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Not like the shifting sand beside the sen, That landward drifts to every sea-wind's Or back into the all-engulfing deep

When mountain currents bend the foothill Not like the sea-sand shall our purpose be, But cherished as a sacred trust to keep Inviolate an i steadfast, so that we

Be strong with courage, though we laugh

gold That buys these worldly pleasures may

E'en love may miss its other self; in all If purpose be of active, noble mold, Not all in vain is life's great task pursued. And splendid lights shall on our pathway

-C. L. Cleaveland, in the Current.

THE CONSTABLE'S STORY. Constable John Frick. That's me.

A matter rough to look at, but sound inside. Lots of folks affect to sneer at a constable; look flown on him in a way as if he was naturally mean and no account. But Constable John Frick has a soul in him, and a heart as soft as a woman's. Indeed, he has been called chickenhearted on account he wouldn't kick a stray dog, nor tramp on a sick kitten. But this is neither here nor there.

Constable John Frick is going to tell some of his own experience on duty. I mind the day well when I received the paper to warn a certain family that they must "get out," that is, leave the house of Landlord Craigly, because it was an awful stinging cold day in March, when the wind seemed to be tearing things to flinders round the corners of the old frame buildings; and whistled and howled in a way to make a base burner head boss of the ranch.

Rooms 6 and 7 in a great rambling barn of a place, one of a dingy block down by the river; a grimy looking brick building that had once been a warehouse. bly as hearts could desire. Now the long narrow wilderness of storelive in at both ends with just one window for light and dark passageways to

I remember I thought they were miserable places for God's creatures to live in, and awful weather to put a family out onto the sidewalk in. I may as well own up that Constable

John Frick had "no heart" for this part of the business. Of course the landlord had a right to his rent. That's evident. If the tenants didn't pay they must go

All the same Constable John Frick felt

To save his neck he couldn't account for it, but it seemed as if something would keep on suggesting: "Suppose there is a delicate woman and a lot of little children?"

For answer, the soul of Constable John 'em out into the cold roadway such stinging weather will be miserable business, make the best of it," and his heart "kicked" strong against it. But this was borrowing trouble. And

it wasn't "business." It might be that the man-Carl Sevstrong it might be so, though it would had." be fees out of Constable John Frick's

Curious how saloons seen to be ever- it up for me to look at, went on: against the wall to one side, boozy, my return." stupid from the effects of liquor or beer. Of course I understood well enough

your wife and children!" '

room 6, and I rapped for admittance. Never was so surprised in my life. Expected to find a slatternly, frowsy woman to match the sodden husband, and a mess of dirty, squalling brats, pocket. Said I: tumbling about the floor in confusion. Nothing of the kind. If you'll bechair with a wee baby in her lap, trying nor pay any interest."

to coo it out of the fretful pain it was in. One day-and not very far away either heart was too full. got in its awful wearing work, making could get the jewelry out of sight. her delicate face thin and pinched and

couragement had fallen like a mildew rent of cursing vituperation.

plain my business, that I don't believe that maddened brute with as little comexpecting what I came for on account life out of a snake or rat." posed that I was the constable.

It made my heart ache to see it. It was ing in my life before. a sight more pitiful than a frown.

make, but Constable John Frick apolo- imploring, begged for mercy on his cowgized for doing his duty. Actually said ardly hide. he was sorry for having to do it. Then | That was womanlike too. he touched the weeny cheek of the baby it would soon be well, and otherwise up off the floor. talked in a way some folks might have thought was ridiculous in a constable. in a tremble, I assured her he had never heart, being a constable won't change it, that beating would do.

When the landlord came to the show. 'squire's office, four days later, and per-emptorily ordered the things put out of them, except once, about three months rooms 6 and 7, Constable John Frick after, when Sevholm called at the office

felt about as blue as he had ever felt in all his life. He hedn't been able to all his life. He hadn't been able to get two years had gone by. I chanced to closed in a plaster of paris shell—are said that delicate little woman's sad face out be walking one evening on a street I to find a ready sale. of his mind, nor the sick baby, nor the had not seen before, when I came to the To tell the plain truth, he and his trim garden and grass lawn in front; ter, England, may be leased for twenty-good wife had talked the matter over and I stood admiring it a bit, as I have five cents an acre.

where children were concerned. Only cheery voice cried out: that morning, when I was starting away

on duty, she said promiscuous like: . "Recollect, John Frick, if you put that poor woman and her baby into the tical loafer, Carl Sevholm! street such a day as this—snowing and But not the first bit of a loafer now. blowing fit to kill—you needn't never Not much. You wouldn't meet street such a day as this-snowing and look me in the face again."

voice. "I must do my duty." Friends may depart by fate or chance; the into my hands, and the landlord said he scamp he had been not three years ago. wouldn't give another day, I felt meaner "Come right in and see Mrs. Sevthan a skunk. The weather was just holm!" he said, pulling me up to the fearful. It was not only biting cold; but side of the porch all covered with pretty damp and foggy, and enough gloomy to vines. "She'll be mighty glad to see make folks in trouble bend their ideas to you." getting relief by self-murder.

I found the same sodden young man in the saloon, as tipsy and slouchy and dirty as before. Now he was noisy, drunk, swaggering about the place, swearing and bragging, thick-tongued and maudlin, and looking still more disgusting than when he was doubled up on the to her. Soul-numbing trouble had all

"What do you want here?" he yelled, as I was passing on to room six. "You dry up, Sevholm!" snapped the greasy-faced man, grabbing him by the a-fire.

fit for business." But the tipsy loafer broke away and burst into the presence of his wife; and when I had explained the nature of my errand he ranted out:

"It's all right, Elsie. I've got a place ready. I'll fetch a wagon and have the things moved right away." And out he started on a run.

I now learned that another suite of rooms had been secured, only awaiting the payment of the first month's rent in advance, and that by the sale of a portion of his wife's best wearing apparel the needed money had been secured. I also learned that the man was a first class workman in a business that paid except they had lived as nappily and respecta-

Would he return with a team and gain rooms were cut into little cubby holes to the new home for his family! Or would he continue his drunken spree and spend the money his wife's clothing had been rifle cracked. The elk was evidently sacrificed to secure? I asked these ques. hit, but only slightly, and away he went, tions a score of times, as I stole furtive crashing through the brush and over the glances at the troubled looks in the loose shingle of the mountain side, and woman's eyes, and noted the terrible now began the chase. The dogs were strain her mind was in while he was put upon the track, and soon the cliffs

> The furniture was nearly all packed in readiness for removal; and I knew, though she did not tell me, that frail wife had spent her strength in the arduous preparation.

I had told the landlord that they were ready to move, and would be surely sembles a huge table. Though he had gene that day. He was not half satisfied. He had come tearing to the office in a great stew of anger and impatience to have them thrust out forthwith, he ers. would not grant another hour's delay, so there was no help for it; if Sevholm did Frick kept on responding: "Putting not speedily appear I should be compelled to place their effects on the side-

walk. So stating to Mrs. Sevholm, I added that I would a heap rather take a licking than do it. With tears of thankfulness in her eyes, she responded:

"You shan't be put to the pain of it. holm was his name on the writ-would God bless you for your kindly sympathy. go out peaceful. I know I prayed You are like the dear old father I once

Then after she turned her head a minute to brush away the tears that blinded Re .. 6 in the rear on the ground her, she drew a heavy gold chain from floor. I had to reach it through a saloon. the bosom of her dress, and as she held

lastingly mixed up with poor families "It cuts me to the heart to sell this. who have to be put out into the street. It was a present from my dear mother times pierced from side to side, and all Who kept the saloon I never knew. the day I was married. I can sell it for There was a greasy-faced, fat man, in a enough to pay the rent, and have the brown knit woolen jacket, behind the things moved in a little while, if you the steep incline. Nothing daunted, bar, and a slim young fellow crouched will be so good to watch the baby until the remaining hound, too, made its fierce

It pretty nigh made me sick to look at that she had given up all hopes of her hunter stepped into the open battlethis young chap; he was so frowsy and man's return, or of ever seeing the ground where had just perished his two rumpled and filthy, as if he had been money she had trusted him with to gallant hounds. With a hoarse bellow rolled in a dust heap and then raked pay for the rooms. And it was curious. as I could see as plain as plain could Mr. Sevholm. As I looked at him I be, that she was ten times over more aloft on the broad antiers. His stout involuntarily said to myself: "God help pained and worried about me finding out buckskin hunting-shirt turned aside the what a miserable scamp her husband was sharp prongs, but they had become The greasy-faced man jerked his showing himself, than for the trouble fastened in the garment, and Gaylord thumb over his shoulder to indicate and misery he had heaped on herself.

That was womanlike. I wouldn't listen to what she had proposed, by no manner of means. As good managed to catch hold of a stout bush, luck would have it, I had \$10 in my and kept his grasp long enough to en-

on the chain, and you can pay it back crashing through the brain of his savage lieve. I found a slim built, pale-faced whenever you are able. That way you foe .- Salt Lake Tribune. little women, sitting in a low rocking- won't need lose your mother's present, She couldn't speak for thanks. Her

-she had been as "pretty as a picture." At this very minute her husband came But this was past. Trouble of mind had tearing into the room before his wife "Give that to me!" he screamed.

lied : lied!" There was a pretty fair show of tidy- With this he struck at her in his ish furniture, only it looked as if dis- drunken rage, and poured forth a toron it and the mistress had lost all heart | Then I grabbed him and yanked him

board Trouble has its own stamp, and clip under the ear that knocked me over with sound-boxes till he struck upon a if you've seen it once, you know it a stool, and made another savage lunge new idea. This idea excited him very again the minute you set your eyes at the defenceless woman, as she strove much, caused him to work sometimes all to get out of his way. I swear, I felt bad looking at the The blood of Constable John Frick phone. the troubled look on was now up to fever heat. Generally he

I made myself understood. But she was punction as he would have trampled the Mass., had a deaf-mute daughter at the landford had handed in his notice to I knocked him down, kicked him a leave. She tried to smile. poor thing, time or two in the ribs, and mopped up home, and employed Dr. Bell to teach faltering out the words that she sup- the floor with him in a way that sobered him so he fairly roared for mercy. Never

It was an awful sick smile, though. gave a man such an unmerciful thrash-And all this time his wife, her face as It may seem a strange admission to white as death and holding out her arms

with his rough fingers and said he hoped stuff lively!" I said, as I let him crawl "Now you get a team and move this Turning to his wife, as she stood all

But then, if a man has a soft, tender had anything do.him as much good as And I was right, as I am able to

front of mighty pretty cottage, with a A great deal of land around Winches-

frequently. You see, she was a mother, a fashion of stopping to enjoy the THE EFFICACY OF CHARMS. and had a mother's big tender heart in sight of a nice place, when a hand was her bosom, quick as a flash to feel laid on my shoulder real hearty, and a "Constable John Frick! give me your

hand!" "If you'll believe me it was that iden-

smarter looking man, nor more respect-"Jane," I said in my utmost dignified able gentleman in a long day's march. It was a solid pleasure to look at him When the writ of expulsion was put and remember what a God-forsaken

> Pleased? You'd better believe it. Pleased wasn't half a name for it. The light of newborn happiness and thankful gratitude was just dancing in her bright

Ah, wasn't she a picture! Health and rosy gladness of heart had all come back gone. She was just as sweet and nice looking a lady as I ever set eyes on, and the baby, as plump and fresh as a spring robin, was toddling around like a house

arm and swinging him back from follow-ing after me. "He's got business with tell you. Everything in top apple-pie House was furnished handsome, I can your wife. Keep still-you? you're not order. It was easy to see that the old miserable saloon tippling was played out

When I stood up to leave, after enjoying a real pleasant chat, and promising to call again. Sevholm clasped my hand

"Constable John Frick, that was an auful thrashing you gave me. My bones ached for a month. But it did me more good than anything I ever had. And I thank you for it to-day. It made a man of me. Gob bless you!"- W. Whitworth, in Cleveland Leader.

Desperate Fight With an Elk.

A few weeks ago Jack Gaylord was on had fallen into habits of intoxication among the foothills of which his ranch is situated. From a close-grown pine thicket one morning there leaped the largest elk he had ever seen. As the huge animal paused a moment to "sniff the tainted gale" the hunter's ready and chasms echoed to their opening music. The royal elk headed straight for the brakes of the Sab'e mountain, a huge peak, one of the loftiest of the range, that rose some five miles distant. On the summit of this mountain rises a crest of rocks that, at a distance, exactly reevidently selected the Table Peak as his final place of refuge, the cunning quarry doubled again and again on his pursu-

But the hounds were not to be shaken

off, and at the end of two hours' run the elk found himself at the foot of the peak, with the hunter and hounds close on his haunches. The hunted animal at once began the steep ascent and tried hard to shake off his pursuers amid the tangled thicket that line the mountain side. Leaving his blown pony at the base of the peak, the hunter followed the chase on foot. Half-way up the mountain the elk was sighted. The clamor of the dogs was redoubled. The hounds were now close upon the noble game; and under the giant shadow of the table it turned at bay. As the foremost of the dogs emerged from the last copse and sprung full at the throat, the branching antlers were suddenly lowered, the keen that was left of the staunch hound was thrown high in air, and fell far down spring, and shared the fate of its comrade. The bushes parted, and the the animal rushed at him. The hunter fired, and the next instant was whirled the rocky ground. As for a second time the elk dashed him to earth he "If this will be enough I will lend it revolver from his belt and send a ball

The Story of the Telephone. In 1872 Dr. Bell had a private school for deaf mutes in Boston. Among his pupils was Howard Glyndon, who is well known in literary circles. One day, while this lady was walking, she noticed that whenever street cars were passing death-like, and the big eyes unnaturally knew you had it all all along. But you and the muff in which her hands were placed was pressed against her body, she experienced peculiar vibrations. On informing Dr. Pell of her sensations, he proceeded to construct what he called a sound-box, having drum-shaped heads. in trying to keep it trim and shapely. backwards with a pretty rough jerk, but which was to be worn in front, under I could see that as plain as a big sign- before I could secure him he gave me a the clothing. Dr. Bell experimented night, and at length resulted in the tele-

Dr. Bell now needed capital to bush the woman's face, and the wee, sick is a mild tempered man, with a consti- his idea. He was poor, having nothing baby on her lap-remembering the sod- tutional tendency to peace. He never but his salary as teacher. The way the den brute of a husband outside. I made could stand quiet and see a woman or Bell telephone became a success was due my voice tremble so, when I went to ex- child abused though, and he tackled to causes wholly outside of its own merits. Gardiner Green Hubbard, of Cambridge, school in Germany. Becoming dissatisher. The young lady was very lovable, and Dr. Bell soon discovered that the feeling he had for her was very different from the ordinary feeling existing be tween teacher and pupil. He felt compelled by honor to resign his position, which he did. But the mischief was

> At first the young lady's parents op posed the union. But when they found their daughter's happiness at stake they gracefully surrendered. Dr. Bell had won a charming wife and obtained as father-in-law a wealthy business man. Gardiner Hubbard had every

> inducement to push the telephone. From

this time on it was a success. - Chicago

done. The affection was mutual.

Tribune.

AN AGREEABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR NAUSEATING MEDICINE.

A letter from English Settlement, Penn., to the New York Times says: Years ago and the sty will die. A ringworm may a number of emigrants from Devonshire, Lancaster, Cornwall, Yorkshire, and other counties of England settled in ashes before breakfast for three days and Northern Pennsylvania, near the New saying: York State line. They have made some of the finest farms in the State, and are the best of citizens, but many of them cling with singular tenacity to a strange belief in the efficacy of certain charms that have been used for centuries among the class to which they belonged in Eng-land. The charmed ring cure for epi lepsy is one of these. Only a few days ago a jeweler at Honesdale was called upon by a resident of the settlement girl of fifteen. The girl produced nine the voice cocoa is the most beneficial. It to fit the girl's middle finger. It was deprived of their oil. A cup of this of cach coin should be used and the rest mended between the exertions of singing by nine boys, as near her own age as drawn too long, for tea then becomes

of adders in or on their houses and lemon and some honey. ing in the tree, and walk away without moisture and flexibility in the vocal or looking behind him. Sufferers with ery- gans. sipelas by wearing in a silken bag hanged in Hertfordshire more than a voice.

preventive of the disease. The charms for the dispersion of warts the blood. believed in by many of these honest farmers, are numerous and most singular. For instance, if a person with warts on his or her hands will write down the number of them on the band of a tramp's hat without the tramp knowing it, he will carry the warts away with him—that is, they will gradually disappear from the person's hands and appear on those of the tramp. By cutting a notch on a green elder stick for every wart a person may have, rubbing the stick on every wart, and then burying it in the barnyard until it rots, the warts may be cured. Warts may also be removed by taking a black snail, rubbing it on all the warts at night, and impal ing the snail on a thorn bush, repeating the process nine successive nights, by which time the warts and the snall will both be shriveled up. Another way to get rid of warts is for a person to see a funeral pass unexpectedly, wherever he may be, and as it passes rub his warts and corpse pass away and never more return." Green peas may also be used the afflicted per-on take as many peas as Le has warts and touch each wart with a different pea. He must then wrap each pea in a separate piece of paper and bury them secretly in the shade of an ash tree or under a hazel bush. If peas are not in season and the person with warts does not care to try the efficacy of any of the above named charms, let him select as many pebbles as he wants. Sewing them up in a small bag. he must take them to where four roads cross and throw the bag over his left shoulder. This charm will never be reby chance, any other person should find

pear on his hand. A wen is usually a troublesome and unsightly thing to be afflicted with, but the victims of wens need not suffer long if they believe in the English charm. Take a common snake. Hold it by the head and tail, and draw it backward and forward nine times over the wen. Then cork the snake in a bottle and bury it. If that fails, the patient must not repine, but simply wait until the next May Day. Rise carly in the morning of that day before the sun has disturbed the dew. Go to a graveyard, and by passing the Jap Johnson was," said a traveling man. hand three times from head to foot over "Give Jap a night and a day in a country the grave, collect the dew that lies on place and everybody there would call the grave of the last young person who him by his first name, and he'd call was buried in the yard. If the victim everybody the same way, even the girls. of the wen is a woman the grave must In forty-eight hours he'd know every be that of a man, and vice versa. Apply man, woman, child, horse, dog, and car the dew immediately to the wen, and a in the town, and could tell who married, cure is guaranteed. In England, accord- who got drunk once in a while, and the "dead stroke" was considered a three days in a town and he'd have every

head of a dead criminal. curious one. If a person is subject to sell goods like a house afire. nosebleed he may effect a cure by going "The biggist thing he ever did, to a person of the opposite sex and re- though, was bout four years ago. He questing him or her to purchase a piece had four hours to spend in a little town of lace, such as may be specified, for out in western Iowa. In that time he the person making the request. When sold two bills of goods, was invited to the lace is brought the person must take dinner by the mayor, decided four bets, it and neither pay for it nor return was referee in a dog fight, proposed thanks for it. He must make a necktie marriage and was accepted by the belle out of the lace and west it for nine days. of the place, borrowed \$5 from her pa, and he will never have the nosebleed beat another man two games of billiards, again. If the person is too modest or and, it happening to be election day, he gallant to get the lace in that way let capped the mansard by sailing in and him catch a toad, kill it and wear it having himself elected town clerk by a around his neck in a bag until the majority of eleven votes."—Chicago stench sickens him. His nose will never Herald. bleed again. If a person has cramps in the legs or feet at night, he has but to France has agricultural schools for place his stockings in shape of a cross girls. One of the chief is near Rouen, on the floor in front of his bed when he and has 300 girls from six to eighteen

the coverlid at the foot of the bed se A CURIOUS LITTLE HARP. that the toes of the shoes protrude is also a sure preventive of cramps. Ne UPON WHICH EXPERTS CAN PROone who wears a snakeskin around his head need ever have headache. If one Strange Superstitions of English feels a sty coming on his eye let him take Farmers Settled in Pennsylvania a hair from the tail of a black cat, rub the eye with it nine times before midthe eye with it nine times before midnight on the first night of the new moon.

"Ringworm, ringworm red!
Never mayest thou speed or spread!
But aye grow less and less,
And die among the ash!" These and many more strange super stitions are part of the faith of the simple honest and thrifty farmers of English

Drinks for the Voice, Tea, coffee and cocoa are three admiswho had with him his daughter, a sickly sible drinks, but none in excess. For English two-penny pieces from which should never be made too strong, and the jeweler was requested to make a ring those cocoas are the best that have been necessary, the farmer said, that a portion | cocoa, just warm, is more to be recomof the pieces saved and returned to than any alcoholic beverage. Tea must his daughter. The coins were given her not be taken too strong nor when it has could be found, which would give to the acrid, and has a bad influence on the ring a charm which, when she put it on | mucous membrane that lines the throat. would cure her of epilepsy, from which she was suffering. This he maintained having taken a cup of tea that has been was a cure that was always tried in De- allowed to draw too long. A vocalist vonshire and never failed. If the victim | had better do without sugar in tea and of epilepsy was a male, the nine coins only take milk with it, or, if an exhilamust be presented by nine females.

Some of these farmers keep the skins wine with the tea, putting in a slice of

buildings, believing them to be a certain | Coffee should never be taken too charm against fire. To cure ague the strong and not too often. Two cups a patient is taken to a spot where two day is all that can be allowed; without roads cross, and an oak tree is found as sugar is best. Very strong coffee heats near the spot as possible. A lock of his and makes the voice husky. In fact, no hair is lifted up and driven into the tree drink should be taken too hot or too with an ash peg. The patient must then strong; the voice wants an equable, mild tear himself loose, leaving the hair stick- temperature, that will keep up constant it is usually made of iron, which is after- nose and face.

These are of all classes and are now around their neck a toad from which the universally taken, but I am sorry to say right hind leg and the left fore leg has that the chemical ingredients of the syrbeen cut until the mutilated reptile dies ups used with them are often very injurwill get well of the disease. The tongue jous to the voice. Soda-water is refreshcut from a living fox, these charm be- ing when pure, but when mixed with all lievers say, carried about the person will kinds of aromatic substances actually ward off disease of all kinds, but as the | dries the throat instead of moistening it. person carrying one of these fox tongues | Ginger ale, cider, and such manufactured will surely die if he should happen to drinks are only serviceable to the vocalmeet a fox at any crossroads the charm ist when of the very best manufacture, is seldom invoked. One old resident of otherwise they are heating and drying the settlement carries in his pocket con- instead of cooling. So few fruit syrups stantly an immense tooth from a human are now made of fruit that it is difficult jaw. The tooth, he says, was taken to know where to find them, and the art from the mouth of a man who was tificial syrups are really dangerous to the

hundred years ago after the man was Water is to be recommended when dead, and was carried by the present pure, but not too much ice-water. In owner's father, grandfather, and great- any case, it must be filtered water, and grandfather. It is carried as a preventive never too cold. A spoonful of pure of toothache, the tooth from the dead syrup or honey in a glass of cold water person's mouth heing a certain charm is better than aerated drinks. Water to against that malady. The owner of the excess is also injurious to the voice. too:h says he never had the toothache in Milk in excess is also injurious, while a his life. A double hazelnut carried in glass of fresh milk in the morning is the pocket or about the person is also a most helpful to the voice. It not only softens it, but nourishes it and purifies

Fortunes in Stone and Bronze.

Washington City has a great deal of money invested in statuary, and some of it may be looked upon as a mighty poor investment. Greenough's naked statue of Washington cast \$45,000, and the statue of liberty away up there on from the government, though he died comparatively poor. Fifty thousand trian statue of General Washington in Washington circle. Another \$50,000 Thomas circle, and it must make the taxpayer happy as he looks at it to remember that Congress paid \$25,000 for the pedestal, and that the four bronze quickly and repeat the words, "Warts lamp posts around the base cost \$4,600 apiece. Away off to the east of the capitol, in Lincoln to advantage in taking off warts. Let square, three thousands pounds of brass represent Abraham Lincoln giving freedom to the negro. The statue cost \$17,-000, but it was paid from contributions made up by the freedmen of the South. General Nathaniel Greene stands in a park northeast of the capitol at a cost of \$50,-000, and in Scott circle, General Winfield Scott has been embodied in bronze for \$45,000. Vinnie Resm's statue of Farragut cost \$20,000. The statue of McPherson, together with its pedestal, cost about \$30,000, and down in Rawlins square, southwest of the White House, there is a bronze statue of Gensorted to, however, by persons who have no maliciousness in their hearts, for if, a cost of \$10,000. In addition to these there is the statue of Professor Henry in the bag and open it the warts will ap- the Smithsonian grounds, which cost a small fortune, that of Admiral Dupout, opposite Blaine's, which represents a large enough sum to pay several times a Congressman's salary, and the beautiful bronze statue of Martin Luther in front of the Lutheran Memorial church, which cost but \$5,000, and is as fine a piece of statuary as you will find this side of the water .- Carp, in Cleveland Loader.

ing to an old resident of the settlement, who had fits or rheumatics. Give him never-failing cure for wens. This was bit of the gossip and old musty scandals the stroking of the affected part with the that ever went over the back fences of that town down finer'n silk. He was a The charm for curing nosebleed is a wonderful man, Jap was, and he could

retires, or lay his slippers under the bed, years of age. The farm contains over soles upward. Placing the shoes under 400 acres.

Chat With a Jewsharp Maker— Long Experience Required to Make a True Instrument. "I suppose that the majority of peop do not consider a jewsharp as worthy of being classified as a musical instrument. But then their experience has probably

been limited, and the only instruments

they have ever heard are the penny jews-

harps that the boys on the street corners twang for their amusement." The speaker was John Andrews, who has a little shop over on the West side, and is engaged exclusively in the manu-

facture of jewsharps.
"I only make harps of the best quality," he continued, "and have been engaged in the business for over forty years, thirty-five of which I have speat in this country. My father and brother were in the business before me, and are now at work at the old trade in Belfast, Ireland. I make every one of my instruments by hand, and never have an assistant, because the art is one of which only a very few possess the secret. As I know of only one other manufacturer in this city who makes the same kind of harps, you will see that the demand for them is not enormous. I do most of my work on orders from music and toy stores downtown, and these keep me busy most of the time.

"How many do I make a year? Well, that's rather a hard question to answer, for I never keep track of them, but just work along till I get an order finished and then tackle the next one. I suppose I could finish on an average six or eight first-class instruments in a day, and perhaps twice or three times as many of the less expensive ones. The lowest price which I charge for a harp is fifteen cents ever, does not have anything to do with | back. ward "tinned. " I have all my frames cast and "tinned" at a foundry and then finish them up here."

"Then it is not so easy to make a fine-

toned jewsharp!" "Certainly not. It requires a great deal of experience to be able to make a harp that will produce a true musical tone. The making and fitting of the tongue are the hardest work. I have my little portable forge here and manufacture the steel tongues myself. The edge of the tongue must be made perfectly straight and filed in a particular manner, so as to produce the smoothest vibrations, and then the inner edges of the frame must be made to correspond with the edges of the tongue. The closer the frame is made to fit the tongue without coming in contact with it, the better will be the quality of tone that can be produced. With one of the best harps any melody can be reproduced accurately by the performer, and a skillful player can get more music out of one of hese little instruments than you would imagine. I cannot play well myself, or I would show you some of the effects which might be produced."

"Are the harps tuned to any particular pitch, so as to be used with other in-

struments?" "No, I do not take the trouble to pitch them unless they are ordered that way. It is enough, however, to do this by shortening or lengthening the stem at | they could find, or all they needed, and the end of the tongue until the tone corresponds with the note required. Some people can play two harps at the same time, and when a pair is ordered for the capitol dome cost \$25,000. Clark that purpose I always have to give them | were not near ecough to the troops for Mills, the sculptor, received great sums | the same pitch. Most of the instruments of finer quality are made to order, and, of course, I have to make them to suit do'lars was the price paid him for An- my customers. A very fine instrument drew Jackson, who sits upon a rearing is made with a polished iron frame, a manner. Blacksmiths were detailed and horse opposite the White House, and he ; little heavier than the cheap grades, received another \$50,000 for his eques- | which are usually only sold for toys. The additional weight of the frame gives more solidity to its tones. The penny statue is that of General. Thomas in harps are made by unskilled workmen, and are of very little value as musical instruments,"

Mr. Andrews said that most of his harps were made for out-of-town trade, and a large number were sent West every year. For the last two years business had been very dull, and it seemed as if jewsharp playing was waning in popularity. In Ireland and Scotland the instrument was very popular, especially among the Scotch, who took about two-thirds of all the jewsharps, made in Belfast, where his father had the monopoly of the business. At the present time he was the only manufacturer of jewsharps in Ireland that he knew of. The finer class of goods were usually made with silver-tipped stems, but this did not make any difference with the tone, the richness and volume of which depend entirely on the workmanship and the delicacy with which the tongue is adjusted to the frame. The only trouble about a jewsharp is that it is not a very durable instrument, for after a year's use the tone usually becomes dull and loses General Dodge had the work assigned the clearness of its vibrations. It can him finished within forty days after reeasily be retained, however, by refitting the tongue, and Mr. Andrews said that he received a large number of instruments every years to be repaired .- New York Mail and Express.

The Welsh Leek. The little kingdom of Wales, early

united to her more powerful neighbor of England, has a distinctive badge drawn 640, the Welsh under Cadwaller were marching against an English army, and wishing to adopt badges which might distinguish them from their enemies, they availed themselves of those most easily obtained. Each man plucked a leek from the field through which he was passing and stuck it in his cap. The Welsh arms were victorious; the leek was adopted in grateful memory of the event as the national emblem, and was long worn by loyal Weishmen on every anniversary of St. David's day. In Shakespeare's play of "Henry V." that prince claims the right by his birth at Monmouth to wear the leek. It would appear, also, that the Welsh contingent of the English army had worn this emblem at the battle of Poictiers. We recollect that a leek in diamonds occupied a ominent place in a present given by the ladies of the principality of Wales to the princess of Wales on the occasion of her marriage. - Chambers' Journal,

Simplicity in bridal attire is more foreign than an American fashion, but it must be allowed it is far more appropriate. If one wishes to preserve any sentiment with the bridal dress one does not care to use it as a ball dress afterward. Heavy satins and brocades tempt one to wear the dress instead of storing it away as an heirtoom.

An important suit-a man's wedding garmenta. - Burlington Free Press.

SELECT SIFTINGS.

Dr. B. W. Richardson finds that the cat resists suffocation three times as long as the dog on the average, and in one instance nine times as long.

An old regulation at Ya'e is that a student shall lift his hat at a distance of ten rods from the president, eight from a professor and five from a tutor. English physicisms have expressed the pinion that the use of dynamite tends to

produce apoplexy, several miners having fallen victims to the malady in one dis-Georgetown, Col., has had to import a new corps of female teachers for its public schools, only one of last year's "schoolms ams" remaining. The rest

have all married or are engaged. Fort Lewis, in La Plata county, is said to be the highest military post in the world, being 8,500 feet above sea level. At present there are six companies infantry and two companies of cavalry with twenty-one officers stationed there.

Centipedes, such as abound in New Mexico, make their attacks at night. They are armed with about 200 little lances lashed to the toe of each foot-of which they have several-and at the base of each lance is a tiny sack of

In the golden age of the Roman republic all sorts of food were extremely cheap, when compared to modern prices. A bushel of wheat sold for eight cents and a bushel of corn for ten. Only as much as half a cent per day was charged at an inn for tood and lodgings.

Why is a dram-drinker's nose red! is answered by Dr. Johnson, of Washington, D. C., who says that the dramdrinker's heart bea's about thirteen times oftener in the minute than the heart of one who does not use liquor. The arand the highest \$2. The latter are made | teries, in consequence of this increased. with German silver frames and the heart action, carry the blood to the tongue is of finerateel. The frame, how- nose quicker than the veins carry it The blood, therefore remains the musical tone of the instrument, and | congealed in the over-filled vessels of the

woman was a witch in the olden time. She was placed upon a chair or stool with her legs tied cross, that all the weight of her body might rest upon one place, and by that means, after some time, the circulation of the blood would be much stopped. She was obliged to remain in this position for twenty-four hours, without either sleep or food. In order to free herself from this torture it is no wonder that she was willing to confess that she practised witchcraft.

Railroad Building During the War. From General Grant's article on the Chattanooga campaigu, in the Century, we quote the following description of the means employed to open a second tine of supplies during the siege: "General Dodge, beside being a most capable soldier, was an experienced railroad builder. He had no tools to work with but those of the picceers-axes, picks, and spades. With these he was able to intrench his men, and protect them against surprises by small parties of the enemy. As he had no base of supplies until the road could be completed back to Nashville, the first matter to consider, after protecting his men, was the getting in of food and forage from the surrounding country. He had his men and teams bring in all the grrin all the cattle for beef, and such other food as could be found. Millers were detailed from the ranks to run the mills along the lines of the army; when these protection, they were taken down and moved up to the line of the road. Blacksmith shops, with all the iron and steel found in them, were moved up in like set to work making the tools necessary in rallroad and bridge building. Axemen were put to work getting out timber for bridges, and cutting fuel for the locomotives when the road was completed; car builders were set to work repairing the locomotives and cars. Thus every branch of railroad building, making tools to work with, and supplying the workmen with food, was all going on at once, and without the aid of a mechanic or laborer except what the command it-self furnished. But rails and cars the men could not make without material, and there was not enough rolling stock to keep the road we had already worked to its full capacity. There were no rails except those in use. To supply these deficiencies I ordered eight of the ten engines General McPherson had at Vicks burg to be sent to Nashville, and all the cars he had, except ten. I also ordered the troops in West Tennessee to points on, the river and the Memphis and Charleston road, and the cars, locomotives, and rails from other railroads to be sent to the same destination. The military manager of railroads also was directed to furnish more rolling stock, and as far as he could, bridge material.

repaired was one hundred and two miles." A Bulgarian Legend.

celving his order. The number of

bridges to rebuild was one hundred and

A writer in a French paper contributes An Active Man.

Ingrand, has a decided world. The origing in one shape or other, has a place in the such as would have made him a prince in one shape or other, has a place in the in one shape or other, has a place in the traditions of almost every people with seventh century. On St. David's day, whom we are acquainted. Nine master Louis le Grand; the singer returned it, whom we are acquainted. the Bulgarian version of a legend which, masons, who were engaged in building a citadel in the time of the Voivoid work each morning that the portion of the wall which they had completed the previous day had failen to pieces during the night, and was lying a heap of ruins and Mrs. Webster was tugging the night, and was lying a heap of ruins at his coat, signaling him to desist. in the ditch. Manol of Curtes, the head mason, informed his comrades one moraing that a voice from heaven had warned him in his sleep that their labors would continue to come to nought unless they all swore that morning to immure in the structure the first woman, wife or sister, who should arrive with the morning meal of one or either of them. They all took the oath, and the last man had hardly been sworn when Manol's own wife made her sppearance, bringing her husband's breakfast. Manol kept the oath, and "flors of the fields" disappeared in the mass of the rapidly-rising masonry. A curious practice of the Bulgarian masons which survives to this day testifies to the vitality of the legend. To insure the solidity of the houses they build they measure with a reed the shadow of the first person who .passes after they have dug the foundation and are about to lay the first stone, and then they bury the reed under the founda-

> In proportion to the weight of its body the canary bird has a brain better developed than that of a man.

ONLY FRIENDS. Summer's freshness fell around us, Nature dreamed its sweetest dream,

Every balmy evening found us By the meadow or the stream. With our hearts as free from sadness As the supplifier beaven sends; Youth's bright garden bloomed in gladues.

Where we wandered-only friends Not a word of love was spoken, No hot blushes flushed in red;

Love's first alsop was left unbroken, Bitter tears were never shad. We were young and merry-hearted, Dreaming not of future ends.

And without a sigh we parted; Fate had made us only friends But a little germ of sorrow.

Till I felt a blossom shooting

Wakened in my heart's recess, When I wandered on the morrow By our haunts of happiness. And this garm found deeper rooting As the weary days wors on,

In love's garden all aluna. No kind fate threw us together, We had missed the lucky tide; Golden gildel summer weather

Not forever doth shide. But for me, though valuey sighing For a love Time never sends, Still is left this thought undying:

We, alsa! were-only friends. -Chambers' Journal.

HUMOR OF THE DAY. A cooking club-The rolling-pin. A conscientious milkman never wears,

The proper dress-goods for a farmer's wife-Gros-grala. Cinder-elia-The girl who shakes our

uhes. - St. Peul Herald.

In the lottery of life the dentist is a ucky fellow; he's always drawing somehing.-New York News. Now's the time the average guaner-A man not of deeds, but words-

How he lagged a score of birds. "Rest and change are good for people," said the wife, as she rose in the night to rifle her husband's pockets. "I've had a rest, and now I think I'll have a little

change.-Boston Courier. "Kim the haby while you can," admonishes a poet. We can kiss her just as well fifteen or twenty years from now -if she's that kind of a baby, cautiously

remarks the Buffalo Erpress. "I think my wife advertises her mouth," said Jinks. "Why! How do you mean?" inquired a frided. "Oh, it is very busy all the time, and is never closed, even on a holiday."-Merchant-

Traveler. The loud mouthed talker makes a great dis-But what he said last night takes back to-The silect man makes very little show,

But he is never asked to swallow crow.

A step ladder covered with plush is the latest purior adornment. The next thing will be to cover the tack hammer with plush, and then the average woman may be trusted to hang a picture. - New York Graphic. Somebody has been trying to prove by figures that there is one cow for every

familiar with the gauzelike cream of the boarding-house can never be brought to believe it. - Chicago Ladger. "Uncle James," said a city young lady, who was spending a few days in the country, "is that chicken by the gate a Brahmin?" "No," replied Uncle James,
"he's a Leghorn." "Why, certainly, to
be sure?" said the young lady. "How

four people in the country, but folks

stupld of me! I can see the horns on his ankles."-Rochaster Espress. It was a tiny little bird

That sat upon a tree And warhied from her throbbing throat Her trilling minetrelsy. A crouching, cresping Thomas cat Gazed at her from below, But she sang on and paid no heed Unto her cruel foe.

And nearer crept the Thomas call, And then he made a spring— The hapless bird was in his mouth! But cassed not yet to sing. Oh! then cheste music's buly charm. Itself made felt ere long;

The cut released the singer, which Still chanted its clear song. Ah, haffed cut: ah, happy bird! Ah, music's wondrous power!
The bird, though, was a pretty toy,
Which, wound up, sang an hour!
—-Boston Genetic.

Webster and Jonny Lind. "Webster was a very convivial man, fond of pleasure and social amenities. On one occasion he was at a supper, at Brown's hotel, and, the wine being good, he imbibed a great deal of it. Jensy

Lind was singing at the Canterbury theatre, and at a late hour Webster and his party of friends adjourned from the hotel to the theatre. When they arrived the curtain had just gone up for the last act, and the cantatrice appeared on the stage to sing 'Hail Columbia.' Webster joiced in with his magnificent base and accompanied her through the song. The audience yelled, stamped and shouted. They began again, and again sang it through with the same enthusiasm pervading the audience. The procedure was repeated a third, a fourth, a fifth eighty-two, many of them over deep and wide chasms. The length of road and a sixth time, before they were permitted to retire. At the close Webster made a magnificent bow to the diva, such as would have made him a prince and Webster repeated it, and these courtesies continued until both had Neagoe, found on returning to their bowed in the most elaborate manner seven times. During the whole perform-Louisville Times.

The Chinese Brama.

The history of the regular drams in China has been divided into three periods, corresponding respectively with the pieces composed under the Tang dynasty (A. D. 720-936), the Song dy-nasty (960-1199), and the dynasty of the Kin and Youen (1123-1541). The pieces composed under the last are known by the name of "House Pen" and "Tsa-Ki." and it is from a dramatic anthology, called the Youes-Hu-Pe-tchong, or butdred plays, composed under the Youen that the plays at present translated into European languages have been mainly selected. The large number of dramatic authors and plays in China may be settmaind from the fact that the Chinese list of dramatic authors under the Youen dynasty contains eighty-one male dra-matists, to whom 666 plays are sitributed. in addition to 105 anonymous plays.

Druggists average from \$5 to \$15 per month from each moderately large family

in New York city.