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NO. 1.

A Wonderful Clock.

the day, the number of figures being the

rame as the number of the hour, till, at

Gilded.

Poverty reveals sin, but wealth hides it

If a rich man is a bad husband, or a gam

tiler, or a glutton, the world is charitable

enough to say that in his position the gen-

eral tone of his surroundings is such that

charity! But is the same rule to be ap-

plied in the case of a convicted pickpocket

who has been brought up to his profes-mon from his early childhood?

The rich are said to sow wild oats. Do

we hear much of this talk in police courts?

We believe it is there unknown, But

every one excuses the slips of great folks

Their temptations are so great, you know!

charities, he is a paragon of liberality. If

tion, she is such a religious woman; while

Bound for Heaven.

widely known statesmen, who is now dead

was passing along a street in Little Rock

when an old colored man, who had once

belonged to him, seproached, took off his hat and passed a hand over his white wool

Dan, you are a robber, How? asked the astonished darkey,open

ing his eyes, a ound which rough shed age

Dain't you see me put my band into

Well you old rascal, you tob me of the

The old man received a dollar. Bowing

almost to the ground, while tears came ou

and coursed through the age prints around

Marater, wid such a heart as you hab

and wid Abraham and Isase, and de Lord

on your side can't see what can keep you

A Conscientious Son-in-Law.

boths, a timid and retiring looking man

ngaged and then said to him :

snapped the overdriven official,

can't, why I suppose I can't,

waited until the superintendent was dis-

"I do hate to give any one trouble, but

No, sir; I told you so ten minutes ago,

'So you did,' replied the man, 'but I

thought I'd just ask once more. I guess,

now I've done my duty in the matter.

What ma'ter? What on earth are you

Why, you see, my mother-in-law dived

off down there at the deep end about half

an hour hour ago, and as she hasn't come

up set I thought I'd like to tell my wife that I had sorter jat bed round on the buttom for her awhile any way, but if I

And pensively writing her add ess on a

A Soldier's Proposal.

an extremely pretty girl, to whom he

made himself most agreeable. After the lance was over, he took her to a chair,

and seating himself beside her, began to

Te is exceedingly easy to remedy that,

I den't think so at all ; in fact I do no

and I v sture to say you will be accepted

An ! I am not sure about that, But-

And a few months later they were

Cure for Low Spirits.

Take one ounce of the seeds of resolution mixed with the oil of conscience; in use it

into a large spounful of salts of patience, distil very carefully a composing plant called other wors, which you will find in

every part of the garden of life, growing

small quantity, and it will greatly assist

the salts of patience in their operation.

Gather a handful of the blossom of hope.

then sweeten them properly with the balm

of prudence; and it you can get any of the

see is of true friendship, you will have the

most valuable medicine that can be ad-

ministered. Be excelul to get the seeds of

true friendship, as there is a seed were

much like it called self-interest, which will

spoil the whole composition Make the

ingredients into pills and take one uight and morning, and the cure will be off et d

under the I read leaves of disgulse, add

know a girl that would marry me," She laughed, and replied! 'Just He and ask some one here to-night

that's all.

have you a long stick or pole of any kind

The other day, over at the Alameda

his eyes, he replied:

vou could lend me ?"

Don's you think so ?'

thoughtfully away.

mourn his colibacy.

will-you take me f

"With pleasure."

talking about I'

pleasure of giving you money without be-

Mar-ter gin de old man fifty cents.

Some time ago one of Arkansas' most

multitude of sins,

it is quite a marvel that he is as well

The most astonished thing in the way

Footsteps at the Door.

VOL. IX

As we know familiar voices, Every near and dear and a salt, Coming through the silent chambers, Waking och es in the hait; Se with instruct all unerging, Ever strengtheoing more and more We can read the varied language

Of the footsteps at the door. Grandph's faltering tread, now heavy With the weight of fruitful years,

Nearing yondor golden city—
Almost firough this cale of fears
Steamst foot that never lottered,
Bravely going on before;
By and by we'll miss their music—

Breclous foots open the door but Then the paster of the children, Like butterfloa and sunbanus With no thought or once or sin : Little feet that need sure guiding Past the pitfalls on the shore,

Loss they turn askie to inischief; Blumed footsteps at the door ! Then the matron glad and cheery,

Hows her good man drawing night And the children hearths mother As her busy focustops fly: Household muster We all hear it! While we to volt more and more, And we nope to welcome with it Angel footstops at the door.

STELLA THE WANDERER.

Corse you, girl, you shall stog. 'Leannot sing-I am tited out, hungry and sick, answered a plaintive voice that would have struck a chord of sympathy in any heart.

It you do not sing I will beat you, for I will not lose the money you could gain

The speakers stood in front of a lordly manshor, one of the wealthiest clubs in the metropolis, and they were a man, rough and cruel looking, holding in his hand a volume of the metropolis, and a young of the speakers stood in front of a lordly belong to their country. Stella, the wanterer. Stella, the wanterer. Stella had no one to moder has decreased as the wanterer. upon a small harp which the had placed known so much of happiness.

upon the curb. Again the man said :

Sing, or I shall be a won, to L Tuen, with a sigh, the maiden run har Prima Dona, that has appeared belove the

view by the heavy cuctain.
'My heavens! what a voice! and a mere child, too,' he exclaimed, as the song ceased.

Theo again the man said harsbly : Sing, Carta Diva.

'I cameot sing more; pity me, for I am guerite.' ery tired and bungry. 'Curse you, I'll make you sing; see, they have not heard you, for they are playing cards in the back room -sing again ' 'Indeed I cannot,' again said the plain-

tive voice.
With a muttere beurse the min raised a leather st ap, quickly it decembed, and a groan escaped the girl's lips as it tell with cruel force upon her shoulders,

Again it descended, and she cried out:
"Yes, I'll try, and sing; for God's sake do not beat me. But again the strap was desce-

when from out the massive portal durted a tall torm, a beavy blow fell in the facof the cinel creature, and he was hurled backward into the street, with a toron timt stunged bim-'Oh, sir, have you killed him?' cried the

young girl, in distress. 'No, indeed, and it I had his brutabity deserved it - is he your lather?" said the gentleman who had so promptly punished No, sir, he is not my father-I never

knew my parents but he told me they lest me to his charge. stripe, neither were your parents. Are you an American ! No sir; I am au Ifalian,

The large, beautiful black eyes, with their sweeping issues; were raised to the face before her, and with perfect trust, for in her preserver she beheld a young upon of perhaps tweety-five, tall, splendidly formed, dressed technopably, and with a ce ex ectingly hands are and noble. G wing down apan the maiden, he be-

held a face and form which he had never he advanced and, bowing law, said : cen squaded for beauty, and has girnsb. plaintive, though exquisit- roice, strangely well cultivated for one so young, had al-The man who had been so unexpectedly

punished had in the meantime regalaeazing suffectly upon them, while he si-fectionately stroked his nose, which had felt the full force of the blox, 'My child, this man has no claim upon

you -if be his, let him prove it through thought,

Thave no stater, and my mother has saily me to love, so she will gladly welcome you to her heart and her home. Come, we will take a cab and drive these Is the harp yours?" He gave it to me, sir.

'Let him have it, and you shall have s The gul's eyes flished with joy, and poor little was leter that she was, how gladly sue sec-pted the kind offer of her

new-found triend, 'lield on a bit, will yob , that's riv oft), and you'll repeat it, young feilow, if you. take her on.

Instante the voing man turned upon dead, the tellow, his eyes flathing, as he an

sween: You are a miserable brute, and have no light to the girt; if you have, prove at be- to the tender mercles of an itinerant must seemed to be two beautifully colored

the gold locket, which her cruel master Mr. Harkins sat down in the snow

which again seat him reging to the inflicent home, her thight from there, and o'er to his mind that he must rescue her ground, while his knite fail with a ringing bow her old music teacher had acopted

houses in the metropolis, where a warm west, and with one glance at them Duke and shoulders of Miss Brown by driving a welcome met her from Mrs. Preston—the leving mother of the gallant Leo, who, is a hu-band. leving mother of the gallant Leo, who, is a hu-band, ew words, told her all that bud trans-

From that eight. Stella, the wanderer, in London strolled two gentlemen—one of found a house in the Presion massion, and them Colonel Brainard, the other an obtain a shovel, but his search was finally as long as Fur going tel Good-bye sir,—obtain a shovel, but his search was finally as long as Fur going tell of the tunnel.

would be to contest the case in law.

Suddenly they were contented would be to contest the case in law.

Dake Mendigio, and Colonel &

furnished toom.

Eat her manner was not bright and j yous, and tears dimmed her beautiful totel, and would be pleased to have your compan, as I would see you upon an important matter.

Over her ance that night when Leo Pres.

Leo first no engagement, and willingly conscited, and in half so hour was ushered ipsuded-into womenhood, and was grade-into the D ke's apa tments. It ful and dignified, while her face had be- Walle through into the other root

loys Lea for his tortune.
God knows they wrong me; but I been be laves me, and I love him with a my heart. Yes, this night I will leave, and my letters to Leo and his mother will explain

why I take this step. But what am I to do! 'Hal I have it-Signer Gainep I, my good old music teacher at Madam R ndan's, told me if I ever wanted a friend . come to him, and he would bring me out opon the operatic stage -yes, he sails to-

Vienna Opera House-I will accompany night, Having made up her mind what course he would pursue, Stella arose and wrote two letters, one to Mrs. Preston, the other

violin; and a young girl scarcely more and was soon driving rapidly away from than twelve years of age, leaning wearily the home, where for four years she had the home, where for four years she had

Again four years have gone by, and all London is in excitement over the new

young man who sat just within the building, where she appears, is crowded to lin other communities, coasting is regarded talismanic weapons by which man masters his wife haunts places of worship, rather club window, and concealed from ourside overflowing, to hear the sweet notes that by all well conducted young ladies as a men."

float from her lips,

The new star is advertised to appear in Faust,' and during the garden scene in that beautiful opera two gentlemen enter one of the boxes and turn their eyes upon the beautiful impersonation of 'Mar-One of the gentlemen is an English of

ficer, the other wears the uniform of an Italian colonel, and is a dark accd, handsome man of perhaps lotty-two. Suddenly the foreigner starts, his breath is drawn hard between his shut teeth, and his whole gaze is riveted upon the love's

'Holy Virgin! can such likenesses be?' cried, and then, turning to his companon, he remarked, exattedly; Colonel Breienrd, I must see yonder beautiful woman-come, I will send in our

Prima Donna.

enricks2: 77. W 18 7 35 2 7K 1 The Englishman besitated, and then he was absolutely without the fainter 'I think, Signer Dok's, that we bad better call on her imigl to-morrow.

True, it would be best,' replied the day the fealian called for his English crete was simply unparalleled, did not friend, but found him engaged, and so look upon him with tavor. Miss Blown grimage to heaven.

The woman continued on alone, to wisit the woman can accompany for this rule; und sage officer is many a getn in the path of life, day the feating called for his English in whom he had become so deeply in

The Pains Donne sat alone in her sumptaous nome inly glassing over the na-Saddenly her maid entered, bringing a

> Taking is she read thereon VICTOR MENDIGO,

Doke of Alvinti. I do not remember to have ever met the Dake and yet the came seems strangely la millar. Yes, I will to him Nannett.

A moment after the Italian officer en tered the toom, and with courtly grace Parton my intrusion, fair lady, but I after this there was nothing to be said, minum life which came to see you masked, on see upt of and Mr. Hopkins, surreputiously, horron-ward like a stall your remarkable resemblance to a dearly

laved sister of mine, the Lady Victoria You are welcome, signor, and I mus say your name seems strangely familiar to and, as it was nearly So'clock, not a soul use Victorial Meadigio! Sorely I have was visible in the clear moonlight. Mr. sears, that name also, and the beautiful

twenty years of age-oppeared lost in You speak Italian perfectly, though

ours is not an Philan name, euggested the Duke. "I am Itslian?

of Itsly, who had plotted against his goverament, been detected, and had to fly for his life to America, whither his devoted wife went with him. Since that time the Doke had hever

heard from them, and believed them both Then the maiden told the story of her

cian, their only triend, when she was but barber's poles projected each sermonated nine years of age, and that he had made moner out of her, through her wonderful loadly on the name of the adered Miss voice, forcing her to stog apon the streets. Bown, but no one answered, and he see a court of justice-my name is Lea coan, their only triend, when she was but Preston, and anyone will tell you where I nine years of age, and that he had made live—aland saide, for we would pass.'

'Oh, wir, he will kill you' cried the girl voice, forcing her to any apon the streets. Bown, but no one answered, and he as she saw her lerocloss mader draw a and that all she had left in the world were began to tear that some accident had a left in the world were began to tear that some accident had a left in the world were began to tear that some accident had a left in the world were began to tear that some accident had a left in the world were began to tear that some accident had a left in the world were began to tear that some accident had a left in the world were began to tear that some accident had a left in the world were began to the matter and the land that all she had that he had that he had been the accident had a left in the world were began to tear that some accident had a left in the world were began to the matter and the land with a left in the world were began to the matter and the land with a left in the world were began to the matter and the land he with a left in the world were began to the matter and the land with a left in the world were began to the matter and the land with a left in the world were began to the matter and the land with a left in the world were began to the matter and the land with a left in the world were began to the matter and the land with a left in the world were began to the matter and the land with a left in the world were began to the matter and the land with a left in the world were began to the matter and with a left in the world were began to the matter and with a left in the world were began to the matter and with a left in the land with the gold locket, which her cruel master

her and brought her out as a songetress,

Into one of the most fashionable clubs venience, her lite glided happily on for years, for American, Leo Preston-who had ma-

her old muster made no strought to regain street into a magnificent holding man. Duke Mendigio, and Colonel Brainard. after greeting him, presented his American

one night she sat alone in bye samptnoonly townsie theo, and in a few momen s

ful and dignified, white per take come wonderously beautiful.

No, I cannot remain longer here, for some, said the Duke.

The girls at school tell me I am but an out.

Lea did as dis ever, and behelf himself (see to late with a basified woman.

Then, are glaced upon her, and he reconstructed the school of the winderer.

As quickly was he recogn zed, and then between the two passed long explanations and in taking his leave after a few hour call, in which the Dake, Stella's uncle'

had wisely kept away. Len leaned over pressing his lips to the beautiful fore said softly:

Softle long have P sought you, and red I would never find you on each.
I had heard of the beautiful Prima Donna, upon my arrival from America yesmorrow for Europe, to take charge of the terday, and was going to see her

I recognized you on the stage I fear I would have made a look of my-

But thank God I have found you, and

There is much diversity of opinion as to whether young ladies can properly indulge in the sport of coasting, or, as the boys of the last generation used to call it, stiding down bill. In some communities the youth of both sexes coast in the forces, with a sigh, the maider in her forces and in the forces lightly over the barp strings, and foothights of the operatic stage.

At the clabs everywhere, and in every a force of the mining of the mining of the maider of the control of the control of the control of the mining o winter evenings without scandal, though for some inscritable reason it is held that the amusement must not be included in oss impropriety, and is even publicly reacted against by Talmag an culnisters as one of the sports that kill. This latter opinion prevails in West Meredith N. H. and the recent tragedy which occurred at that place is by some people believed to have been the direct result of the local ondemostion of lemining coasting. It is only fair to say that quite snother inter be argued that had public sentiment in We t Meredith been in tayor of femining coasting the thereby would not have happened. In first, at its deflicult to may where the responsibility for it teally rests, and there are those, who losist that it was entirely awing to the fact that Mr.

Hopkins was to an imprecedented extent a

caestrone and good young man.

The blameless Mr. Hopking was a model r all the local young men, mannuch a trace of an objectionable habit. Cariously enough, the young men declined to model other, and at one o'cleck the following for woman in the abstract and the contolerates Mr. Hopkins to such an extent The two were not positively on the foot-ing of levers, much the young mon's respect for her was so great he haver ventured to make a formal proposal, but it was generally understood that he would distinglely brace himself up to that point. One evening, or, to be exact, last Weds nestay evening, Miss Brown asked Mr. Hopkins to take her to the top of Latham's in I, and let ber slide; down just once. The proposal shocked the young man's finer instincts but the young lady persisted, and finally asked him it believe that she could propose anything that was not strictly power. Of sense, after this there was nothing to be said,

ing Master Charles Brown's sted, escurted the rash young lady by the back toad to the top of Latham's hill, The hill was a long and a steep one, Hopkins sat down on the toroard part of marden-for sha seemed scarcely more than the sled and Mirs Brawn kneeled behind him, steadying herself by placing her hands lightly on his shoulders. Every thing being ready, Mr. Hopkins started al, and in a lew seconds they wer

flying d wuthe hill at a speed followlout "Rudes I; then by the Holy Virgis, you are a Mendigio. Listen to me, please, while I tell you the story of my sister's lite, and the Italian spoke excitedly, and in a tew words told the maiden how his busuiful sister had married a young noble. te miles an hour. in a few words told the maiden how his would insure a distate, and Mr. II pkins beautiful sister had married a young noble tarred, he sied out of the tirred course to avo: R. The result was a frightful one. The sled struck a stone, and Miss Brown was shot with tentul velocity over her

consuctor's head, and landed head down want in a hear soow bank.

When the young man came to himself, and disentaughed his head from the wancked innners of the sled, he was so tife, how her parents had died, of starva-tion almost in a poor garret, and left her a snow bank what to his astonished aye-

saked himself what was the duty of the saw the drift. But the villian had mistaken his mun, had stolen.

Then she trid of her finding a protector how. To pull Miss Brown out was not to him a steening blow upon the let temple. In Let Preston, her happy life at his mag-Then she teld other finding a protector hour. To pull Mbs Brown out was not to in such a way that she need never know Come on now—here, cabl! and L.o.

Peston hailed a passing vehicle, and in twenty minutes more the little wanderer went to her tesk, and twok thereiromethe taund herself within one obtain, ast fields ministeres, which she hat had bandsimely to borrow a shavel, and to reach the head cate her without putting her to any incon-

successful, and he began to dig his tunnel. 'no harm done! - D.troit Free Press.

The bank wavas paermone one, and he long time before he could strike Miss of a timeplece is a clack described by Blown in paying quantities. He worked Hindoorajah, as belonging to a native Four years passed away, after the com- friend; or steadily and silently. Not a sound prince of Capet Aura, and of Stella to the Breston House, and The Ralian was particularly gracious came from the imprisoned young lady, guarded as the rarest treasure of his luxuant along in her samutaously towards long, and in a few momen's though he repeatedly begged her to make rious palace. In troot of the clock disk herself comfortable and to rely upon his was a gong, swung upon poles, and near twenty it was a pile of artificial human limbs. The devotion and shovel. Fully minutes from the time the accident had pile was made no of the full number of clapsed when young Smedley, from the rants for twelve period bodies, but all lay postoffice, approached the scene, on his way home. To his question, Mr. Hopkins Whenever the hands of the clock indicated regular by explaining in the most delicate the hour of one, at of the pile crawled just way the difficulty under which Mi | the number of paris needed to form the Brown [abored, and the means by which trame of one man, pait joining itself to he was endeavoring to extricate her. part with quick, metallic click; and when Young Smedley he rd him through, and completed, the figures brang up, selzed a then, with a totally irrelevant remark, expressing as inexplicable confidence that in the future he would be personally and ing through every room and corridor of completely "darned," he climbed the that stately castle. This done, he returned snow bank, selzed—that is to say, took to the pile and fell to pieces again. When nold of-in fact, pulled Miss Brown two o'clock came, two men arose and did suddenly and violently from her snowy likewise, and so through all the hours o

The young lady, as every one knows. recovered consciousness in the course of moon and midnight, the entire heap sprang the evening—thanks to Dr. Sabin's up, and, marching to the gong, s'ruck prompt and skillful attentions. Strange one after another, each his blow, making to say, however, she conceived an unaccarried it to such an extent that she is low und r good to be engaged, to marry young Smodley. The most painful feature of the affor is this curious incapability on he young lady's part to appreciate the telicacy and respect with which Mr. opkins treated her. He would bave dug er out in the course of an hour and resed her without subjecting her feeling haved as he is. How beautiful a thing is to the slightest wound, but she actually reterred the rough and brutal treatment to which you Smediey subjected her. Can it be that Mr. Goldwin Smith is

right, and that we are on the verge of a moral interregnum?

An Aim in Life. We sheannot be great in this world of Philosophers who hold aloft the Indeed, despite his indiscretions, the rich torch of knowledge and wisdom; poets, man can buy a reputation for virtue on whose songs acts forever in the human beart; warriors, whose swords mark the boundary lines of nations—arise very sels spends a thirtieth part of his income on dom in the world's history to grasp those

And yet we should all have some noble nom in lite-some purpose, whose accom-p ishment, although never greeted by the lience to go to church perhaps once a week the poor, who put themselves to inconven applense of lame, may win for us, in the are thought neglectors of the means of far off lature, the golden crown of perfect grave. Truly, tiches, like charity, hide a

In the great drams of life we have all ome part to play, and our grandest ambition should be to play it well, "Not enjoyment and not sorrow Is our destined end or way ; But to set that each to-morrow

Find as further than to-day. To set -to strive -to work-this is, indeed, our true aim in life. In the words of Adelaide Procter ;

"Every hour that floots so slowly

line betask to do er bear ;

Luminous the crown, and holy, When each gem is set with care," to lighten the burdens of those who ere dear to us; to smooth the wrinkles from he brow of an aged mother; to kiss the tears from the bright eyes of childhood; to aid some weary wanderer on the pil-

Which we pass in our life pleasure. That is righer for than the jeweled crown, Or a mother's prayers to heaven, Or only a beggar's grateful thanks For a cup of water given."

Ah, many of us yield to despair, manfall and faint beneath the weight of the crass of disappointment! Saute, weary of the strife, complain, and flinging down their wespons in the heat of life's hard battle, bemoan their tate, even while their

brethien are pressing on to victory. But though clouds from o'er our pathhe was so backing in to peet for her as to way, though trients desert us to our need, believe that she could propose anything and from the road of duty luxury fures us to repose, let us resolve to persevere and aim in life which will guide us ever on-

> Coursed and remembere always, in the words of the poet : "Tis batter to weave in the web of life,

A bright and golden filling.
And to do God's will with a ready heart,
With hands that are switt and withing.
Than to snap the delicate, slender threads
Of our curious lives as under.
Then blame heaven for the langled ends. And sit, and grieve, and wonder."

A Leap Year Pop.

A Detroiter who was out in the country the other day to look after some poultry got stack in a mud hele, although having a light huggy and a strong house. He got ut, tuck a rail off the lence, and trying pry the vehicle out, when along came stranging young woman about twenty-six years of age. She haulted, surveyed the situation, and and : "You stand by the horse while I heave on the rail, and don't be straid of getting

mud on your bands and boots." They united efforts released the vehicle and the Detroiter reinings thanks an asked her to get in and ride. She heatrated, looked up and down the read and "Stranger, I'm blant spoken .- Who are

He gave his name and residence, and she continued: "I'm over twenty-five, worth \$508 in cash, kee x all about house work, and this

"Yes I know; but for heaven's sake don't ask me to marry jou! he toplied, as he "See liere," she continued, looking him square in the eye. 'I'm a straight girl, wear a . . 7 shoe, and I like the looks of you.'

Yes, but don't talk that way to mel' Stranger, it's leap-year, and I'm going Will you have me or no?' I - 1 m already married! he intered. 'Hought Injust' SAY OR Well, that aettles me, and I won't ride

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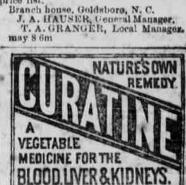
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