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sional visit home. Among other advantages derived, Eldridge had procured sufficient lumber to put up a comfortable dwelling. The only drawback, an attack of illness which Eldridge had suffered about the middle of summer will in Arkansas.

It was of the new home our lovers were speaking as they slowly approached the cabin.

"I have put up the last raft to-day, Kate, my girl; the house will be ready in two weeks, and will the young mistress be ready for it then?"

"The young mistress has no very extensive preparations to make, and as you have asked the same question every week for three years, you might know what the answer would be."

"Not for three years, if you would be ready in two weeks."

"No, but when you got a home ready for me. Seriously, Frank, you know I could not have left father and the boys sooner, and poor little Sue and Bessie would have grieved themselves to death; but now, as father is about to take into himself another wife, and one that the children already love, I think I am at liberty to consult my happiness, and yours," she added, archly.

left eye, looks like a horse and kicked him."

"I've seed sich a one, stranger," spoke up a little man at the remote end of the table.

"When and where, man? Talk fast; he's got my horse and I'll after him."

"I didn't notice the animal particularly, but seed he was a good horse."

"What sort of clothes did he have on?"

"I didn't notice nothin' special but a red flannel shirt, and that his coat was kind of grey truck."

lieve it, for Kate had told him about the quarrel in town a few days before. He was wholly unarmed, unprotected, and felt he would be just as safe on the road, or at Eldridge's, as at home.

"A quarter of a mile farther and they met little Willie Eldridge, flying towards them as if for his life."

"Oh, Kate!" he cried, "they're killed, hatched killed all, and sinking into her."

"Run, father, run—leave Willie with me. I can restore him. Oh, father! don't lose a minute, maybe there is something you can do," and the poor half-distracted girl began chafing the little boy's hands and face, while her tears fell upon his forehead.

"Somers went on. When he reached the gate all was quiet about the place. He opened the cabin door. All was just as Aunt Rachel had left it when she fled at the approach of the Lynchers. He then went up to the new building, and such a scene of horror met his view as will haunt him to his dying day—Wriston, old Mr. Eldridge, and Frank hanging side by side from one of the beams of the house; that house around which so many bright hopes had clustered, and which was to have sheltered so much love and happiness."

"The important incidents of this story are true, and the tragedy occurred a few weeks ago in Kansas."

**A Queer Salt Between an Elderly Couple.**

A lively girl from the north part of the country, about seventy-one years of age, accompanied by a man lately married, who has seen eighty birthdays come and go, called on Major Holton yesterday on business matters.

"The lady opened the case by informing the arbitrator that in the first place her companion some time since promised to marry her, but that he went back on his word and lashed his fortunes with a Missouri maiden, for which breach of faith he was liable to a lawsuit for trifling with her affections."

"I know Wriston was with them, father. I could not be deceived. Oh, hurry, dear father! let's get there as quickly as possible."

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**The Feet.**

Of all parts of the body, there is not one which ought to be so carefully attended to as the feet: Every person knows from experience that colds and many other diseases which proceed from the same, are attributable to cold feet.

The feet are at such a distance from the wheel at the extremity of the system, that the circulation of the blood may be very easily checked in them. Yet for all this, although every person of common sense should be aware of the truth of what we have stated, there is no part of the body so much trifled with as the feet.

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**Home Reading.**

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## MURDERED BY LYNCH-LAW.

MRS. WILLIS L. MILLER.

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## Candles vs. Oil.

We read almost daily some heart-sickening account of maiming or death from the careless use of kerosene or some other oil.

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## Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad.

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## Homicide in Duplin County.

We regret to say the Wilmington Journal of the 25th ult., very much to learn of an unfortunate affair that occurred in Duplin county, last Wednesday.

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## Keen Land in Grass.

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