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Story of My Experience with Two Lovers.

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AUSTRANE TO BEN SCHOOL PRIENS BLANCHE Abstract to hear sense of forms a maxime.

I'm quite out of perience with you.

You prom said to spend a forfinight with
mamma and me in the country, and you
have perfectly well that you wouldn't
be able to keep your promise. Why
deln't you tell me the truth about it? I
appose you think a married woman
should not converse with a young girl
about such things. At least that's what
mamma has just told me. In the flist
pairs, I'm no longer a little girl. I was
eighteen my last birthday, and it's years
and years ago that I unlearned my notions concerning the usefuln as of the
stork family. It would have been a
very singe thing for you to write me a
few lines explaining the situation to and years ago that I unlearned my notions concerning the usefuln as of the stork family. It would have been a very simple thing for you to write me a few lines explaining the situation to me. Have we ceased to be friend, then, because forscoth, a married woming the situation to me. Have we ceased to be friend, then, because forscoth, a married woming the strick of the reflect of

And then why do they, the very next day, latrust not only the education but the very destiny of a daughter to a man whom she has just met—often a mere box, without any experience himself and completely ignorant of the character, as elfations and ideas of his intended? The change would be much less abrupt and dangerous were it from the hands of a father to the arms of a husband. Yes, I mean it, for I saw how your husband put his arm around you when you went into the garden for a moonlight stroil!

Oh, that ridiculous meen, with its two lived and the stroil of the ridiculous meen, with its wollen mecher-of-pearl lack Puiding and and any here in any higher graite of society, to move in any higher graite of society, to move in any higher graite of society, to hear myself amount on the subjects ambition to move in any higher grait of society, to move in any higher grait of society, to hear myself amount of the subjects are higher to move in any higher grait of society, to move in any higher grait of society, to hear myself amount on the hear myself announced as Tunches at receptions to which a litie would be a passport. Besides, my dear Marias? How old it is I don't know, but the quite sufficient to distinguish us from tradespeople. Everybody trents us as if we were entitled to it; no better the sufficient to distinguish us from tradespeople. Everybody trents us as if we were entitled to it; no say that I have no silvi discussion of the sum of

you when you went into the garden for a moonlight stroil!

Oh, that fideulous moon, with its swollen mother-of-pearl dack Pulding countenanced When I look at it—and I've been looking at it a great deal a fews days past—I can't help saying to myself wint hasn't it seen and what hasn't it heard since the first love-secon in Eden? But how delightfully discreed. It acvertells tales out of school, but calmly continues to chase up the sun without ever catching him. How patient! After we are gone it will continue to do so. Others will look at it and dream and hope, and hope and dream, and so on forever. How provoking it is not to amount to anything more! At times, dear Blanche, I've a great notion to beliek meto a convent to get into one of these big white, woolen gowns, which never fit, to stop talking, stop thinking, stop pliving, in fact, just let time wear me away. But unfortunately in convents they don't wash themselves from head to foot every morning. If it weren't for that I'd bury myself in one of them at once. I'd be willing to give up my hair, which you may recollect is very boautiful, but I never could got accustomed to the idea of not having feet daintily white and scrupulously carod for. I go to see Sister Ursula sometimes, and while chatting with her the other day I made inown to her how my yearnings and heshattlons were always grappling with each other. I deciated myself strong known to her how my yearning with hesitations were always grappling with each other. I declared myself strong each other. each other. I declared myself strong enough to triumph over these moments of weakness, provided the bishop would permit me to have next my cell a dress-ing room such as I have here. "Im-possible!" she exclaimed, "the rules forbid it. And, besides, my daughter," she continued, "your thoughts should

that the "contracting parties," as the divorce courts call them, don't always behave themselves with perfect pro-

diverce courts call them, don't always behave themselves with perfect propriety.

It's chameful when you come to them of it. And sometimes it even happens that we make our boast of the feet and the young man who made for a in marriage is no milk-op, that he has sove, a pientiful crop of wild outs, etc. to tend of shrinking from him in discuss so we would if we respected ourselved. Suppose for an instant, little mother that it were possible for a young man to except all this contamination, with a single purpose to remain faithful and true to his beloved, and suppose he should present himself section the day full of ignorance and lefty blacks and ask for—say—my hand, do you suppose names would encourage him. Not hit of it. She'd refuse himself and true way, she'd say that he side then we enough of life. And to judge from the little I have overheard of a himostoria.



I'VE BUST HERN BE-BEARING WEATS AN VIRGINIA ?

check by vanity in making choice of a husband. Our securities are all gitted edged; there will be no danger of a crash. I haven't the slightest ambition in move in any higher grade of society, to hear myself amounced as Duchess or a Princeas at receptions to which a title would be a passport Besides, my dear of Blanche, haven't we a "de" already? A m I not Mademolelle Adrienne de Marias? How old it is I don't know, but it's quite sufficient to distinguish us from tradespeople. Everybody treats as if we were entitled to it, not lolding up of hands no ely grimaces.

New as to my notion as to what a husband should be, let me say that I bave no slily ideals, no school girl dreams. I don't want any phenomenon, any leter. I want him to be in good health and with something to occupy his time up to dinner hour. After that he must love me, must be mine. And my idea of marriage, too, is that the wife should have much more liberty than is usually accorded her. Wherever I go, when manima isn't with me, my governess is at my heels. It's beginning to be a little tresone, this business? I would take an airing all alone by myself, I hear estrain books talked about, I want to read them. Thear them pronounced to be masterpacees and they hide them away from me. How can abe kibe a mass ietplace and yet a young girl of my age be forbidden to read it? Perhaps one of these kooks might enlighten me as to my peculiar situation. I don't think ask too much. In fact, I think I'm a very reasonable person, and I should have succeeded very easily in being quite happy if something which was quite su unexpeded as it has become compileated hadn't happened to me.

Fit tell you about it in another letter, dear Blanche. Meanwhile, little mother, bye-bye. Wholly thine. Additional and the profect of the adaption of the second of the way of the second of the

SEVERE ATHLETIC EXERCISES OF EUROPEAN SOLDIERS.

Vast Buste that Make Europe in Armed Comp - Athletic Exercises Im seard on the Soldiers-Hard and Incessant babors of the Military Life.

Trained Like Pugillate.

Few persons in this country have any just conception of the Iron discip-tive practiced in the Paropean armies. Severe as it is in the armies of Russia. France, Italy and Austria, it is much more so in the Prussian army, which, in Europe, is the type of disciplinarian severity. The Prussian soldier is always under the eye of his officer, he ha not the slightest liberty of action. The ently to deprive blin of whatever indirideality to may possess. He is sim-ply a unit in the grand total. He is all merely a piece of the grant military to might call interchangeable pieces of tacchanism. The creat factories which turn out sewing unchines, watches, writing machines and other delicate. mechanisms by the million, manufacture all the pures so alike in every dimension that, in a watch, for instance when one wheel is broken another of exactly the same size, weight and propoerion can be put in and the difference not be detected. So it is with the Pressian army. When one soldier drops out an interclangeable piece is put in his stend, and the difference is not per

One of the most important parts of the nellitary training in the Prussian army, and, indeed in all the armles of Europe, is designed to develop the mus-cular system, and all sorts of athlette exercises have been devised to this spelal end. No tore of the physical sys-em is neglected, but as far as human agentify can contrive every muscle which can possibly be brought into play in offensive or defensive warrare is trained. Generally, collitary training is carried to the highest point. There are long nurches for practice, during which the mea carry the loads they would be called to transport if war were actually in progress. Leaded down with snapsres, haverance, blanket, three or four days' provisions, 50 or 60 rounds of animunition, ride and bayanet, they murch from fitteen to twenty-five miles a day, carrying from forty to sixty pounds weight. Their muscular efficiency is thus kept up to the highest point. The European solder is a thoroughly stained muscular force in the Ladiest from force in the Ladiest in the force in the Ladiest from fo antimat.

The pice are taught offensive and defensive exercises with their weapons; they are taught to fence with swords and bayonets, the rapters having the usual latter on the tip and the bayoner being protected by a rubber ball fastened on the point. Resides these general exercises there is special training to develop particular sets of totales and utilize all possible means of demexpected as it has become complicated hand thappened to me.

If tell you about it in another letter, a dear Blanche. Meanwhile, little mother by-bye. Wholly thine, ABRESNE.

LETTER NO. 2.

SANE TO SANE

Last winter you recoilest meeting Made of Ponthous bad in the Willelong at our two. That will be disconsibled in the Compact with him or his family. Let make the greated in the meeting in the present the Baron, for he is a baron and a real one, too. She admitted to meet him, but I have entered to reserve think bear on his lands are and a real one, too. She admitted to meet him, but I have entered in the meeting and a real one, too. She admitted to meet him, but I have entered in the meeting and then will see about it. The bapping and then a then achieved you man and then we'll see about it. The bapping and then a then achieved you man at the man army, and recently also into the form, has been introduced him, and then meaned with him or in its family. Let thing and then we'll see about it. The bapping and then at least one, and that she was band in them we'll see about it. The bapping and then a received in the man men and elowes, while the facts and siles of the was ening a looy. The was called to some present the Baron, for he is a baron and elowes, with there is a peculiar exercise in which we have the principle to, that he is a preciple to, that he is some present the some was stealing. Some one was stealing Some one was stealing Some one was stealing Some one whe had acknowled agreeable. It would suggest the software or offense on his hands alone, the hards alone the was the some price to present the price provided the carnor have the some of the young land to a surface of your gloony little room, but the result of the soft the solid suggest to a divise you in the occurre to seek the solid suggest to a divise you in the certain the solid suggest to a divise you in the certain the price of the was entire to present the price of the was entire to present the grant and the well seed to the solid suggest to the fense. In the French army and navy there is a peculiar exercise in which

You remember him, don't you, dear Banche? You met him just also the beard, handsome teeth, rather semilarity to the control as on certain as o

HARDARMYTRAINING strength and agility of soldier and OUR BOYS AND GIRLS which all sorts of impediments are placed in the course. There are barrels through which the men must crawl. There-are bars placed from a foot to fifteen larges above the ground, under dies over which they must leap. There are makes of laboritaties of ropes stretched in all directions, through which they must go, sometimes been first, sometimes feet first, any way at all so as to get through, and tanks of water through which the men are forced to swim. All these exercises are not of extraordinary or unusual occurrence, but are matters of everyday practice, so that the life of a soldier in one of the European armies does not greatly differ from that of an athlete training for a prize fight. It is work, and that of the hardest description. It is all done under the eye of an officer. Aimost every movement is at the word of command. If the soldiers are climbug a wall, the officer stands by and ; ives the word, if they are jumping inmachine. An effect has been made to So minute is the code of inflittery regarding render the Pro-dan soldiers what one lation, so exact is the inflittery life of thin:



the Certain cruy, that when a piece of rend car to the ground twenty two different commands are given before the When soldlers go to bathe, they mare: sents bimself at the wor is toomenturily the ut can the least de-

"He confidential with no one," writes fruit Ashmore in the Ladies' from Journal, advising "The Girl Mone in the City," who lives in a beardingon who has not your need for work unpleasant story about your fundlidy her noney, and who Joys in seeing you similar us she hints at some awful

some there were because the state of the control of

scattered broadcast of r the water after the manner of sawing seed. The fish seige and devour it with avidity turn up hundreds on the rop of the They are then gathered up as

The bull should be trade to work an furnish trend power, lustend of the horse. At such work he can be very useful, and will not only be benefited thereby, but be less victors and more numgeable. He should at least fur nish power for churning and cutting the feed, which work is not very heavy.

A scientific writer tells how water can be boiled in a sheet of writing-pa per. We don't doubt it. We have known a man to write a rew lines on r hot water for three years.

eWhat makes you say that wome "What makes you say the long pole in the woods, sawed on the you haven't seen any woman riding top square and smooth, nailed a board top layers to be a superfective of the same of the barn. On top of it Bares of all kinds have been devised around town on wheelbarrows since the both in army and mays, to develop the election have you? —Chleago Record. the fence near the barn. On top of it anything about politics.

THIS IS THEIR DEPARTMENT OF THE PAPER.

Quaint Sarings and Cute Doings of the Little Folks Everywhere, Gathered and Printed Here for All Other Liftie Ones to Read.

A Mixed Text. - A little girl heard a sermon from the words, "My cup runneth over; surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." On returning home she was asked if she could remember the minister's text, and replied: You indeed It was this Mercy Goodness! My eng's tipped over."

What a Small Boy Could Do. A lad in Beston, rather small for his age, according to the Prohibitionist, works in an office as errand boy for four a ditch, an officer gives the order, day the gentlemen were chaffing him a

> "You will never amount to much, you can never do mindi, you are too amali." The little fellow looked at them. "Well," said he, "as small as I am, I enn do something that neither of you

"All, what is that?" said they "I don't know as I ought to tell you."

But they were anxious to know, and erged him to tell what he could do that wither of them were able to do. "I can keep from awearing," said the

There were some blushes on four lety for further information.

A Child's Idea.
Flossie was seven years ohi when her namma took her to live in the country. All her life she had lived in the heart of a large manufacturing town, and knew iothing of the lemntles of the country. th, how delighted she was with the beauties of the fields, the butterenps and daisies! But most of all she loved to hear the lark single; he song of juy far away up in the line sky. But she never thought it was a bird that sent be sweet, clear music through the air One day she was sitting in the garden. The lark was not visible; but his song was heard, ever bright and melodious, as it mingled with the soft; sighing sumner wind; and the child listened eager

What are you looking at, Flessie?

"Nothing, mannan," answered Ples

Are you listening to the lark? He is on far up for you to see him. "The lock, materia? Is that the ark ?

"Yes, of course it is. What did you think it was, darling?"
"I thought," said Flossie, with a

slightly disappointed look, "it was the angels.

Sandy Brown's Owl. Some one was stealing Sandy Brown's chickens. Hvery morning



BANDY'S TRAV.

ate to side and blink his eyes. There was a sound of wings in the air, and a burn. The next instant the chickens began flying about and clucking excit edly, and then, before Sandy could open his mouth to shout, the owl, for an owone of his favorite pullets carried away very over the hill. "So you're the trief," ex claimed Sandy But, although Sandy bid to the corn

er's old sheigun double loaded, the wary old owl didn't come near, Sandy's , father said be smelled the gun "Fil get bim yet," said Sandy, with

That very afternson a bright plan

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he placed a steel rat trap, niready set,

Next morning he was awakened by a terrific commotion in the chicken yard. He rushed outside, and there was Mr Owl flying widtly about with the trap close fastened to ope of his feet. He had come along early, and thinking that the post was an excellent place light while he picked out the best pulicy in the flock, he had stopped there to rest. In a minute Sandy was pulling rest. In a minute Sandy was putting him down, and although he scratched and fought Sandy succeeded in con-quering him. He was a huge hornest owl. ...; the next week, when Sandy went to town, he took him along, and a was the finest specimen of an owl he had ever seen. Sandy, being of a jorn-tical turn of mind, offered on the specto sell the big bird. The dealer promis-ly gave thin 84 for it, and sinds are once public over to the near who had

*I hope some more the outs will constong and small my via Lond. The wald to himself on his way to the They're more profitable than putter - Checaro

Radly Finstered. A well-known and much indexed care gymera has buff a descen great stories which are particularly appropriate for eldidish housest and whenever he is asked to address a Sunday school of a public institution for the benefit of children, as he pretty often is, some one of these stories is certain to be

andy received with enthusasin.
"There is only one difficulty about
the matter," the clergyman says: "and
that comes from my not always being able to remember, when called upon to speak to an audience of children, which story I told them the last time but a year ago, then I was sent for to address a certain mission school ! thought I was safe. As I harried to ward the church that afternoon, I said to myself. I will tell those boys my nutneg story. I'm sure they've never heard it, and it's just the right thing a this time.

called into requisition, and is invari

having settled that point in his mind, I sat comfortably use, the superintendent announced me as the

next speaker. "You will nil be glad to know that Doctor -- has come here again, and has promised to tell you a story, as no did hast year, the superintendent said. I don't believe there is a boy in this room who has forgotten that capital natmeg story which Doctor --- told us the last time he stood on this platform, and I am sure he has an equally inter

esting one for us to-day."
"Then he sat down," concluded the clergyman, 'and I was obliged to gath or up my scattered wits and make an other selection from my half-dozen stand-bys as rapidly as possible; and to this day I think that superintendent believes that his introduction was se-complimentary as to embarrass me for fully a minute, as it was certainly that length of time before I had come to my senses and launched forth on my seand best story, in a cold perspiration."

A Boy Should Learn. To let eignreites alone. To be kind to all animals. To be manly and courageous

To build a fence scientifically To fill the wood box every night. To be gentle to his little states.

To shut the door without shumming

To do errands promptly and cheer fully To shut the door in winter to keep to

cold out.

To wash dishes and make his bed

when necessary.

To have a dog if possible and make

To get ready to go away without the

united efforts of mother and sister.

"A cannibal? Why do you want to know, my boy?" "Tause last night when you said you favored carrying out the old principle

of dog eating dog pa whispered to me and said. Oh, what a cannibul? " Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Scaven.
"To be sure," assented the work cor-dially, "I am glad of the cool weather I never could do much in a crash sup-There is nothing like the conventional heep's elething, after all." Detect

In the Tombs Corridor, den-Sentenced? How's that' ! Warden-Sentenced? How's that' I thought that your lawyer was going to

ask for more time.
Corkey-He did, and I got two years. Town Toples.

Didn't Need 11. "Help! Help!" cried the man who was being robbed.

"Calm yourself," said the highway man, "I "I don't need my assistance

The Particular Thing. She-Was there any particular (blag about the town which struck you?) He-Yes; a bicycle.-Yonkers Status

No Wonder. "No wonder they call marriage the holey bonds of matrimony," reinterest

Mr. Henpeckt, as he gazes of his on mended socks, etc.—Fin. The Lord probably forgives every

Much as a man admires a woman, be ean't honestly admit that the known

of a woman whose husband is good to

