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CHRISTMAS DAY.

The Christmas chimes are pealing high Beneath the solemn Christmas sky, and blowing winds their notes prolong Like echoes from an angel's song: Good will and peace, peace and good will Ring out the carols glad and gay,

Telling the heavenly message still, That Christ the Child was born to-day. In lowly hut and palace hall Peasant and king keep festival, And childhood wears a fairer guise, And tenderer shine all mother-eyes; The aged man forgets his years, The mirthful heart is doubly gay. The sad are cheated of their tears, For Christ the Lord was born to-day.

-Susan Coolidge. HOW SANTA CLAUS CAME.

The sky stretched above, one cloudless canopy of blue, studded with countless gem-like stars, while the silvery moon shed her matchless radiance over all. The night came on apace, and the

many feet which thronged the crowded streets, or entered the brilliantly lighted stores or saloons, whose tempting wares forbade that any should pass them by, grew less and less; while within the dwellings, whose tall fronts stood up against the quiet sky, many little hearts beat high with hope of anticipation, and many a childish voice might be heard importuning the good Saint Nicholas for the possession of some coveted treas-

But it is not with the rich that we have to do to-night; so passing the homes of affluence and pride, we will pause before a tiny cottage in a remote Part of the great, teeming city.
Very tiny indeed it appeared at first

sight, for it was only one story high, and over the low roof the drooping eaves might almost be touched by your hand. A small wooden paling enclosed the tiny strip of garden in front, and a plot scarcely larger at the back of the house; and here lived the Widow Martin and two children-twins-a boy and

girl, of seven years. The blinds that protected the two small windows had been drawn close; and in a low chair, with her eyes bent upon some fine sewing, sat Mrs. Martin, glancing occasionally at the innocent sports of her children, while a pensive smile rested upon her lips. Rousing herself at last from the painful reverie into which she had fallen, and which had drawn more than one sigh from her lips, she said, quietly:

"Come, children, it's time vou were to bed and asleep.' The children ceased their play, and came to her side; then throwing their arms about her neck and casting a bright glance toward the fire-place, where two little stockings were suspended, Nellie, her mother's namesake, said: "We must ask good Santa Claus first

for what we want, and then we can go to bed, mamma." Mrs. Martin sighed. Little chance there was for gifts at this holiday time. Alone in the world, her husband dead, and her only brother alienated and wandering, she knew not where, her utmost exertions for the last twelve months had scarce sufficed to win for them the barest necessities. It was hard to disappoint their chi dish faith; and her eyes filled

with tears as she answered sadly: "I fear Santa Claus will pass us by tonight, my darling. He is little likely to find his way to our poor home." "Oh, yes, he will, mamma," cried Eddie, confidently; "he has never forgotten us before, and I know he won't this time. I mean to call up to him

A slight sound outside, at this moment, as of a foot crushing the crisp snow, caused Mrs. Martin to start; then she resumed her sewing, while Eddie approched the chimney, and in his clear, childish voice petitioned Sata Claus not to forget them, but to bring the overcoat, cap, and boots, so sorely needed, and whatever toys he could spare from

his generous store beside. "There, now!" he exclaimed, stepping back, his little cheeks glowing with anticipation, "Now, Nellie, it's your turn." The little girl advanced timidly, and bent her face down with grave earnest-

"Dear Santa Claus," she called, sweetly, "please come to night and bring us a few presents. Mamma's afraid you'll forget us, but I know you won't."

"Now, mamma," she said, returning to her mother, with her little face radiant with the trust her words had inspired, "you ask him for something, and then he'll come, I'm surc. He won't disappoint all of us." Mrs. Martin smiled through her tears.

"You will have to ask him for me, Nellie. He doesn't listen to old peo-

"Very well, mamma. What shall I ask him for?" But Mrs. Martin didn't hear her in the emotions that overpowered her.

"Oh, that some good angel would guide my brother's wandering footsteps back to me," she faltered, brokenly, "that I might offer him my forgiveness, and ask his, that I might once more have a sympathizing heart to love and lean

She bowed her head upon her hands and wept, while the child, slipping from her side, again stepped forward to the chimney.

"Dear Santa Claus," once more she pleaded, "won't you please bring Uncle Eddie back to mamma? She wants to forgive him, she cries for him every day. Oh. dear Santa Claus, say you will!"
What made the little one start back, while a bright spot sprang to either

Upon the low roof of the cottage a slight sound was heard, and then down the chimney came the words earnest and "I will,"

With bated breath Nellie hastened back to her mother, who, in the violence of her grief, had not heard aught that

"Mamma," she whispered, "Santa Claus was there, I know, for he answered me. Uncle will come." Mrs. Mar in kissed her little girl with a sad, incredulous smile.

"Let us hope he will my love. And now you must get to bed without further delay." and laying her work aside she arose to see her little ones in their hum-

ble couch. While the children had been engaged at their play a man had approached the cottage from without, and pausing in

front of it, surveyed it gloomily.

"And this is the place to which she has been driven," he murmured: "he must be dead then. Has poverty soft. ened her heart, I wonder, or would she still drive me from her with harsh and bitter words? I have enough to lift them all to happiness and plenty; may I since then; and peace and plenty has shower it upon them, or must I be a flowed uninterruptedly in the train of

wanderer once more? If I only had some sign—some means of knowing whether my return would be welcomed—whether on this anniversary night of three years ago-there is a feeling of tenderness, of longing in her heart, for me. One word of intimation that the past would be forgotten and forgiven, would reconcile us again, and make us both so happy." As he stood there, irresolute, his eye

novel idea entered his mind. "The children will doubtless be petitioning Santa Claus for Christmas gifts; and how I should like to play the part of the good saint in their behalf, and far exceed all they could ask. With my ear to the chimney I could hear all they say; and if one word of tender remembrance It was (hristmas eve, clear and frosty. Eve, happiness, joy and peace to her in that century stipulating that prison-

fell upon the low roof, and a sudden and

my heing seen." Possessed with this idea, and trembling with excitement, he drew himself slowly and carefully up on the wooden palings, and from thence gained the roof. He had scarcely secured himself at his novel post when Eddie's sturdy voice reached his ear, followed by the gentler accents of his little niece. Then followed a short silence; and disappointed and sad, he was about to vacate his post, when once more the soft silvery tones came floating up:

"Dear Santa Claus, won't you please bring Uncle Eddie back to mamma? She wants to forgive him, she cries for him every day. Oh, dear Santa Claus, say you will!

The man's eyes grew heavy with joyful tears, and almost involuntarily, he made the answer which had so surprised his little niece; and then sliding noise-lessly down, sped with rapid steps toward the distant city. An hour had passed, and Mrs. Martin still sat with her head bowed upon twenty; Denmark, 8.30; France, 1.90, her hands, and her mind traveling sor- and Spain eighty-six square miles. If to of blindness, either hereditary or devel-

fore she had been happy in the love of a 3,000,000 square miles—be added the practically the same as the former. The of both. A dispute, trivial in its com- India, amounting to 509,284 square mencement, had arisen between the two miles, together with that of the United aconatorum, which is a complete oblitand hasty; and although a word from the area of the British empire exceeds store all to peace and harmony again, it was withheld; and taking sides with her husband, she added her reproaches and recriminations to his; and the war waged fiercer and fiercer, until in a moment of ungovernable passion she bade him leave her house, and never darken her doors

Bitterly had she since repented the words when it was too late to recall them, and miles separated her from the brother she had loved so dearly. And when at the end of two years her husband died, leaving his business affairs so complicated and embarrassed, that in a few months afterward she had been driven to this meager home, and despite her utmost efforts destitution stared them in the face, the bitter sting of poverty added to her grief and remorse, until it seemed that ife was too great a burden ato bear; and her heart yearned to aching for the return of that wandering brother, and the soothing balm of peace and reconcilia-

"Oh, that my sweet Nellie's childish fancies might be realized!" she murmured, sadly; "that there was some good spirit to bear my love and repentance to my dear brother, and restore him once more to my arms! That would be a blessed Christmas gift, indeed."

Even while she spoke, a low knock sounded on the door. Rising from her seat, she drew the bolt with trembling haste, and threw the door open, to be confronted by a man, muffled up so as to be unrecognizable and his arms full of

"Will you allow Santa Claus to fulfil have asked in such loving faith tonight?" he said, with a grave sweetness; then stepping into the room he laid his bendles on the table, and pushing his cap from his brow, confronted her. "I have come back to you, Nellie," he

said, holding out his arms; "for from the lips of my own dear little niece I have heard that I am forgiven." A low cry of joy broke from the lips of the widowed mother as she fell into the arms outstretched to receive her; then, as she partly raised herself, and

face, he drew her to a chair, and sat

down beside her. "Two days ago, Nellic, I came back to my native city, impelled by a longing which I could not resist, to look upon it once more. I inquired for you, and after some searching, found where you had gone; and an hour ago stood in front of this house. Much as my heart hungered for reconciliation to you, the old spirit of pride held me back frem entering on an uncertainity; and as I was about to turn away, leaving the experiment untried, when glancing up at the roof, the novel idea occurred to me to crawl up to the chimney and listen, if perchance the children might have

their requests to proffer to Santa Claus. "I did so, and heard first Eddie's, then Nellie's voice, but no word of remembrance or desire for the wanderer; and with all the old bitterness sweeping over me afresh, I was about to turn away from you once more, when again her sweet voice came floating up to me, with its loving petition for 'uncle Edswered her, and then hurried away to fulfill her requests. I have returned again, will you bid me stay?" Once more Mrs. Martin threw herself

into his arms, with a burst of grateful "Stay," she repeated; "that was the sound I heard, then, outside of the cottage. Oh, thank God, who put it into my darling's heart to speak those blessed.

blessed words!" 'Amen!" echoed the brother, ferventv: "but for her loving appeal I should have been a second time a wanderer through the world. And now, my dear sister, bid farewell to poverty and want from this hour, for I have enough for

It was a joyful Christmas morning that dawned upon that little household. Nellie and Eddie gazed with wide open eyes of delight upon the brimming stockings and the mysterious bundles beneath them; and then as their eyes wandered from them to Uncle Eddie, who had stolen near by unperceived, she flung herself into his arms with a scream of joy.

"Oh, mamma, mamma, didn't I tell you so? Santa Claus has brought Uncle Eddie back to us, and all of these beautiful things beside!"

Nellie has had firm faith in the presence and efficacy of the good saint ever

that joyful night, when so welcome a A RIDDLE FOR OCULISTS. Santa Claus came to the Martins.

SELECT SIFTINGS.

Less than four out of each hundred Americans lived in cities in 1790. The city population had increased in 1840 to eight per cent. and is now twenty-two. There are only seventeen States with more people than New York city.

The old Roman custom or law that an enemy who had come to another country, even in times of peace, could, if war broke out, be enslaved, existed in Europe in the middle ages, and the enslavement reaches me I will go to her, acknowledge of prisoners did not cease till the middle my error, and bring, on this Christmas of the seventeenth century, the treaties

lonely place, and there is no danger of to the galleys.

The site of Chicago was a favorite rendezvous for several tribes of Indians in summer. Its name signifies, in the Pottawatomie tongue, wild onion, or a polecat, both of which abounded in that region. Of the skin of the polecat the Indians made tobacco pouches. The spot here in the winter of 1674-75.

chances of life at the last moment ac- sight by accidents-from injuries sovereign. One of these was the accidental meeting of a cardinal with the procession to execution; the other was sentenced to death, the offer of a man to | and females in the table is about evenln make her his wife.

Recent statistics demonstrate that England has sixty-five square miles of colony to the square mile of her own sex, while that of accidental blindness area; Holland, fifty four; Portugal, rowfully over the past. Three years be- the area of the British colonies-nearly oped early in infancy, the latter being men: both were proud, high-tempered, Kingdom itself, 120,757 square miles, her, fitly spoken, would have sufficed to that of the Russian empire by about pour oil on the troubled waters, and re- 200,000 square miles; and it covers withland area of the globe.

What Handwriting Reveals.

Handwriting undoubtedly reveals more of the character and attainments of its possessor than any other attain-

Judgment is manifest in the form and proportions of the writing, taste in the style, choice of paper, ink, etc., care and neatness in the arrangement, folding, superscription and stamp, manual dexterity in the quality of line, and grace and rapidity of motion. A skilled and discerning reader, as it were, reads a correspondent in his writing and composition, and is enabled, as a rule, to form an opinion more just and reliable than from a personal interview. A person may speak correctly and yet be unable to compose and write a single sentence without betraying an utter ignorance of grammar, orthography and general liter-

Adult writing is the outgrowth years of practice and habit, into which has been become incorporated numberless personal peculiarities which render each different handwriting as distinctive from any other as are the characters. faces and personal mein of the different writers. Persons odd and eccentric in their character generally develop a style of writing equally odd and eccentric. This is done quite unconsciously to the writer, so much so, that it is well nigh impossible that such peculiarities can be avoided by those who would seek to suddenly alter or disguise their writing. It is quite obvious that an habitual peculiarity that is unnoticed cannot be dispensed with. No one can go around to avoid stumbling into an undiscovered hole, nor can one attempting to simulate the writing of another, note and comprehend so as to reproduce perfectly all the numberless parsonal peculiarities therein contained, even if his own habituai peculiarities could be

It is on this principle that scientific examination of the handwriting is usually conducted. looked with questioning silence into his

In courts of justice handwriting is brought in question in a variety of forms, and different forms require different methods for detection and proof. lu some instances the work is so skillfully done as to well nigh defy detection; others so clumsily and of such a character as to be at once apparent to a skilled discerner .- Penman's Art Journal,

Paws-Paws,

'Nice, fresh paws-paws from Michigan," was the sign tacked to a box in front of a fancy fruit dealer's stall on Clark street. In the box were a number of green objects about the size and shape of small sweet potatoes.

"Yes, those are paw-paws, and nice ones," said the fruit dealer. "I just got them in. They are the Northern banana. They grow in Southern Ohio, Southern Illinois, portions of Michigan and in the lower part of Indiana. Very few city people eat them, and very few know what they are. They don't lose much, I blindness, then, is one of the greatest confess," he added.

"What do you keep them for?" asked "For the few people who do eat them. Persons from the locality in which they grow, and who ate them when bare-footed boys, come every year and re-ligiously feed on 'em. I suppose it tils, all work antagonistically to the debrings back recollections of youth, and sire for alcoholic drinks. perhaps they have grown to like them. Five cents apiece is what I charge for

The inquirer purchased two and began a series of experiments. The pawpaw is evidently a cross between a "May apple" and a squash. It has about seven seeds in it, which are large enough to make a prize pumpkin ashamed of itself. The paw-paw tastes like a greer squash which had been sprinkled with good. sweetened water. After a novice had eaten a paw-paw he wants an antidote right away. Limburger cheese is recommended .- Chicago News.

Took the Hint.

There was a man in our town
Who was not wondrous wise;
For though he had fresh goods to sell
He would not advertise.

But when he saw his rival sell More goods than e'er could he, He stormed about his grocery As mad as mad could be.

He soon found out the other man Had ''ads." in sheets, betimes; He took the hint and did likewise, And now piles in the dimes.

DOCTORS SERVING A CURE FOR

HEREDITARY BLINDNESS.

Many scientists have engaged in the A French scientist, who says he has study of the causes that lead to blind-investigated 5,400 shocks of earthquakes, ness, but very few have reached the attributes them, like the tides, to the other to cure blindness hereditary or ac- water. cidental, and the third problem, which also interests humanitarians, is how to culars, Dr. Sophus Trombolt has received Instruction of the Blind, and covering roaring, etc. the year up to June 30, 1884, is reliable. It has a very interesting table covering the causes of blindness among the inmates. The number of patients was sixty-two, and, for all practical purposes, was first visited by Marquette, a French | the table may be accepted as a fair synop-Jesuit missionary, in 1673, who encamped sis of a similar number of cases any-In the middle ages there were two children had been deprived of their eyecorded to a malefactor condemned to by scissors, gunshot wounds and death beside a free pardon from the by powder and nitro-glycerine explosions. A very heavy per cent, of the remainder of the cases was those where blindness developed in early infancy, the offer of a maiden to marry the con- while the rest were examples of inherdemned man, or, in the case of a woman ited blindness. The proportion of males

divided, although experience has showy that the proportion of children born blind rests more heavily upon the female rests particularly on the male sex. It is interesting to note the immediate causes aess was resultant from ophthalmia heaviest factor was the ulcer of the cor-

in a fraction of one-sixth of the whole of the optic nerves leading to the brain. The eye, in other words, can see of itself, per minute, and a sharp cutter shaves off but cannot transmit the impression to a shaving so thin that it would take 750 the brain. There were four cases of of them to make an inch, a nicety of excongenital cataract, two of amolyopia, ecution which may be judged of by the two of total glaucoma, and one of irrita- fact that 200 sheets of ordinary paper tion of the lids. The greatest number are required to make an inch. As deof cases of partial blindness was caused scribed, the knife of this machine has a by granular lids, the next by extreme sliding motion, and gradualty moves myopia or near-sightedness, two cases of forward as the block decreases in diam-

> report conclusively showed the existence stones constantly at work on the knife. of blindness in a family for generations. "There are several curious examples of he power of the blood to transmit olindness from one generation to the next." continued the physician. There have been in the institution alluded to above three children, all of whom are totally blind. The father has perfect eye sight, but the mother is blind in one eye. A fourth child, partially blind in both eyes, is living at home with her parents. Another case is that of a family in Anne Arundel county, Maryland. The father and mother enjoy perfect eyesight and are in good health, and yet their four sons are totally blind. They were not actually born blind, but the loss of sight began when they were between five and six years of age, and soon developed into total blindness, through the destruction of the optic nerves. Ninety cases out of every hundred of blindness developing in infancy present the problem of heredclose intermarriage will produce blindness, or imbecility, or both, is far from a and imbecility could both be ascribed

itary action. The question as to whether satisfactory solution. Some years ago it was generally accepted by oculists and by scientific investigators that blindness primarily to such marriages, but there are several notable historical instances that tend to show that this theory is not reliable. There is the Rothschild family, of millionaire bankers. They have intermarried closely for centuries, but no evil results have been noticed. There are several French and Huguenot families in this country that have intermarried down to first-cousins during a long period of time, notably the Dupont family, the great powder manufacturers, but there have not been evil consequences. In one family in particular uninterrupted and high standards of beauty among the women and business capacity and physical best balance among the men have been maintained. It is an open question, whether the blood of itself, being pure and free from taint by admixture through generations deteriorates its quality or introduces in it the taint of disease or weakens the vitality of the organism so as to expose certain points-for instance, the eyes, or the ears, or the brain-to what will result in blindness, deafness or imbecility. But as to the tendency of the blood to transmit blindness and scrofulous affections that crop out in the shape of blindness there is no doubt. Scrofulous blindness goes hand in hand with imbecility, and has been known beyond

practical questions of the times." HEALTH HINTS.

Dr. Napier's investigations have taught him that macaroni, peas, beans, and len-

An almost unfailing remedy for restessness and sleeplessness in children is to take them into the open air for a little time before sending them to bed.

application, and much preferable to cut-ting the excrescences out, which will not the day."—Herald of Health. always extirpate them. It will probably

serve the same purpose on the tests of

cows, where warts often come and cause

much inconvenience in milking. The Druggists' Circular says: "Acids meals, so as to produce a copious secre-tion of the gastric glands during the meal. Alkalies intended to counteract for money. If they wish to express is the scidity of the stomach should be 9d they say that "it's a quarter to 10;" taken at meals; but when it is intended if 3s 6d, "half-past 3;" if 11s 9d, "a

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL

The French government has had constructed a machine which, with the en-Cases Which Puzzle Scientists—The tons, which will cut steel plates an inch Thousands of Acres Planted by One Firm-Features of the Business-Prices and Profits. Causes Leading to Blindnes in in thickness. It is used in cutting plates Many Families Undiscoverable. for cruisers.

same conclusions. One problem for influence of the sun and the meen. The medical men, more especially occulists, is interior sea of fire, he argues, is subject how to cure hereditary blindness; and to the same laws as the surface sea of

Cape Florida and Jupiter Inlet, we have educate the blind and make them accom- the testimony of 144 persons in Norway are devoting to cocoanut walks, which plished. A well-known oculist who concerning the emission of sound by the is the distinctive name applied to these was recently met by a New York Mail and Express reporter gave some interesting facts about the subject. Statistics relating to blind people in this country are in many cases misleading. The report of the Maryland Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, and covering reserved. it from the government at a lew price.

It being in the Everglade region, as will be seen by a glance at the map, the land has never been considered of much value

The longest spans of overhead telegraph wire in the world have recently en put up by the French authorities in Cochin China. These are erected across the river Mekong, posts 160 feet high having been placed on each side of the river at a spot where the width is 2,560 feet, and from these silicious bronze wires-one .04 of an inch and the other .055 of an inch in diameter-are suspended across the stream.

The action of superheated steam on molten cast-iron, rich in carbon, has yielded a product identical with the hydrocarbons forming crude petroleum. Berthelot thinks this discovery offers a possible explanation of the origin of petroleum, viz.: Sea-water penetrates ssures to depths where the earth is very hot, forming super-heated steam, which, coming in contact with melted iron rich in carbon, is decomposed into hydrogen and oxygen. The oxygen unites with the iron to form oxide of iron, and the hydrogen combines with the carbon, the resulting hydrocarbons passing in a greatest number of cases of total blind- gaseous state to a rock-strata suitable for

By means of an ingenious machine, sration of the field of vision. The next | wood intended for paper pulp is shaved off so finely that it is ready to go at once sea. Then came white atrophy, which into the boiler. The machine takes a is a complete paralysis and destruction log twelve inches in length, which it revolves at a speed of 1,000 revolutions binism, and there was one that is be- eter, and, in order that it shall not believed to have been traced positively come dull and the fiber consequently fail and directly to consanguineous marriage. to be of uniform thickness, there is pro-Speaking of this the oculist said that the | vided a unique arrangement of whet-

This is scarcely a secondary matter to food and dress. We know how few days one can retain their reason or life if sleep be utterly prevented. There are fearful old tales of deaths from this torture

Firstly, children, at least a nervous child, should sleep alone. Its stronger bedfellow draws upon its strength in some as yet unexplained manner, and

cold with the same blankets. An aged or a weary person also exhausts the vitality of a child. In most elegant homes we see the double beds being replaced by two single ones, side by side. The change has wrought incredible marvels in the health and tem-

per of children. Again, all children and most adults should have beds which yield to the body. Children are much more likely to suffer in this regard, their pretties cradles and cribs often having slat or stiff wicker bottoms which would make even our stronger muscles ache. Twice as long sleeps would they take and wake smiling, did we give them the most elastic woven spiral wire with not too heavy a bed atop. The old-fashioned cord-bottomed bedsteads were poorly replaced by any slats or cheap springs; or the light stir-up-able straw beds by their modern substitutes of moss, cotton, excelsior or indeed tied mattresses of any sort except curied heir. The English have followed none of these cheap fashions of misery, and, indeed, every thrifty English, Irish, German or Scandinavian girl emigrant used to bring ber feather bed, knowing that a bed must yield to support all parts of the body to

A hair mattress in two parts weighing a little more than thirty pounds, over a feather bed on a woven wire mattress is the ideal bed. The single wire mattress costs but three dollars, and with merely a comforter is better than the average

children's bed. A nice cradle or crib bottom can be made of a piece of the woven wire tacked on, or of elastic webbing tacked across at distances of four inches. If beds are not yielding, children will lie on their backs, heating them much more than is feared in a soft bed. If the clothing is fitly loosened and removed, as should be even in day naps, the longer paps and the freedom from taking cold through perspired clothing when awakdoubt to reach as far distant beyond its ened will amply compensate in time for origin as the third generation, when it the few minutes spent .- Boston Traveler. dies out. How to prevent hereditary

Warming Rooms.

respondent writing from View says: "The stoves are large, about six feet high and two broad, but have a small place for the fire. So, when the fire is kindled, heat is given out to the sides of the stoves before it can lose itself in the flue. In Russia the stoves have a number of flues, usually six, up the first of which the heated smoke goes, down the second, up the third, etc., so that by the time it reaches the chimney it is almost cold. -A handful of wood An application of distilled water or rain-water, with which has been mixed a room. When the fire is burned out the small amount of cream of tartar, will communication to the chimney and room cure inflamed eyes. A solution of re- are cut off, then the stove slowly radifined borax-not too strong-is also ates its accumulated heat into the room. Where I am writing this letter is a large The juice of the common milk weed white earthenware stove six feet high will generally cure warts on the hand or with forty-eight square feet of surface. face. It is an inexpensive and painless A pound of coal sets it going and keeps

Coffee made with distilled water is said to have a greatly improved aroma. It seems that the mineral carbonates in common water render the tannin of the prescribed for the purpose of correcting coffee berry soluble, but the drug will the gastric juice should be taken before not dissolve in distilled water.

Physicians in the Sandwich Islands only way to stop the alarming spread of leprosy is to begin vaccinating with leprosy microbes, but no one has yet been that they should be absorbed by the puarter to 12." The system is simple if found who is willing to submit to the blood, they should be given fasting."

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NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN A COCOANUT PLANTATION There is a woman dentist in Amster-AN INDUSTRY THAT IS SPREADING

IN PLOBIDA.

E. T. Field, a member of the firm of

on the Atlantic coast. There, between

now about 8,000 acres of land which we

plantations. We began our purchase of

and there about three years ago, buying

for any purpose, whatever it may become by an extensive system of drainage.

of the coceanut palm. The soil is a por-

ous coral sand. From Cape Florida north

for a distance of ninety miles, running

parallel with the coast, are bays, rivers

and sounds disconnected by narrow

strips of land, but themselves connected

by inlets to the ocean, through which

the tide ebbs and flows. Between these

and the ocean is our strip of land, which

varies in width from twenty rods to a

little over a mile, being elevated nearest

the ocean and sloping gently toward the

This chain of inland waters receiving

the fresh water flowing from the Ever-glades prevents its leaching through this

strip of land. Easterly winds frequently drive the Gulf Stream waters against the

coast beach as far north as Lake Worth;

these waters being about eighty degrees

Fahrenheit, a tropical climate is pro-

duced and a fine growth of vegetation is

insured. We are fanned by the breezes

wafted to us from the Gulf Stream, and

table growth. Here during the past

two years we have planted 200,000 cocos-

nuts. We take all our help and imple-

ments from the North. The total popu-

lation of Dade county in 1880 was only

when I take my family south with me and superintend the work in person. At

other seasons the trees help themselves

and very little cultural attention is

bearing!"

little more."

Field was asked.

cessfully."

"At what age do the trees come into

"From six to seven years from plant-

ing. Then they will average about two

nuts per tree and bear continually almost

until seventy or eighty years old. We plant about twenty feet apart, which

gives about 100 trees to the acre or a

"What about prices and profits!" Mr.

"During the last three years prices by

the cargo have ranged from \$20 to \$75 a thousand; \$26 being the lowest figure for the mest common kinds. This is fer

the nuts delivered in New York; the

freight and expense from the tree to

market will not exceed \$5 a thousand."

"Is there no danger of overstocking

"The demand for cocoanuts is now al-

most unlimited. I have a profitable

offer for all I can raise in years to come.

The nut will be used green to a much

larger extent than now when people

know how good it is; and the water.

which is then clear and not milky as

when ripe, will be highly relished as a

beverage. When we cat the nut from

the shell with a spoon at the south it is

soft and rich. Then the husk, which is

generally thrown away in America, is a

valuable part which is soon to be util-

ized. Experiments to separate the fibre

by machinery are now in progress, and

the device is nearly perfected. In addi-to this, there is not sufficient land in

Florida adapted to the growth of the

cocoanut to overstock the market if all

was planted to it. Perhaps not over 1,-

000,000 trees could be grown there suc-

Mr. Field said that a sufficient number

of cocoanut palms have been growing in South Florida for forty years fully

to demonstrate the certainty of success.

And these trees compare most favorably

with the most successful in other coun-

tries, both in quality and quantity of product. But not until

about six years ago was any

attention given to this industry in that

State. About that time a few thousand

were planted at Lake Worth, part of

which are now in bearing. Since then

residents of Key West have planted

several thousand on the different keys,

which are nearly all composed of thin

coral sand, varying in width from ten to a hundred feet, and it is thought these

keys will seen be devoted entirely to the

growth of the cocoanut. Messra Field

& Osborne already have about 80,000

tage which Florida possesses over the

West India islands and other tropical re-

gions where the cocoanut is grown is

pearpess to the United States market.

Those who visited the New Orleans ex-

position saw many fine specimens of the

cocoanut palm, some of which were twenty or thirty feet high. They grow to a height of 100 feet in their native

region, and the tree is an interesting ob-

ject. It bears both male and female flow-

ers, the leaves curving downward being

from twelve to twenty feet long. The

fruit is borne from a long pointed spathe,

Remains of a Mammoth Animal.

A. G. Smith and others, has been min-

ing at Soda Bar, on Cottonwood creek,

you Mountain house, brought to town

this week a mammoth horn, also jaw,

teeth, vertebræ and other fossils of an ex-

tinct animal, which he calls the oreox.

They were found forty-five feet below

the surface, which indicates that this

animal died thousands of years ago, the

accumulating debris of ages past cover-

ing the carcass to the extent stated. The

horn is five and a half feet long, in the

shape of a cow's horn, and is eight inches

in diameter at the base. The teeth and

other bones are of mammeth size. An

animal built in proportion to them would weigh at least ten tons when

alive. The teeth, horn, etc., gives evi-

dence that the animal was of the bovine species, one of which, if good

beef, would be equal to a pretty good-

sized band of cattle of the present day.

- Yreka (Col.) Journal.

about two miles this side of Cole's Siski-

Dr. J. Ireland, of Henley, who, with

growing on Key Biscayne. An advan-

257. Our planting is done in winter,

Sashes are fastened on the right side with large buckles. Quilted silk trimmings are used on some of the costumes. Field & Osborne, extensive coccanut Ribbons with Roman stripes in plush

Paris is trying hard to revive the hoop

growers in Florida, said to a New York or velvet will be much worn. Tribune reporter: "We are located in Dade county, Florida, which is near the "Bridesmaids let out by the day the legend on a Parislan signboard. extreme southern end of the peninsula, A census shows 3,000,000 skeletons in

that closet of Paris, the catacombs. Several of the young women of the Harvard annex ride to their recitations The position of State librarian at Des

Moines, Is., is well filled by a woman, Mrs. S. B. Maxwell, Plaid and plain fabrica of the same texture, in figured and plain mohair are among the leading combinations for girl's

Here we are upon the shore of the sea, a There is a pincushion craze going on, needed requisite in the successful growth and every imaginable shape is to be seen. The newest kind are the long, narrow

> Ivory is again utilized in combs, hairpins, brooches, earrings and the like, beside the faces of purses, prayerbooks and albums. Fancy pins, coming under no special

classification, are in great favor. These pins are shorter than the old lace pin, and unique in design. Felt hats with rounded crowns and rather broad brims have a scarf of gauss or fancy canvas around them, drawn up

in front and mixed with cock's plumes Long plush outer garments are fash-ionable in Loudon. Even the redin-gote shape is seen in the inharmonious material which is only suited to short A woman in Fannin county, Texas, recently gave birth to five boys, to whom

she has given the names of Cleveland, Hendricks, Bayard, Manning and Chenowith respectively. A pretty and effective garulture for evening wear on either colored or black

silk, is a front and vest trimming of

chenille and jets in some pretty designs. These are new also, A purse in shape of a baby stocking is the latest coin holder. The knitting silk, with beads, is more durable than silk alone, beside being prettier. It

Many of the shapes both of hats and ounets are pinched up in front and out off at the back, and in many cases it is difficult to tell whether the article is intended for hat or bonnet until it Heavily braided and embroidered dress

draws up with a little cord and tassels.

patterns are to be had in very artistic designs, and as there is a great variety of such imported there is not the usual dauger of finding any one design too

for bridal dresses. The graceful rounded

demi-train is better liked and far more convenient. Short skirts are better liked than trained skirts for all occassions of little ceremony. The new Tark o'Shanters are now made of one colored material, matching he costume, with straps of two-inchwide velvet, of a different or deeper hue, brought from underneath the full crown.

carried up to the centre of it, ending where the woolen tuft usually is in a cluster of loops. Broad bands of beads crocheted are used for ornamenting the front of house dresses, and are meant to accompany the cuirass or jersey studded with beads. Jet, gold and steel make a most beautiful combination, and will be worn by those who can afford them, for the price

is the modest one of \$100 the set. Sashes will be worn with all materials and are imported to match most of the new fabrics whether of wool or silk. Ladies who are skilful in embroiders make their own sashes from any of the wool dress materials, simply getting them stamped and working them in regular embroidery or Kensington stitch.

Girls' dresses are made with hemmed akirts. Side plaits are arranged in rows of two or three, having spaces between the clusters. The short drapery is plated at the back. The bodices may be plain or in blouse form, and open over per-pendicularly plaited vests, which, with the high collar and cuffs, may be made of contrasting material.

Buckles, clasps, slides and hooks, in gold, silver, steel, brouse, enamel, pearl, amber, jet and any combination of these materials, are to be used with a free hand this winter, many being seen where there is little excuse for their being, and while so many other appropriate garni-tures are in vogue they sometimes offend good taste by their use. All kinds of jackets and vests are fash

ionable; some are in the shape of a paletot, open in front over a tight-fitting waistcoat. Let ladies who possess paletots take the hint by cutting them as short as an ordinary basque-bodice, fitting them at the back and opening them over a waistcoat of velvet or plushplush is coming into favor again as a trimming for dresses and manties. The paletot is fastened at the neck only, whence the fronts fall loose over the

France, was engaged to be married to Mile. Minnie Bernard, and the day of the wedding had been announced. A. short time ago Penali said to his fiances, "I hope you have paid deference to my antipathy and ordered all your clothes without a bustle." The girl smiled and replied, "Sooner than wear a wedding dress without a tournure I shall never wear any at all." The artist carnestly protested, and finally begged her to choose between him and her devotion to fashion. The result was not in his favor, and he left the same evening for Egypt.

Extent of the British Empire. The queen of Great Britain and Ireland rules over \$10,000,000 of people (an increase in fifteen years of \$5,000,-000), occupying an area of almost 10,-000,000 square miles. The trade carried on by these \$10,000,000 amounts to \$5,500,000,000 a year. Their flag Soats over three-fifths of all the shipping on over three-fifths of all the shipping on the seas. London, their capital city, has (with its suburbs) a population of five and one-quarter mullional No civilized empire has existed at all comparable to the British empire, either in ancient or in modern times.—Troy Times.

A Hospitable Welcome.

"And are you glad to see me, my little man?" saked the bishop of Bobby. "Yes, sir," relied Bobby.

"And why are you glad to see me?"
"Because it's only when you come that
we have anything for dinner worth eating."—New York Sun.

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Be sure to give us a trial before out-

I walk alone! Wrapped in my somber vail I pass alone, Unknown, unnoticed, 'mid the throng. The summer braces dis, the bleak

The streets seem empty, as I walk alone

Who core in weakness leaned on strongs

Secure, in haven blest, from Life's alarms; On barren shores, where broken spare are

And wild waves madly best, I stand alone, I work almost

For life has sordid cares and weary years, And seeds are sown though watered oft with

The fair field forware look up with pets I cannot pick them as I work alone.

I weep alone! The hearts that loved thee mourned for one And then the world passed on its wonted way; Thy place is filled, thy grave with grass is

ETUWD-My heart is empty as I weep alone.

I live alone! Though in my home our children's voices Though friends with loving thoughts have

wrapped me round. Out of my life its tenderest meaning gons, My heart seems doad, as thus I live alone! Pil sleep alone!

Ah! happy, darling, some day at thy feet The rest may come, so strange, so passing And softly, on dail ears, a tender tone

May fall and wake me, as I sleep alone.

-Boston Transcript.

HUMOR OF THE DAY. A man in Chicago advertises 506 rheumatic plasters for sale-achers of 'em, as it wers, - Current,

Speaking of hunting. Binks says the abode of the dear is a fashionable millinery shep .- Merchant Transfer. It's very awest, you know, to kime.
A winsome fair and modest Miss:
But when the lady is a Mrs.,
Most folks would rather save their krs.
—- Merchand Truneler.

The mule has one more leg than a milking-stool, and he 'can stand on one and wave the other three round in sa many different directions .- Goodall's

"Miss Little is very elight, ain't she?" naked Jaimson. "Tes," said Johnson, who had been jiited by her the evening before; "yes, and she is not satisfi with being slight herself, but would slight me, also. - Stockton Monerick,

Mr. Featherly (making an evening call)—Bobby, won't you come and sit on my kneel Bobby, (accepting the pref-fered seat)—All right, Mr. Featherly. Pa told ma to-day that you ought to be sat down on once in a while.—New York

First Scotch boatman-"Weel, Geordie, hoo got ye on the day?" ditto (drouthy, he had been out with a Free Kirk minister, a strice abstainer)-"Nas ava. The auld caris had use whosky, sas I took him whater

there was use fush!"-Punel. "Remember those chickens you sold me faturday?" "Certainly." "Spring chickens, weren't they?" "Of course What was the maiter with them?" "Oh, nothing. The springs were all there; only I wanted to tell you that the next time I want a pair with rubber springs.
Wire springs are too rich for my blood."

-Philadelphia Call. Cut His Own Log Off.

A good number of years ago people were startled by a report respecting a young man in the western part of what was then Upper Canada. He went to the woods one winter morning to fell timber. During the day he felled a tree which lodged. He attempted to fell an-other on the first one to bring it down, but did not succeed. He went up one of the lenning trees to attempt to dislodge them, when suddenly the upper tree fell and caught the young man's foot between the two, at the same time throwing him over backward so that his shoulders just touched the snow. He was alone, for in the bush his voice could not reach his friends, and it being a cold day he soon must perish. But he was a man of strong will and was equal to the occasion. He took his kuffe from his pocket and out the fiesk around the bene of the imprisoned leg. As he came to an artery he held it until the cold congraled the blood and then preceeded. If he felt his strength beginning to fall he bathed his face with snow. When he had the bone bared he reached his are, and with one blow severed it and was froe. He crawled out of the woods and across a field to the road, where a passing team took him home. That young man, said Mr. Dougall, Q. C., of this city, was afterward a member of the Domision cabinet, a cabinet minister, and is now known as Mr. Justice O'Connor, who is on the bench at the Bulleville assizes.—Belleville Ontaria.

Rev. Sam Jones and the Circus. When I was a boy I went to a circus.
Well, I was a powerful hand to take in
the outside part of the show, and while
I was a bogin' around on the outside I
anw a couple of men toting a great bunch
of dirty lookin' canvas along, and I followed them to where there was a rort of an oven. Weil, these men built up a fre in the oven and then they hung up the canvas and put its mouth over the chimney and pretty soon the canvas began to inflate and expand, and in a little while it had developed into a magnificent balloon. Now a man got into the carriage and at a word the straps were cut and the balloon focied grace-fully into the air, and now looking back fully into the air, and now looking back upon the earth seemed to say, "I could have carried fifty of you just as easy as one," I have seen many a Methodist and many a Baptist who had to be dragged to prayer-meeting like that piece of course, and held over God's furnace till it had expanded with the love of God, and whee they once get to ficating they look back and gather not one but fifty of their brethern and bring them along to the prayer-meeting with them. - Mrs. Sum Jone' Sermon.

Poetic Sweetness.

Ob, vary awast the somps of birds.

When springtime bids rejoice,
And sweet, to compaign oralors,
The sound of their own voice:
And sweet the "music of the spheres"
To hards and sear who have it
And sweet Hingara's rour to these
With cash to get them near it.
And sweet the languise of a girl—
However sages steek it—
And sweet the dink of guiden sein
A Jingling in your poster.
—Lynn (Mean) Delen,