their decision, and if it be guilty, Pazir por lar armas'-to pass and that means the fusillade nned is led to the very stood when outraging the St. Nicholas. the light of day from is thrown open, and

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.

WHY HE BELIEVED THERE WAS AN UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY.

Evidence Which He Uncarthed That by Sailing Westward From Europe Land Would be Reached.

OLUMBUS it seems probable, first reached the con-clusion that land lay west of Europe shortly after his marriage to Donna Felipa, the daughter of Palestrello. This union was a happy one for him, for it brought him into associations that stimulated his ambitions as a navigator; and to it, perhaps, in no small measure his success was due. His wite was the daughter of one of the wile was the daughter of one of the most distinguished captains who had served under Prince Henry of Portugal. He had discovered the islands of Porto Santo and Maderia, and had settled colonies on them. At his death, which ocdaughter, he left a large number of notes, maps; and manuscripts. These came itto the hands of Columbus, who carefully studied them, and found out from them the routes the Portuguese had followed in their voyages, and the plans they had adopted in searching for the route to In-

adopted in searching for the route to In-Columbus soon formed an opinion that Asia might be reached by a more lirect way than the Portuguese were trying to

follow, that is, by sailing directly west across the Atlantic. He was not content to hold this opinion as a mere theory, as some learned men before him had done; but, on every side, he sought evidence It is interesting at the present day to

follow, as well as we can, the growth of this idea in the mind of Columbus from the time he first entertained it till it be came so firmly fixed in his thoughts that the desire of his life was to test its truth. We will accordingly take a brief glance at some of the evidence to which he

We find he believed the earth was globe, and he was acquainted with the calculations that had been made in regard to its magnitule. The estimates made of its size differed considerably Columbus adopted one that made th earth much smaller than it really is. But even upon his view of the earth's surface Europe, Asia and Africa, as far as known, formed only a small part of it.

What, then, lay beyond the Atlantic Was there no opposite shore? Columbu believed the ocean was hemmed in by land. The theory that the earth was apherical was sufficient to suggest this idea to him. His knowledge of geor-raphy made him think the land on the

other side would belong to Asia.

He looked into the evidence which had come from ancient times to support the opinion that land could be found that the Carthaginlans had ventured a little way out in the Atlantic. They had discovered the Canary Isles, and

perhaps also the Madeira Islands and the Columbus did not pay much attention to the myths that had come down from ancient times, nor to those that were circulated in his day. They were o value to him only because they showed that from a very early period in the world's history the opinion had been held that the Atlantic was not simply a

waste of waters with no western shore But his belief in the existence of west ern lands was greatly strengthened by evidence the waves themselves gave in bringing drift-wood and other strange objects to the shores of Europe. evidence he eagerly collected from sailors who returned from long voyages, and from the inhabitants of the Atlantic

His brother-in-law, Pedro Correa, had himself seen something which bore sig-nificant testimony. He had picked up upon the coast of the Island of Madeir fragment of wood that showed sign of having come from a strange country It was carved in a most singular manner and it was evident, too, that no instru ment of iron had been used to fashion it A pilot, Martin Vincent, courageously sailed further westward than others has done. Before his return, he had seen floating upon the waves a similar piece of wood, which was driven to him by a strong western wind.

The inhabitants of the Azores stated that pine trees, unlike any they had seen, had been cast upon their shores when the wind blew from the west. From the same direction great reeds also, like those which were known to grow in the East Indies, had come to their islands, But the most remarkable incident of all was the fact that the bodies of two men had been brought by the weves to the island of Flores. The men had strange features, and were, in appearance, altogether unlike any men known

in Europe. Such indications as these had much influence upon the thougatful mind of Columbus. He became convinced that west of Europe there was an undiscovered country, which he thought would prove to be the eastern part of Asia. -

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

A doctor has launched the theory that the best method of inducing a flow of thought is to lay the head flat on the table.

Dr. David D. Stewart, of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, claims to have discovered that hydronapthol is a cure for cholera.

There are ten places of the earth, distant from each other 300 miles and upwards, and yet none of the ten has either latitude or longitude.

Londoners seriously discuss the advantages of placing a school of crocodiles in the Thames, to act as servengers, and

thus purify the water. Carl Voght, the celebrated German anatemist, is responsible for the theory that small-headed idiots are a retrograde

movement toward the monkey type. A post-mortem examination of the brain of a Missouri pauper showed that it weighed 144 ounces, or more than three times the weight of the normal brain.

'A microphone device has been invented by a Frenchman which will reveal the approach of distant vessels by making udible the noise produced by the motion

of their propellers. The latest cure for obesity is to partake of only a single dish at a meal. This, it is said, will in a few weeks reduce the weight of the most obese per-

son to a normal condition. If a man who weigns 168 pounds were proportionately as strong as a fly-ing beetle of the cockchafer family he would be able to push along level ground

weight equal to 131 tons. Chemical action formed a stone in the stomach of La Marshale, the famous hurdle jamping horse of Paris. He died, and the stone, a ball nearly eight inches in diameter, is in the museum of a Parisian veterinary.

It is suggested that the muscular confraction to which the corpses of cholera victims are subject might give a clue to the real nature of the disease. These twitchings have led to the delusion that many patients have been buried alive.

Aside from the honey stored by the

busy bee the Rhode Island Experiment Station expresses the belief that the influence bees and insects exert in the proper fertilization of the flowers of fruits and vegetables is of far greater importance than is generally allowed. Fossil remains of the huge animals that inhabited the plains of Eastern Ore-gon hundreds of years ago are found in

the placer mine above Prairie City. tooth several inches across the crown was picked up a few days ago, while early in the summer the immense skull of some ancient species of animai was found near the same place. The color of certain shrimps and crabs and also the color of their eggs are known to vary greatly with the sur-roundings. Those living in green sponges are much larger, lay vastly more eggs, which are also a little larger, and

the shrimps are green or yellow, and the large claws are always orange-red, while those of the brown sponges are red, blue or brown. For all kinds of metals mix half a pint of sweet oil with halt a gill of turpentine; stir into this powdered retten stone till of the consistency of cream; use in the ordinary way. three pints of water put one ounce of nitric acid, two cunces of emery powder and eight ounces of powdered

letting the mixture dry on the article to be e'eaned; then polish with leather. A Rallrand Toboggan for Mu'e.

stone: mix well and use with a flannel

"One of the queerest railoads anywhere in the country," said Rev. D. S. Banks, of North Ontario, "is a novel line that runs from South Ontario un to North Ontarie, in San Bernardino County, California, where I live. The line is even miles long. A span of stout mules draw the car up over the road. There is nothing singular about that, but it comes in on the return trip.

"The seven miles are on a tilt all tho way, although the track does not look like it. So when the car starts back the mules get on and take a ride, the car booming over the whole line by gravity. The mules enjoy it, too. They ride there in as self-satisfied a way as any other passengers, and the seems equally as charming. North On-tario, you may know, is sity ted at the mouth of San Antonio cany; out the are a lot of magnificent mounta. there. One colony, for they can the ly be called cowns, is situated on Sauta Fe road and the other the Southern Pacific, It seven miles of street railway that connect the two.

"The way they get the mules aboard is this: There is a little truck unde the car, and it is pulled out, becoming an adjunct to the regular passenger de partment. The moment the truck is slid out the intelligent animals make : start for it and step up and on. It is extremely amusing the way they do it, and the way they enjoy this ride, an are great favorites with the people.

ers, and the ith open cars.