pleasure.

probably written.

"Heartless and selfish where I am con-

crushed in her hand the little note. It was

surely too brief and curt to be loverlike.

that was true, but Helen refused to con-

The whole day passed without his ap-

pearance, every hour intensifying Helen's

o'clock before he entered the house, pale

and worn, and, without removing his over-

coat, he made his way directly to Mr.

Charlington. A few animated words

passed between them, evidently disap-

pointing the doctor, who, crossing the

"Come this way one minute. I must go

Her first impulse was to turn away from

him. Her second to make him answer for

what she considered nothing less than an

insult. She followed him without a word

to the front door, where he stepped outside

so as not to be overheard; but one glance

at her face made him realize the useless-

"You must trust me, Helen," he said,

his forehead that something had disturbed

The Thanksg ving party was a great

success. At precisely twelve o'clock the

sleighs were brought to the door, and all

several homes with many hearty congratu-

Mr. Charlington's face was still flushed.

lessened his color. Helen removed her

"Doctor Bolton had some news for you,

"Nothing pleasant for you to hear,

"I have heard things before that were

"Doctor Bolton made a discovery in his

At the mention of her brother's name

"I am in no way responsible. Edgar

took his own course. I told him that if

never return to it. For once he obeyed

"Father, father! And you can be so

"Did you forget that," he sneered,

"when you sent Bolton away with almost

Appeal was useless, Helen knew. With-

the hospital, and shown to her brother's

room. Doctor Bolton had spent the night

passed beyond the need of any human

friends. Helen stood rigid by her brother's

the doctor, who waited silently, and with-

At the door she hesitated an instant,

looking back at the living and the dead,

Her father was alone at the breakfast

"Edgar will be brought home to-day,"

she said, sharply. "You had your way

The paths of Helen Charlington and

Warren Bolton never crossed each other.

He heard of her often as a brilliant mem-

ber of the society to which she pre-emi-

nently belonged. She knew nothing of

him, as his work and time were given to a

class of the community with which she

Thanksgiving had never been observed

in the family after the day spent at the

seashore. Father and daughter passed it

either, it was never spoken of. It was

four years afterward that Helen, a few

days before the annual holiday, announced

her intention of spending it at the seaside

cottage. It was really a delightful month.

a prolongation of the Indian summer, but

Thanksgiving Day dawned as bleak and

cheerless as the heart of the lonely woman

lulled at nightfall. Helen, wrapped in her

solitary musings, and watching the roll of

the enormous breakers on the beach, was

"One of the fishermen from the shore

would like to speak to you, Miss Charling-

He entered as she spoke, an old weather-

"It's my boy," he explained, "hurt, my

lady. They brought him ashore, and the

Riverford doctor has come down to see

him, but it's a bit of the brandy that's

wanting, lady, and I thought may-be you

As the maid left the room to get the

beaten man, evidently in great distress.

interrupted by her maid,

would have it to give me.'

could have nothing in common.

out another word she passed him.

into the street.

the same words. I heard them-acci-

Riverfork Hospital, brought there yester-

day, he tells me, from New York.

"And you-" she gasped.

cruel! It is Thanksgiving night."

Helen sprang to her feet.

lations to the host and hostess.

He glowed at her angrily.

father. What was it?"

know."

room to Helen, said hurriedly.

directly back to the city."

ness of words.

received a note from him before they left needed supply, she asked, "Doctor Bol-

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SOMEHOW OR OTHER.

Life has a burden for every man shoulder. Some may escape from its troubles and care: to the cottage later in the day. She was Miss it in youth and 'twill come when we're terribly annoyed at the disappointment. greatest holiday of the year, and never be-And fit us as close as the garments we wear:

sorrow comes into our lives uninvited. Robbing our hearts of their treasures of

Lovers grow cold and friendships are slighted, Yet somehow or other we worry along. Every-day toil is an every day blessing,

Though poverty's cottage and crust we may

Wak is the back on which burdens are press-

But stout is the heart that is strengthened anger against him. It was nearly ten Sem how or other the pathway grows brighter

Just when we mourn there were none to befriend Hope in the heart makes the burden seem

And somehow or other we get to the end.

Charlington Hardness.

Helen Charlington was as white as the ermine cloak which she had wrapped about her head and face. Perhaps it was the night air that made her shiver; but she faced Doctor Warren Bolton with a determination which needed no words for its expression.

"But Helen-"Listen to me. If you cannot come to- parted. It is the end between us."

"Helen, Helen!" Her eyes had not left his face. "Are you going?" she said slowly.

For an instant he seemed to waver; but

"1 am going, Helen," he said as slowly ; "if you ever want me I will come back to

He doubted afterward if she had even heard the words, so quickly did she turn | away from him. He caught the dazzle of the brilliantly lighted room which she entered, turned his face to the darkness and the cold again, and strode off where duty | Even the drive in the snowy air had not waited for him.

The Charlingtons were called "a hard wrappings, and sat down facing him. family," not from any social shortcomings, but on account of their well-known obstinacy. Seth Charlington was one of the largest manufacturers in Riverford, and in the numerous strikes among its operatives, always held his own against them longer and more successively than any other mill, not pleasant," was the answer, "and I owner. He had discarded his only son for have a special reason for wanting to some slight disobedience. Rumor said that his wife, who had died when the boy was born, had gone gladly out of a home in visit to-day. Your brother Edgar is in which she had never known happiness. There was but one other child, a daughter, "the image of her father," every one agreed, and the impression prevailed in Riverford that she was exactly like him in disposition. A few who knew the facts asserted that she had taken her brother's part with such determination that both of he left the house that night, he need them had been ordered to leave the house never to return to it; Helen being prevented from doing so only by the refusal of her brother to allow her to sacrifice herself to his interests. That Helen and her father were too much alike to agree was well known, though their lives ran in such different directions that they seldom clashed. Mr. Charlington's time was spent among the looms and spindles of his factory to which he would not wholly trust any six o'clock that morning she was driven to overseer. His daughter was a social favorite. Sne enjoyed a life of singular freedom, and with abundance of money at her there; but that very hour Edgar had command, gathered about her in her father's house whatever friends she pleased to select. Mr. Charlington was glad to bedside. see any display which could be made with his money, although too busy in making more to take time for any comfort of his

Helen, after her engagement to Doctor Bolton, found herself for the first time in her life in a position where she was occasionally called upon for some self-sac ifice. For this her previous life had wholly unfitted her. Much as she loved Warren Bolton, the new relation between them had not existed six weeks before they had many stormy times and words. He was a table. popular young physician, with a large practice among the mill operatives, and Helen, though neither a jealous nor capri- with him when he was alive, I take mine able. She ignored the poverty and wretched- solitary way up-stairs. ness of the world. That there was a good deal or it she knew in a vague, general sort of way; for Doctor Bolton, he was content to have it so. It would have been his first instinct to shield her from anything disagreeable or painful, had she needed such protection. But for himself he reserved the right of ministering to the afflicted, asking no help in his work, but submitting to no interference. His own comfort and convenience he was always ready to sacrifice to her, that of his patients, even the poorest among themnever! and slight as the causes of their quarrels had been, they involved a principle vital to both

The old New England fashion of a Thanksgiving dinner had always been held in the Charlington family, and Helen's invited guests always made a gala day of what would have been in Seth Charling- by the sea. Toward noon a storm came ton's house a very sombre festival. On up, the day wore away in a tempest, which this particular occasion she had arranged a little different programme. The preceding summer Mr. Charlington had built a fine cottage on the bluffs by the seaside, five miles south of Riverford, and it was Helen's fancy to invite the guests, who at different times had sojourned there with her, to a Thanksgiving party by the side of the sea. Her father humored what he called one of her many unaccountable whims. The sleighing was fine, the weather perfect, and it would have been hard to find a merrier party than the one assembled at the ocean at that unaccustomed season. But Dr. Bolton was absent. Helen had not waited for him. She had

the city, saying that business detained | ton?" him, and he should, if possible, drive down "Oh, yes, lady, the doctor who is so comes when we need him, God bless him, She had always made Thanksgiving her fore had anything occurred to mar its

The old man hurried away with the brandy. A few minutes later a servant was dispatched with an immense basket of cerned," was the feeling with which she provisions, and a note which ran:

"WARREN, you said if I ever wanted you, you would come to me. If there is sider under what painful pressure it was less hardness in your heart than in our family blood, come and spend Thanksgiving evening with

"HELEN."

It was fully three hours later before Doctor Bolton stepped upon the cottage piazza. It was duty first then, as it had always been. But a woman met him at the door, eager, impetuous, radiant. With one look into his intense, loving eyes, she threw her arms about him.

"Take me back," she cried, "here, in the very spot where I was so cruel years ago. I have wanted you all the time,

And as he folded her close to his heart, he realized the love which could conquer the Charlington hardness, was a love worth waiting for, and to both it was indeed a Thanksgiving.

The Irish Earl's Stratagem.

"until I can explain," but she would, not The Castle of Mogeely, two miles from listen making her own terms. And, so they Tallow, was a principal seat of the Desmond family. At this castle resided "If you ever want me, I will come to Thomas, the great Earl of Desmond. who you." Over and over she heard the words, had a favorite steward that often took and hated herself for hearing them, as she great liberties with his Lord, and, by his moved, smiling and brilliant, among her permission, tyrannized over the Earl's guests. Her father was apparently at his tenants equally with his master. This ease, but she knew from the red spot on steward, unknown to the Earl, gave an invitation in his Lord's name to a great number of chiefs of Munster, with their followers, to come and spend a month at this castle. The invitation was accepted, and crowds of gentlemen flocked in, to the returned to the city, separating for their great surprise of Desmond, who began to be alarmed lest sufficient provisions should not be found for such a number of guests. They had not stayed many days when provisions in reality began to fail; and at last the Earl's domestics informed him that they could not furnish out a dinner for the next day. The Earl knew not what to do, for his pride could not brook to let his guests know anything of the matter; beside, his favorite steward, who used to help him in such difficulties, was absent. At length he thought of a stratagem to save his credit; and inviting all his company to hunt next morning, ordered his servants to set fire to the castle as soon as they were gone, and pretend it was done by accident, The Earl and his company time," the old lady mused, wiping the hunted all the forenoon, and from the rising grounds he every moment expected with a heavy heart to see Mogeeley in flames. At length, about dinner time, to his great surprise, his favorite steward arrived, mounted upon a fresh, horse. The Earl threatened him severely for being so long absent at such a juncture. The steward told him he had arrived just in time enough at the castle to prevent his orders from being executed; and further, that he had brought a large supply of corn and cattle sufficient to subsist him and his company for some months. This news not a little rejoiced the Earl, who returned with his guests to the Castle, where they found sufficient of every out another word she left the room. At thing they wanted.

The Jeweler's Joke.

Mr. Smiley, the undertaker, got it into his head, the other day, that his eyesight was not what it used to be, and that a pair of spectacles would be beneficial to him as "He is to be brought to my father's well as make him look more venerable. house," she said, without looking toward | So he proceeded to Mr. Karat's jewelry store, in the next block, to purchase the desired article.

spection. Mr. Smiley would try on a pair, the only two she had ever loved on earth. But Warren Bolton's face was hidden in elevate his head, then lower it, then look his hands, and, crushing the impulse that | over the tops of them, meanwhile holding had moved her, she made her way out a newspaper before him.

> One pair was for younger eyes (so he said); another pair was for older eyes, and so on until he had tried on all of Mr. Karat's spectacles. Not one pair could he find that was suited to his sight.

Now the patient Mr. Karat was at times cious woman; was exacting and unreason- now he is dead," and she passed on her fond of a joke, and informed Mr. Smiley or benign wink, we forget which. that he had a pair that he used himself sometimes, and he might try them on, and perhaps they would suit him. Mr. Karat took from the drawer a pair minus the glasses, and after carefully wiping them inside and out adjusted them over Mr. Smiley's proboscis.

> After going through the usual performance with his head, Mr. Smiley said: "Why, they seem better. I can see as well with them as I could without them twenty years ago. I'll take these. They separately, and if it was an anniversary for | just suit my eyes."

Home Influence.

At an auction sale of miscellaneous goods on Michigan avenue, Detroit, the auctioneer put up a wolf-robe and invited bids. An old man inspected it closely, seemed to think there was a bargain in it, and yet he hesi-

"Don't you want it?" asked the auc-

"Yes, kinder," was the reply. "Then why don't you bid and take it?" "Wall, I've bought heaps o' things in dry goods and so on," slowly rejoined the old man. 'and I never yet took home anything that the old woman thought was worth the price. If I got that 'ere robe for even fifteen cents, she'd grab it up, pull at one end, chew on a corner, and call out-"Cheated agin -more'n half cotton!" That's the reason I dasn't bid!"

-Edward S. Stokes and the widow of James Fisk, Jr., chanced to sit at the same table in an Atlantic City hetel.

Mrs. Grumper on Baby Shows.

The other day a lady called on Mr. good to the poor fisher folks. He always Grumper's wife, informing the latter person that she (the visitor) was on the comshow, soon to be given.

nothing for you, becoz, in the first place, the second, I don't believe in baby shows." "For reasons herinafter to be express- defence of his country's flag.

ed," put in the old man, as he detected a significant glitter in his wife's eyes. "Now," began Mrs. G., "there was that baby show in Milton, when me and Josiah lived there and Wilberforce was but a

tairteen months old, and a dear, sweet, uncomplainin' child."

"Ah, hum-m!" from Mr. Grumper. "The neighbors said he was the finest boy that ever sucked paint off a red-colored rattle or cut teeth under disadvantgeous feelings. circumstances. He was such a nice, peaceful child, he was; never getting out of huquicker. The folks down there at Milton | chattering. got up a baby show, and the first prize was a twenty-five dollar cradle, to be given it-of the fair. When I got there they was | way. about forty brats arranged along the wall in cradles, and in I wheeled, toting Wilber

three days, and at the end of the third day | did not waver. the time for prizes was at hand, and I was sitting with the wheelbarrow, coming to inspect my baby, I found. The first one grabbed him by the nose, and when the yet dreaded the moment of its coming. poor infant gasped, the big brute laughed and shuck his finger at the rest. Another one stepped up and says, 'Good woman we must test the physical qualifications of your child;' and then he lifted the poor child purty near out of the barrow by his | wall. ears. My blood begun to boil, when up came another sayin, 'We must examine his phrenologistic capacities.' Then the sonof-a-easter-egg began rappin' his knuckles about the child's head, much to the amusement of the rest of the committee. I could stand it no more, so rushin' up to the skinny brute I gave him a smart lick in the right eye with one hand and punched his ribs with the other. I treated his associates to a similiar dose, and airing my opinions of their individual selves, I trun-

prespiration from her brow, "I hain't been to no prize bab# shows." "Thank heaven!" said Josiah. "But what became of the other babies?" jueried the committee lady, as she arose to

dlec the wheelbarrow out, invoking disas-

ter to the whole concern. Since which

"Who got the prize?" "I ain't certain," said the lady, "but] heard they give it to the minister's brat-a yaller-mouthed, frecklefaced, red-headed little brat. Good day."

The Advantage of Poverty.

Poverty has its uses as well as prosperity. The other day we met old Skoonberry, just returned from a tour through Europe. We were about congratulating him on his improved appeaernce and beaming smile, when we observed crape on his hat band. "No immediate relative?" we said, with a sympathizing glance at the signal of woe. "Mrs. S," he replied, looking decorously

"When? How? What of? we asked. "Well, the fact is, my boy, Mrs. S isn't actually dead, so to speak. This is the way of it. You see we were traveling through Greece last winter and were captured by The obliging Mr. K. displayed his whole | brigands. They fixed a ransom of \$100,stock of spectacles for his customer's in- 000 for my wife, and liberated me to return home and arrange for its payment." "Is it possible? Well-"

> "Well-of course-ahem! You don't. seem to exactly understand—to—to—grasp the result. Of course, I can't raise any such sum these hard times—the very idea is absurd-and-well I bave concluded to call it a death in the family, so to speak. and start in fresh as a windower." And he moved off with a resigned smile,

The Grecian tour is becoming more and

more popular every day, somehow.

Taming Animals.

The ancients apparently knew little of natural science. The Romans domesticated some animals, and acclimated many should be allowed to finish." more than we have yet done in our day. Rome, in her degenerate days, saw astounding collections of hippopotami, ostriches and giraffes, hundreds of which were let loose into her gigantic arenas, with whole packs of lions and tigers; but the only object of these sanguinary shows was to gratify the brutal appetite for slaughter late misadventure. "In that case I have shared alike by profligate emperors and a no objection to withdrawing for the presdegraded people. The only remarkable ent." success obtained in those days was the skill of the numerous professional tamers, who seem to have done wonders. "They tame the tigers" says a poem of early imperial date, "they soften the rage of the lion, converse with the elephants, and render these unwieldy masses fit for human arts and duties." Nor was their skill confined in a voice thrilling with emotion. to dancing apes or talking parrots, to dramatic dogs and acrobatic elephants; ing to Dolly where she stood blushing, "is change the nature of the fiercest brutes, for Marc Anthony rode about Rome in a orite lion, who is reported to have eaten at | ling." her table, and to have licked her cheeks. Up to the fourth century it was a regular leave. profession to "make bears, bulls, and lions fit for intercourse with men."

How Hiram Hodder Popped the Question.

Hiram Hodder was as comely a young fellow as there was in all the country round. He had plenty of spirit, to—that is, when though it's little of the money he gets from mittee for inviting babies to the prize baby among "the boys;" but in the presence of girls or women all his courage oozed out. "No," said the old lady, "I can't do He would blush and stammer, and look so sheepish and timid on such occasions that I hain't got any baby to begin with, and in one would never have taken him for the gallant soldier he had proved himself in

> Love and fear, it has been said, are incompatible; but to this rule—if it be a rule -there are exceptions; at least, there was one in Hiram Hodder's case. For, with all his dread of woman-kind, he fell over head and ears in love.

Hiram had more than once faced death at the cannon's mouth, and would have sooner done it again than venture on telling Dolly Lillypink the true state of his

"If she only knew," he would often sigh; but then the fear that if she did it mor, allus good, seeming like he knew that | would only excite her ridicule, would put yelling wouldn't help him through any him in a tremble that almost set his teeth

Endurance has its limits, and at last Hiram's fairly gave out. "Better the pangs be used. If the swelling be great, cold to the finest baby exhibited inside of three of despised love," he reasoned, "than the days at the town hall. Josiah knows how tortures of suspense." Come what would, be nourishing, and not tend to constipate I fixed Wilber up and combed his silky he resolved to speak his mind to Dolly, locks until the first day of the fair came, and know the worst at once. He would and how when it did come I took him over | see her home from Mr. Gamut's next singon an old wheelbarrow. I sigh to think of | ing school, and tell her all about it by the

When the momentous evening came, Hiand wheelbarrow up along 'ginst the wall. | was like arraying a victim for the altar, he | times round the whole chest. It should I took him back and forward the whole could not help thinking; still his resolution

all of a tremble. There was five deacons by Mr. Gamut's melodies. His feelings after the swelling and pain have subsided, on the judge's committee, and towards were too turbulent to be allayed by that will help toward recovery. In severe evening they all come down to where I was sweet singer's notes. The twang of the tuning-fork grated harshly on his ear. He was impatient for the end of the exercises,

> The last piece was sung standing. As Hiram rose with the rest, his knees shook under him, and during the last stanza they smote together like those of the wicked king when he saw the handwriting on the

> The last word hardly died away when Hiram caught up his hat and started hurriedly toward where Dolly stood chatting with some friends.

"Miss-Miss" he stammered,

"Miss Lillypink, will you do me the honor of permitting me to see you home?" was the speecn he had prepared himself to his memory or stuck in his throat.

While he stood staring like a fool, and making a jug handle of his elbow, Tom Tate, who never lacked assurance, took advantage of the situation, offered Dolly his arm, and marched off with her amid a general giggle. Beside himself with rage and vexation,

Hiram, after knocking down Pete Looby for smiling a little louder than the rest, dashed on his hat and rushed from the

If there was an unhappy man in the world that night it was Hiram Hudder. It had been bad enough to think that Dolly accepting another's was little less than have!" maddening. Already he hated Tom Tate as a man can only hate a rival.

"I'll know my fate before another day passes," said Hiram, as he rose next mornng from his sleepless pillow. Accordingly he walked over bright and

early, to farmer Lillypink's. While passing the farmer's barn he caught the sound of voices from within. The weather boarding was thin and not

very close; so there was no difficulty in hearing, "Dolly's only fault is being a little skittish now and then," said a voice, which and whispered to each other:

Hiram recognized as the farmer's. "I think I can manage her," returned another, which was plainly Tom Tate's.

"Well," replied the farmer, "you must speak to my daughter; if she consents, it will be all right. "I'll go right over and ask her now," said Tom, starting toward the house with-

out observing Hiram Hodder, who stood rooted to the spot. Tom had already reached the door, when Hiram, with the exclamation:

"It may not yet be too late!" started in

as he hurried along the walk and up the the pulpit. The wide, black mouth of the loorsteps. Without waiting to be announced he bolted into the front sitting room in time to hear Tom utter the words:

"Miss Lillypink, I have come to ask-" "And I, too, have come to ask-" wildly interrupted Hiram. "Really, Mr. Hodder," interrupted Tom,

in turn, "I think I have the floor, and "You cut in ahead of me last night," growled Hiram, with a fierce look at Tom,

"but you chan't do it this time!" "Perhaps Mr. Hodder's affair is more pressing than mine," said Tom, blandly, not quite relishing Hiram's threatening on the platform to disturb the sancity of glance, and not forgetting Pete Looby's

"You can go or stay as you like!" answered Hiram, gruffly, and now quite reckless, "I don't care who hears me!" "Well, Mr. Hodder," interposed Dolly,

anxious to proserve the peace, "what is it tion from the singer's gallery and began "To be my wife!" blurted out Hiram,

"Mr. Hodder's errand," said Tom, turnthey seem actually to have been able to so much more important than mine that I think I had better call again. I only came to ask your consent to Mr. Lillypink's selchariot to which two lions were yoked; and ling me your namksake, the brown filly, Berenice, the Egyptian Queen, had a fav- which he declines to do unless you are wil-

And with a polite bow Mr. Tate took his An hour later Hiram Hodder went his way the happiest of men.

Sprains.

These are among the more common accidents and are more serious and painful than is commonly supposed. A broken leg or arm is often more readily cured than a sprained ankle or wrist. In sprains, the tendons, ligaments, and soft parts around the joints are stretched and perhaps torn. The first thing to be done is to place the sprained part in the straight or natural position, and to keep it perfectly quiet until the injured parts have resumed their normal state. To reduce the inflammation, applications are in most cases the best for the first three or four days, and may be aplied in the following manner: Dip a good sized piece of flannel into a pail or basin full of hot water or hot poppy fomentation -six poppy heads boiled in one quart of water for about a quarter of an hour;wring it almost dry and apply it over the sprained part. Then place another piece of flannel (quite dry) over it, in order that the steam and warmth may not escape. This process should be repeated as often as the patient feels that the flannel next to his skin is getting cold—the oftener the better. If, however, the patient find cold or tepid water more comfortable, it should water should be applied. The diet should the bowels. When the knee is the joint affected, the greatest pain is felt at the inside, and therefore the fomentations should mainly be applied to that part. When the shoulder is sprained, the arm should be kept close to the body by means of a linen ram attired himself with great care. It roller, which is to be wrapped four or five also be brought two or three times underneath the elbow, in order to raise the Hiram, we are afraid, was little edified shoulder. Gentle friction with the hands, cases, treatment should be applied under direction of a physician.

Her Boy.

Such wild eyes! Such matted hair! Such strange thoughts as came to her halfcrazed brain as she staggered along the street! A drunken man is an object of pity-a drunken woman is a terrible sight. She loses every good emotion, every womanly feeling, and her eyes look so much like the eyes of a mad wolf that passers give her the walk and shudder as they meet her. This woman muttered her wild thoughts as she staggered along, and she clutched the air as if she saw enemies on every side. By-and-by she fell down bemake; but the words either slipped from side the fence, grouned and mumbled and muttered, and then ceased further effort to regain her feet. Children gathered around her-not to torment her-not to make sport of her condition, but to feel awed and mystified at the shocking sight. They were like shadows dancing before her blurred vision, and she held out her arms and mut-

"You wouldn't hurt an old woman, would you?"

"I wouldn't dare hurt you," replied a lad of eight or nine. "You are somebody's mother—you may have a boy just as big as me!"

"Mother-boy?" she muttered, trying to might reject his love; the thought of her steady her gaze. 'So I have got boy-so I

"And won't he be afraid when the dark comes?" innocently asked the lad.

His words seem to touch a chord in her heart. She drew herself up, reached out a trembling hand to the children, and there were tears in her eyes as she whis-"I'd forgotten that I had a boy. He

will be waiting at the gate. I'm going right home!" Her step was still unsteady, but she did

not fall again; and as her form way lost in the twilight the children sat on the grass. "What will her boy say?"

Scared by a Telephone.

The minister of a church in Alexandria, Va., was absent from his pulpit, and a stranger brother took his place. - The regular preacher had just arranged a telephone between his house and the church, so that the members of his family who might have to remain at home from time to time during the services could hear the preaching.

The contrivance for collecting and transmitting the sound was fixed on a pedestal with a weighted foot, so as to hold it firm-His eyes flashed with desperate resolve ly. It was placed on the platform near telephone looked like the mouth of an immense cannon ready to fire upon the audience. The people who could see it watched it with suspicion and uneasiness.

Everything moved nicely during the morning service, until the preacher was closing his last prayer and was about to say "amen," when, like a clap of thunder or the roar of a cannon, the mysterious object oa the pulpit seen e i to "go off," and disappeared. The effect on the audience can not be imagined. Was it the sound of the last trumpet? Had Gabriel spoken? or had some evil spirit used the arrangement the holy place.

The congregation started from their knees as though the judgment had come sure enough. The preacher forgot he was praying, and in the fright, without saying the usual amen, turned to look with the distended eyes at the ruins of the telephone. The organist, however, took in the situa-"Old Hundred" with all the power of the organ, and the congregation, seeing everything was safe, and not knowing what else to do, joined in singing the doxology.

On examination it was found that the line had been drawn so tight that one of the supporters broke, and the line dropping was caught by a passing buggy, which brought down the apparatus in the pulpit with an awful crash as above described.

A Woman was the inventor of the hay-press. She got the idea from wishing she could be hugged on all sides at