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The Merry Spring.

I need must sing, my heart is light; If thine be dull and aching, Look up, look up, the sky is bright. And stormy clouds are breaking. What ho, what ho, the merry Spring I See, Winter vexed and vanishing; Who robbed the tyrant of his sting? Who but the merry, merry Spring. To life and love awaking.

Away with tears; there be but few That do not speak of sorrow; Unless, like sunshine on the dew, A beam of hope they borrow. Lo, on the lawn, so newly cropped, The diamonds that Spring has drooped What time the morning star o'er-topped The eastern hills, and lingering stooped To bid the day good-morrow.

And the sweet sound we call the breeze, Its wandering way betaking, The murmur of the swelling trees Into fresh beauty breaking: This is her voice low whispering. That is the rustle of her wing. Come, lads and lasses, let us sing: Ho, for the Spring, the merry Spring, To life and love awaking!

A Little Gold Owl.

"Do you know what a famous Russian beauty once wrote in her album? No? Let me tell you, then. 'The Frenchman understands best the art of talking love, the Italian of acting it, but the German rocks it to sleep, while the Pole ruins it all."

"And the American?" pleaded a musical voice in the ear of the first speaker. | street." The lady made no immediate reply The pair stood in the wings of a tiny amateur theater in one of our large cities, and the drama of Matrimony, in which they had acted, was over. Both were artists in that intense sentiment of excitement which stirs the ripples of private life when theatricals and charades become the fashion. Augusta Bevan, tall, slender and proud, had resumed her velvet walking dress, and toyed with a tiny muff of pink satin which was suspended about her neck by means of a ribbon. Captain Hornblower, easy, graceful and elegant, bent over her in an attitude of devotion which he had assumed with the facility of a glove rooms of West Point, Saratoga and New-

"Your muff seems to be a sort of fairy casket," pursued Captain Hornblower. "Give me a keepsake from one of the pockets, I beg, in remembrance of the night."

"What shall it be?" retorted Augusta

She sought in the tiny pockets of perfumed and quilted satin, and drew forth a glittering object. This was a little gold owl, beautifully wrought, with ruby eyes and jeweled claws. When a spring was touched, a slender pencil-case slid out of the bird's head.

"Here is my gift," she said, gently, and the gallant captain understood that her words meant capitulation.

Was he glad or sorry? He received the little gold owl with effusive gratitude, and kissed the hand which bestowed the gift; but it was in the nature of this military butterfly to doubt, at the moment, if he had acted with unwise precipitation, if he had not sold himself too cheaply in the matrimonial market, and if Augusta Bevan was as great an heiress as she was reputed to be.

"My children, remember the Scotch proverb, 'Those who fish for minnows never catch trout," said Mr. Riddel, behind them.

Mr. Riddel, who invariably enacted the part of benevolent old man, proffered his snuff-box to Captain Hornblower with his quizzical smile.

"We are called out again !" exclaimed

Mrs. Trentham. There was a patter of applause, and the four emerged before the foot-lights, making their salutations in the most approved professional manner. On the stage stood Mrs Trentham in a superb toilet, Augusta Bevan, Captain Hornblower and Mr. Riddel. Beyond the circle of foot-lights was a fashionable audience, where blended satin, gold, feathers and lace resembled a parterre of flowers, while the little theater, built for Mrs. Trentham, made a charming background for smiling faces. Certainly the two actresses looked their best, for Captain Hornblower, deeply versed in such craft, had made up their stage complexion, with the aid of rouge and other cosmetics, moist purple worsted furnishing the requisite shadows beneath

Said Mr. Riddel, as he conducted Miss Bevan home: "You will not forget my proverb, Augusta ?- 'Those who fish for minnows never catch trout."

The girl glanced askance at him and frowned. Mr. Riddel, divested of gray wig and paternal bearing, was a dignified gentleman of forty years, lawyer, and manager of the great Bevan prop-

"You have always warned me of fortune-hunters and worthless suitors since I left school," she exclaimed, petulantly. "Is a woman never to believe in any one because she is rich?"

Mr. Riddel remained silent, but the blood mounted to her brow.

Said Mrs. Trentham to Captain Hornblower, at a little supper table in a fashionable restaurant: "Augusta Be-

novice, except in the awkwardness of her attitudes. Allow me to look at the little gold owl she gave you behind the scenes. Ah! I saw it all. A mangaer must be everywhere, you know."

Very piquant looked Mrs. Trentham as she spoke, coquette of as many seasons as her companion had posed for beau, an arch sparkle in her eyes, more than a suspicion of malice in her smile: for to see any man admire another woman pierced her vanity, if not her heart, and she could not rest until she had lured him away from his allegiance, or at least sown mischief in the path of possible lovers. Yet Mrs. Trentham was a most popular person and an acknowledged leader of society. Captain Hornblower resisted; but the enchantress was adroit, witty, flattering, and the supper good, and in the end he vielded. The lady attached the little gold owl to her watch chain, and emerged in the streets at 2 o'clock in the morning. When she reached her own home the little gold owl was gone! She had lost it during the walk.

Next day Mrs. Trentham sailed up to Augusta Bevan, at a crowded kettledrum, took both of her hands, and exclaimed: "Oh, my dear, I am so dreadfully sorry! I am always committing some folly. I do not deserve forgiveness. Captain Hornblower gave me-I night, and I actually lost it in the

The Sevres teacup fell from Augusta's Captain Hornblower stooped for the fragments simultaneously, thus knocking their heads together.

"She is disillusioned," thought Mr.

"The game is lost," reflected the gallant warrior, with unfeigned regret, "Of course no woman ever forgave that." At 6 o'clock that morning a young lwiss maiden, by name Marie Hetzel, had gone on an errand to the market for her mistress. Marie was sixteen, with a round brown face framed in a crimped cap, and carried a basket on her arm. Her foot struck against a small object; for the past fifteen years in the ball- she stooped, and found a little gold owl on the curbstone.

ployed as a waiter.

with to return to beloved Canton Berne as man and wife and buy a modest farm.

Marie shed a few tears of feminine vanity while yielding to logical argument, and trudged home with her basket. Fritz sought a little den of a shop in an obscure quarter and sold the gold owl to a Jew after much haggling for five dollars, which sum he consigned to a savings bank. Now indeed was the owl lost, hopelessly lost, for it had disappeared in the black shop of a wretched quarter, instead of reposing in the pocket of Miss Bevan's pink satin muff. It happened that the owl had never met with greater appreciation, however. The ruby eyes glowed like flames, while the golden plumage became luminous as the ornament passed from one dusky hand to another.

Finally the Jew took the trinket to a fashionable jeweler celebrated for skillful workmanship in metals, and sold it for a considerable sum. Mr. Riddel, walking downtown one morning, paused suddenly before the jeweler's window. He saw a little gold owl suspended by a hook, and radiant in the sunshine. He fancied the bird of wisdom actually winked at him in recognition. He entered the place, and bought it

Augusta Bevan, pale, thoughtful, and with a new tenderness in her bearing, received back the little gold owl. "I have been thinking of so many things of late," she said, softly, placing her hand within the arm of this faithful friend. "I even remember your proverb, 'Those who fish for minnows never catch trout."

Mrs. Trentham tapped Captain Hornblower on the arm with her fan at a reception, where the lady was resplendent in a Worth toilet of black satin and old gold. "Mr. Riddel and Augusta Bevan are engaged," she said. "I always knew it would be a match yet. Their property joins, you know, and water does flow to water in that way in our wicked world. Besides, he is really the only man worthy of Augusta."

Captain Hornblower went his way, having been ordered to a fort in Montana Territory. His amiability was not increased by the discovery that his hair was growing gray, and that he experienced a twinge of rheumatism in his right knee.—Harper's Weekly.

It is estimated that the cost of a van really did very well to-night for a house will bring at sheriff sale.

The Valley of the Jordan.

The valley of the Jordan would act as an enormous hot house for the new colony. Here might be cultivated palms, rice, cotton, indigo, sugar, sorgum, besides bananas, pineapples, yams, sweet potatoes, and other field and garden produce. Rising a little higher, the country is adapted to tobacco, maize, flax, castor oil, millet, sesamum, melons, gourds, cumin, anise, coriander, ochra, brinjals, pomegranates, oranges, figsand so up to the plains, where wheat barley, beans, and lentils of various sorts, with olives and vines, would form the staple products. Gilead especially is essentially a country of wine and oil it is also admirably adapted to silk-culture; while among its forests, carob or locust bean, pistachio, jujube, almond, balsam, kali, and other profitable trees grow wild in great profusion. All the fruits of Southern Europe, such as apricots, peaches, and plums, here grow to perfection; apples, pears and quinces thrive well on the more extreme elevation, upon which the fruits and vegetables of England might easily be cultivated, while the quick-growing eucylyptus could be planted with advantage on the fertile but treeless plains. Not only does the extraordinary variety of soil and climate thus compressed into a small area offer exceptional advantages, mean lent me-your little gold owl last | from an agricultural point of view, but the inclusion of the Dead Sea within its limits would furnish a vast source of wealth, by the exploration of its chemfingers on the floor. Mr. Riddel and | ical and mineral deposits. The supply of chlorate of potassium, two hundred consumed in England, is practically inexhaustible; while petroleum, bitumen, and other lignites can be procured in great quantities upon its shores. There can be little doubt, in fact, that the Dead Sea is a mine of unexplored wealth, lucrative property.

A Mistake.

Don't try to give a large party if you have a small house. Such attempts are special nuisance, a failure, and "a mistake." Why should we be driven out upon the staircase? We don't live garden where Fritz, her lover, was em- and neither our wife, sons, or even rows of little tables placed in bowers of so. Why are we to be condemned to evergreen. He was a prudent youth of play whist for five hours, because our blue eyes. He examined the trinket us down to? But our girls seem to enand put it in his pocket. The gold owl joy it. Neither Flora, nor Bessy, nor might be very pretty suspended about Emily, appear to mind dancing, although Marie's throat, even as Roman women their faces are more than pink. There rejoice in their hairpins and chains, or is scarcely breathing room-and so we the Genoese in their filigree earrings; put up with it for their sakes; and but money also could be made out of it when our wife thanks our hostess on -money to add to frugal savings where- parting, and says what a delightful evening we have had, we try to believe so; but next day, when a lady friend drops in to gossip about the party, we find our feminines were not as pleased as they appeared. There was no room to dance; only half the people could get seats at supper; and what stuff those charades were! Does not everybody know that a gentleman with a saucepan on his head, the lid in one hand, and a poker in the other, means "knight," and that his holding up a copy of "Don Quixote," means "of the rueful countenance?" Did Miss Jones (how much longer will she be Miss?-ask the girls) think it very clever to bother everybody with that conundrum? What has human nature done to be so-amused? A crowd is not amusing themselves in, or rather, if you ask more people than your room will hold, they will tire themselves out, and set your party down as a failure. Don't attempt more than you can pleas-

Elephants Playing 'Possom. "There are some very cunning fellows among our twenty elephants," said Mr. Durand, Barnum's agent, the other day. "Not long ago Chieftain and Maudrie, top mounters in the pyramid, and the most cunning of the flock, suddenly took a shivering chill at rehearsal. The keeper sent out and bought four gallons of whisky, which the monsters devoured rapidly and with great relish. The bill came to Mr. Barnum, whose strong temperance predilections you know. After paying the bill Mr. Barnum insisted that no one in his employ, not even his elephants, should drink whisky under any circumstances. In a little while the elephants, when the effect of the liquor had died away, commenced shivering again, and apparently had another chill. They looked longingly at the keeper, and attempted to caress him with their trunks, as much as to say, 'Give us another drink.' The keeper shook his head and told them positively. 'No.' In five minutes every appearance of ague had vanished, and the animals were quietly eating hay as usual. They had evidently been 'playing 'possom.'"

A New York man has discovered an "invisible soap." It is the same article that small boys have used in their morning ablutions from the most remote

Heaven's first law.

A VERY BRIGHT CANARY BIRD. ught by a Little Girl to Sing Tunes and

Assist in Entertaining Visitors. A family living in the Hotel Victoria have a canary bird named Beauty, which | can Education," read at the last session has shown a wonderful aptitude for of the Social Science association by picking up tunes, and seems to be far in advance of others of his kind in general intelligence. He is especially fond of the head of the family, recognizing his footsteps and greeting him with a burst

On a recent evening, in the presence of guests, the door of Beauty's cage was opened after the master had seated himself at the piano, and the bird flew to the gentleman's shoulder and then to the music rack on the piano. When his master whistled an air, playing an accompaniment, the canary warbled and trilled in accurate tune and time, hopping upon the player's fingers and over the keys. When the whistling and accompaniment ceased the bird perched upon his master's head and awaited fur- great public enterprise and concernther orders. Then Beauty was placed ment. Every great public interest has in front of the pier glass, where he sang its representative in the corps of editors to his reflected image in harmony with of our great metropolitan papers. They the piano accompaniment, and when his master stopped playing the bird flitted around the room in pursuit of his shad- their agricultural editor, their law reow on the ceiling. After he had convinced himself that he had cornered his public movement. Let them add now dark silhouette he sat gazing abstracted- a competent educational editor or re-

he kissed the members of the family good night, imitating the kissing sound when he touched their lips with his bill. thousand tons of which are annually His education has been acquired within a month, and his tutor is the little daughter of the family.

Handy to Know.

in their indemnity among other things which only needs the application of the following: Fences and other yard capital and enterprise to make it a most fixtures; also store furniture and fixtures and plate-glass doors and windows, when the plates are of dimensions of three feet or more. It is important that this fact be mentioned in the wording of the policy, if such articles are to be included under the policy. Careless, sped with the treasure to the lager beer | upon the staircase when we are at home; | agents very frequently make mistakes in this respect. The following articles daughters (who are apt to be free with also are not included in the security of Fritz happened to be polishing the paternities), think that we ought to do a fire insurance policy, unless mentioned, viz: jewelry, plate, watches, musical instruments, ornaments, medals, cunineteen, with blonde hair and hard hostess does not know what else to set riosities, patterns, printed music, printed books, engravings, picture frames, paintings, sculptures, cast and models, money or bullion, bills, notes, accounts, deeds, evidence of debt, or securities. These should always be specified. If a building falls, no insurance will attach, or cover its loss, unless it is caused by fire. Stolen property is not to be paid by the insurance company. Losses from explosions are not to be paid, unless fire ensues, and then only the actual fire loss is to be settled for. Property standing on leased ground must be so represented to the company and exdo his best to save it, and carelessness in this respect will vitiate his claim. In no instance shall he abandon his premises to firemen or thieves. Where a party has a trustworthy and intelligent representative, agents or brokers, whose business it is to study these points and consult his own and the assured's interests, by so doing it is sometimes safer than to risk it by attending to the insurance himself.

Our Dinners.

English people are quite impressed by the abundance of viands set upon the American table, and rather criticize the custom. They say that in providing for their table the mass of Americans rarely consider what goes with what (of course there are the epicurean few who do). Except the Yankee "pork and beans," there seems to be no viand so wedded to vegetables as to be spoken of together, like the English "duck and green peas," "mutton and turnips," etc. Generally speaking, vegetables are chosen haphazard, and so carrots, or dried beans or turnips, are as often served with poultry as not; no question of the "eternal fitness" of things seems to trouble the average housekeeper. Then, not only is the unfitness of certain vegetables for certain meats unthought of, but the vegetables themselves are served with sublime disregard to harmony, and so peas and asparagus, and summer squash and potatoes, often find themselves cheek by jowl on one plate. From four to six vegetables are often served at once, and two merely are considered by any but very fashionable people to be a very mean sort of a dinner. Tomatoes, in some form or other,

are invariably on the table when in season, and more often than not canned, even in winter. Many of the methods in which potatoes are prepared are quite unknown to English people.

Newspapers and Public Education. The following are the concluding paragraphs of a thoughtful address on "The American Newspaper and Ameri-

The American press does not and will

school systems a force which these sys-

tems can never hope to attain without

newspapers of America hold its school

porter, one whose thorough and practi-

him to gather and sift educational news,

to explain and criticise educational facts

and theories, to answer wisely educa-

tional questions from whatever source,

and to put into common and public

speech the educational feeling and

thought of his age. Such a writer will

call forth other writers and observers.

The small papers will follow the lead of

the great metropolitan sheets, and there

will be poured into the schools of the

country the same spirit of energy and

Professor J. M. Gregory, of Chicago: not misrepresent the American people. With the miserable exception of some bitter malcontent here and there the writers of the press have given hearty

and intelligent support to our institutions of learning, high and low. The papers have also freely published educational news and essays, but they can do more. They ought to do more. They occupy a vantage ground from which they can lend to the American such aid. In an important degree the interests in their hands. Let them treat public education as they do every other have their political editor, their commercial editor, their literary editor, porter, and so on through every line of ly at it till he was coaxed away. cal knowledge of his field shall enable

After Beauty had retired to his cage

Fire insurance policies do not include

of improvement which the press has awakened in other public interests. Let the sharp but intelligent criticisms of these educational editors be exerted upon our schools, and we shall no longer need or fear the occasional assaults which have of late half alarmed and half amused us by their half truths and half falsehoods. With such aid from the American newspapers, the American schools could be made to render double for the immense outlays of time, money and talent expended upon them. The press thus directed and the school system thus newly inspired will mutually react. The papers will, as they ought, find their way into the sheoolrooms. The schools will be taught their uses, and will furnish them more interested and intelligent readers, In this mighty problem of the adequate education of our citizenship-a problem growing daily more important to the public-no new force seems nearer or fuller of promise than this. Let this gigantic array of the newspapers of America be set fully upon this work of popular education. Let the schools in turn introduce the newspaper among their text books: pressed in the policy. Goods on storage let the children of the nation be taught must be represented as such. The as- to read these papers intelligently, sured, in case of a fire, must invariably | thoughtfully and critically, and we have at work in the press of this country an agency never surpassed for the education of an enlightened free people. A Doctor on the Bicycle. "A Country Surgeon" writes to the

London Lancet about the bicycle as follows: I have been a bicycle rider for the last five years, with an ever-increasto my bicycle alone, doing on an average quicker; my usual pace is ten miles an time of the building of the wall. hour, and I can go at the rate of fifteen In the spring of the year 1856, there ways ready saddled, and on arriving at lake broke the wall in several places, your destination does not require a boy and the farmers in the vicinity were to hold him. It can be ridden with al- obliged to repair the damages to prevent weather, but it is not adapted for a very hilly country, though all moderate hills great as twenty-five feet. can be surmounted.

Since I invested in my new fifty-twoconfidently recommend all men who are yet it is always clear and fresh. fond of exercise without fatigue, and all who wish to curtail their stable expenses, to take the trouble to learn the bicycle.

Mountain Mahogany.

This wood is indigenous to the Nevada. The trees do not grow large; one with a trunk a foot in diameter is much above the average. When dry the wood is about as hard as boxwood, and of a very fine grain. It is of a rich red color and very heavy. When well seasoned Mrs. Lelia Josephine Robinson, who intense heat, it burns with a blaze as the floating particles of matter about the legislature, and as this could not be desires to practice law in Boston, was long as ordinary wood would last, and them. Open the windows-let in the obtained without making the plot pulformerly a reporter on the Post and on is then found (almost unchanged in sunshine and the breeze, stop smoking, lic, the project was abandoned. The It must be a source of great comfort the Globe of that city. She has taken form) converted to a charcoal that lasts and you will soon find that it is the writer says that at least one-fourth of spring bonnet will be about what a to traveling men to reflect that order is the regular course in the Harvard Law about twice as long as that of ordinary poison of confinement, and not labor. the garrison had joined the sworn or-

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

According to the latest statistics the number of milch cows kept in the leading dairying countries of the world are as follows: Germany, 8,962,221; France, 4,513,765; Great Britain and Ireland, 3,708,766; Denmark, 800,000; Sweden, 1,356,576; Norway, 741,574; Switzerland, 592,463; and the United States

The president of the telephone exchange at Carrollton, Ill., ran a line in the Presbyterian church, connecting it with a Blake transmitter placed at the right of the speaker in the pulpit, and one Sunday morning recently the citizens at a dozen residences and business places, some of them half a mile distant. listened to the sermons by the rastor. Every word of the two discourses was heard as distinctly as though the listeners were in the church. The music was particularly clear and distinct, the voices of the different choristers being readily distinguished.

The Minneapolis (Minn.) Tribune publishes an extract from a private letter to the editor from Mr. Hayes, in the course of which he makes the following reference to certain published statements to which his attention had been called, impugning the consistency of his temperance principles and practice. Mr. Hayes says: "When I became President I was fully convinced that whatever might be the case in other countries and with other people, in our climate and with the excitable nervous temperament of our people the habitual use of intoxicating drinks was not safe. I regarded the danger of the habit as especially great in political and official life. It seemed to me that to exclude liquors from the White House would be wise and useful as an example, and would be approved by good people generally. The suggestion was particularly agreeable to Mrs. Hayes. She had been a total abstinence was determined to continue our home Island of Cuba. costume in this respect in our official residence in Washington as we had done at Columbus. I was not a total abstainer when I became President, but the discussion which arose over the change at the executive mansion soon satisfied me that there should be no half-way course in the matter. During the greater part of my term, at least during the last three years, I have been in practice as in theory a persistent advocate of total abstinence and shall continue to be so. All statements to the contrary are untrue and without founds-

A Wonderful Lake in Iowa.

The greatest wonder in the State of is what is called the Walled Lake, in Wright county, twelve miles north of one hundred and fifty miles west of Dubuque City.

The lake is two or three feet higher than the earth's surface. In some places whole of them varying in weight from

The water is clear and cold, soil sandy and loamy. It is singular that no inch I rode ninety-five miles in one one has been able to ascertain where

Lack of Air.

Some workmen think themselves "tired" when they are only poisoned. They labor in factories, breathe air withof death. They are, too often, allowed to smoke, and thus add fuel to the flame which is consuming them. They knock off work "tired" and listless, when they it would be fine material for the wood charged with disease. They keep the to pass through the state, with proteccarver. In the early days it was used windows shut and close the door on tion during the same. Governor Letin making boxes for shafting, and in a health, while they lift the gratings of cher was consulted, but he declined to few instances for shoes and dies in a the tomb by breathing and rebreathing make the demand for surrender on the quartz battery. Used as a fuel it creates the poison from their own lungs, and part of the state unless authorized by that wearies and tires.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A Cincinnati lawyer has astonished his professional brethren by charging a \$20,000 fee for collecting \$53,000.

Sir Edward Watkins is president of nine English railway companies, and his aggregate salary amounts to \$100,-Ex-Senator Hamlin, who scorns an

overcoat even in the dead of winter, went to two balls and danced as lively as a cricket at Bangor. Chicago has taken the lead among the

cities against the unsightly telegraph wires by passing an ordinance compelling their burial.

The widow of Commodore Farragut was his second wife. She is described as a pleasant Virginia lady, about thirty years of age, with dark brown hair.

At Baltimore, Miss Carrie Duce was precipitated down fifty feet into a sink. The accident was caused by the floor of the water closet giving way just as she entered the structure. She was taken

Never were there so many contracts for new vessels held by the shipbuild ers of Milford, Delaware. They aggregate about a dozen, and as many more could be obtained, a number having been refused.

A very handsome dining-room car has just been completed at Wilmington for the Charleston, Savannah and Florida Express line. This is a new feature in Southern railroading, but marks a step in the right direction.

The population of the brand new kingdom of Roumania is about 5,000,-000. The Catholics are said to number 115,000 and the Hebrews 400,000. The national church is independent both of Constantinople and Moscow.

The editor of the Tampa Tribune, who has just made a tour of inspection along the Caloosahatchie river, a stream that runs from Lake Okeechobee to Charlotte harbor, says that the tropical woman from childhood. We had never productions of that part of Florida comused liquors in our own home, and it prise all that are raised on the

novel plan, but one which gives rise to none of the noise and confusion which attend such sales in America. Each bidder writes his name and bid upon a slip of paper, which he places in a box. When the bidding is over the box is opened by the auctioneer, and the goods declared the property of the highest

A Word for The Mother-in-Law.

Are there then no estimable mothers with married daughters? The motherin-law is not responsible for her position, probably does not admire it. Yet she has been the subject of countless stories, myriads of offensive jests, and quanti-Iowa, and, perhaps, in any other state, ties of sarcastic rhymes. Into all of these has entered an element of bitterness which does not appear in the gibes the Dubuque and Pacific Railway, and that are hurled at the widow and spinster. Malice is the inspiration of the assault upon the mother-in-law. Perhaps it is savagery born of a sense of detected guilt-which has been hidden the wall is ten feet high, fifteen feet from the too-confiding wife, but detectwide at the bottom and five feet wide on ed promptly by the penetrating eye of the top. Another fact is the size of the the mother-in-law. She is not blinded stone used in the construction, the by love for the man, and to perfect clearness of vision she adds an experience three tons down to one hundred pounds. which is as useful as second-sight in There is an abundance of stones in enabling her to see to the bottom of Wright county, but surrounding the things. Yet if she be wise she will not lake to the extent of five or ten miles give her daughter the benefit of her exing delight the more proficient I be- there are none. No one can form an perience, but allow her to enjoy her come. This summer I have turned both idea of the means employed to bring fools' paradise as long as possible. A my horses out to grass and have trusted them to the spot or who constructed it. good mother-in-law is really a well-Around the entire lake is a belt of spring of pleasure to a properly conabout fifty miles a day. I find I get woodland half a mile in length, com- ducted husband. She is assidious in through my day's work with less fatigue posed of oak. With this exception the taking care of the baby, and the serthan on horseback and without the mon- country is a rolling prairie. The trees viceableness of her knowledge concernotony of driving. My work is done must have been planted there at the ing the most effective methods of carrying the infant through critical periods, the efficiency with which she dispenses when pressed. A bicyclist's steed is al- was a great storm, and the ice on the paragoric, measures out ipecac, and compounds plasters, fills the minds of just men with sentiments of admiration and thankfulness. Give the mother-inmost as much ease in wet as in dry inundation. The lake occupies a ground law her due. It has been withheld surface of 2,800 acres; depth of water as from her long enough.

A Leaf from Confederate History. The Norfolk-Landmark prints a com-

munication from a former officer of the day without unusual fatigue. I can the water comes from nor where it goes | Confederate army giving particulars of a plot, originating with Governor Wise, of Virginia, in January, 1861, for the capture of Fortress Monroe, while the question of the state seceding was pending in the state legislature. The writer induced three orderly sergeants a'out oxygen, and live in an atmosphere tached to the garrison of the fort and others to place proper men on guard at certain points prepared to surrender. They, however, declined to act unless the demand for the surrender was made are merely weakened by foul air and by the authority of the State of Virginia made dull and heavy by an atmosphere and free passports guaranteed to them ganization to surrender the fort.