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Only Friends. We said good-by in a quiet lane. In the gloaming, years ago. And few were our words about parting pain.

TAKEN BY STORM.

"Mademoiselle, we are obliged to ask your hospitality. Believe me, we will encroach upon it as little as possible." The speaker, a young Prussian officer in full uniform, bent low before the beautiful girl he addressed.

accept one? Never, never!" and the bright eyes flashed. But Madame quietly slipped the piece of paste-board within the reticelle she wore at her belt, determining, if necessary, to take the young officer at his word.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

Writing on the yellow fever in Louisiana, Dr. J. C. Le Hardy considers that the fact is established beyond dispute that in dejections of the patients, and in the atmosphere of a yellow-fever region, there exist minute fungoid plants not previously described.

Emperor Nero's Love for Music. In his own person Nero gave the world proof that love for the divine art of music can live in the blackest soul. When he ascended the throne he summoned Terpon, the ablest of the citizens, to his court and became his industrious and studious pupil in singing, neglecting none of the measures which were practised by the Greek musicians of that day for the preservation and development of the voice.

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

How to Destroy Stomps. Here is a timely and important item for those who desire to get rid of stomps: "In the autumn or early winter bore a hole one or two inches in diameter, according to the girth of the stump, and about eight inches deep. Put into it one or two ounces of saltpetre, fill the hole with water, and plug it close. In the ensuing spring take out the plug and pour in a gill of kerosene oil and ignite it.

Items of Interest. The great question in New Jersey just now is: "Do bank directors direct?" One of the richest heiresses in Germany, Countess Solin, is a baby only a year old.

RECIPIES.

Take one cup of corn-meal or rye meal and two of Graham flour; put into it a pinch of salt, a spoonful of sugar, two teaspoons of phosphate baking powder, and then stir it twice through a sieve; mix to a stiff batter with either sweet or sour milk; grease patty-pans or gem pans; put one large spoonful of batter in each and bake immediately.

The Lumber Industry of Puget Sound. There are several species of coniferous plants, which seem particularly at home at Puget Sound. None but those who have been on the ground can have an adequate conception of the extent of the lumbering business of the district, Washington Territory. The sound, a magnificent arm of the sea, reaches down from near the northwestern limit of the Territory nearly to its western middle, affording extended facilities of navigation, its numerous bays, like insulating fingers feeling into the Territory all along the shore, as if inviting, and even clutching, after the commerce of the country. Around this stretch and spread of navigable waters grow the finest forests in the world, of pine, fir, spruce and redwood, the enormous growths of which are a natural wonder.

THE POTATO.

Nobody knows where the potato came from originally. It has been found, apparently indigenous, in many parts of the world. Mr. Darwin, for instance, found it wild in the Chonos Archipelago. Sir W. J. Hooker says that it is common at Valparaiso, where it grows abundantly on the arid hills near the sea. In Peru and other parts of South America it appears to be at home; and it is a noteworthy fact that Mr. Darwin should have noted it both in the humid forests of the Chinese Archipelago and among the central Chilean mountains, where sometimes rain does fall for six months at a stretch. It was to the colonists whom Sir Walter Raleigh sent out in Elizabeth's reign that England is indebted for potatoes. Herriot, who came out with these colonists, and who wrote an account of his travels, makes what may perhaps be regarded as the earliest mention of this vegetable.

Who is Lucifer? "Who is Lucifer?" said the teacher to the infant class in Sunday-school. "I know," spoke up a brave five-year old girl in a very earnest tone. "Well tell me, Katie," said the teacher. "Why Lucy's for Bob Spriggs, who has such a funny little mustache, an' wears such a short coat; but papa don't like him at all, an' he ain't got no sense, an' no money, an' he's fer zat ole Mr. Grip, an'—"

WHO LUCIFER IS.

"That will do, Katie," broke in the teacher; "I see you are posted. We will go on to another question," and it required the teacher five minutes to get through using her handkerchief wiping her eyes, she "had such a bad cold, you know," for Lucy was instructing another class now by. Lucy told her mother afterward that she thought Katie too young to go to school, the confinement was not good for her.—Siftings.