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THE WISE LITTLE SCHOLAR. The wiscat of my scholars is a gentle little Who looks at life and learning with a pair of soft blue eyes; She has an answer ready, with a deal of logic laden, And solves all knotty questions and problems as they rise. We were learning, in geography, of surface

The Morning Star.

"Can you tell me what relief maps are?" I asked the little class. I expected only hanging heads and verbal hesitations, But the wisest little scholar couldn't let a

question pass. "If you please, sir," said she joyously-with pride her cheeks were burning To think that she could answer when the others couldn't do it-

A relief map is a map you've been a swful time a-learning, And you're awful tired of it, and you're so glad to get th'oo it."

-Louisa Bruce in Buffalo Commercial. THE GOLDEN HAND.

## The gold is there, that's certain, and

I'm determined to make a trial for it." "You're counting too much on the word of an Indian. Old Zapetl is a noted liar-like all these Spanish speaking aborigines."

"Ah, Jack. You do him injustice. He's a deeper liar than you gave him upright and was moving back to its original place. Of that frightful fall incredit for. Don't you remember that he told us of the legend in his tribe that there was a treasure hidden by the ancient keeper of the mint on the first news of the coming of the Spaniards to Central America? Oh, yes. You re-member that of course. But don't you remember that he afterward trotted out that ridiculous yarn about the mysterious golden hand that guarded the hiding place and struck down the venturesome seeker for the wealth? It's ridiculons to believe that the ancients had enough mechanical knowledge to contrive a machine that could prevent one from getting at the gold. Ten to one its out of order anyway. Old Zapetl simply invented the wives' tale of the golden hand because he didn't want to go on the trip that might mean death or privation. I'm resolved to go if I have to

start without you." This was a long speech for my old comrade, Tom French. We were in the interior of Central America when the foregoing conversation took place. It was the end of many a long debate we had had on the subject of a search for a treasure. From love of adventure I had left a comfortable home in the states. Tom French and I had met as rustlers on the cattle ranch in Montana and we became firm friends. When the dearth struck the cattle ranch business, we took a herd across the country south of Texas, where they could feed on the deep alfalfa. Then we drifted into Mexico and into the employ of a railroad company in the capacity of surveyors. For want of capital the company sus-

pended operations, and Tom and I found

ourselves stranded in the City of Mex-

## THE WHIST FIEND.

here and there into the greenery. After

hand. It flashed over me all at once-

could be seen striving vainly to clutch

with his hands the smooth surface as it

sank downward with increasing rapid-

ity. I shut my eyes and listened. The

sight was too awful to bear. When I

opened them, the rock that had turned

on a pivot with poor Tom's weight was

to the crater I never dared to think. Old

Zapetl and I had weary days of toil in

our return to the plantation, and my life

was nearly forfeited by a fever in which

I could hear Tom's last despairing shriek

and see him sliding to his awful death.

MORMON SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Advantages of Town Life Blended With

the Charms of Rural Existence.

Social changes of a marked char-

acter will be wrought by the occu-

pation of the arid region. In this

matter also Mormon experience is

luminous. Brigham Young sought

to found his prosperity not only on

industrial ethics, but also upon the

happiness of the people. He would

not tolerate idleness, and the walls

of cobblestones still standing in the

older portions of Salt Lake City were

invented that the church might pay

for the labor of men who would

otherwise have been temporarily

supported by charity. 'As a means

of furnishing entertainment various

diversions were planned, including

the Saturday night dance, led by

The leader's wisdom is almost as

clearly exhibited in his social scheme

as in his plan of industry. The cen-

tral idea in it was the farm village.

A village site, generally a half mile

square, is selected in the midst of a

tract of 5,000 or 6,000 acres to be

colonized. In Utah there are many

bishops of the wards.

-Brooklyn Eagle.

many disappointments a cry from Tom He the Man Who Knows It All told me the path had been found. Za-Makes Everybody Weary. petl by this time was in a state of col-lapse through fear and fatigue. Again I There is one variety of the whist fiend I do not like. It is the man warned Tom to exercise caution, but he who sets himself up as an authority plunged ahead, and I followed as slowly on that noble and much abused as I could. The path downward was not game. All one has to do in order to more than a foot in width, and it rebe a self made authority on whist is quired all my strength and dexterity to keep my footing. Suddenly on rounding to be able to repeat the formula, a sharp angle in the face of the preci-"ace, king, queen, jack," the maxpice I was confronted by a flat rock five im, "Never trump your partner's minutes' climb farther down. It seemed ace." and to have once seen a copy to be set in the face of the crater and to of Hoyle. jut out, cutting off farther progress in

And one possessing these data and that direction. The rock was of a pea strong pair of lungs can shine as culiar reddish yellow color and, on lookan authority and reformer at the ing more intently, it seemed to take upon itself the shape of a monstrous various neighborly whist parties where the neighbors meet informalthis was the golden hand of the Indian's ly to have a good time; where whist legend. I called to Tom, but he was far below me. "Tom, the rock!" I cried is merrily discussed and you're supposed to play just to pass away the hoarsely, and my own voice sounded evening; where the women gather strangely in my ears. But Tom had altogether to enjoy the game and comready reached it. Suddenly a scream of pare household notes; where the men anguish I shall never forget rose in that meet to forget their cares, chat with awful stillness, and in another instant I saw that ponderous hand of golden stone the ladies and enjoy themselves. sink lower, still lower. Another scream, In such places the whist authority wilder than before, and Tom's form

comes like a wet blanket over the joy of the evening. He has been invited in to keep the game on. Poor, misguided company. Before the evening is over he has nearly broken up the party by merely airing the valuable knowledge he possesses on the subject of whist.

He calls the ladies down on their method of playing, rebukes the men because they do not know as much as he, and before the evening is over gets himself thoroughly disliked. But he does not care. He holds forth during refreshment time on the duties of playing whist properly, brings up personal reminiscences of the evening, calling the attention of the whole company to the fact that little Mrs. Brown doesn't know a heart from a spade. Mrs. Brown blushes, and Brown gets so mad he threatens to leave. But the hostess prevails on him to stay, and after the refreshments the game goes on. But the interest flags, and all of the company, except the authority, play in a sulky, half hearted manner. But the authority doesn't care. He is having a splendid time, and he holds forth on correct playing and calls down every one who throws a card. He is the show of the evening, but he is not popular.

The women hate him for showing up their mistakes, and the men despise him for being a cad. He is shunned. His invitations grow fewer and fewer. People do not dare invite him. He wonders why he is not invited out to play whist any more when he tried so hard to bring about a correct mode of playing.

He wanders about from one club to another, but ends in being dropped by all. Wearily and listlessly he spends his evenings, his wife even



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ico. We had saved some money, and mall valleys between the towering when there came a prosposition to join mountains, and the village site is some pioneers who thought they saw a fortune in building up a coffee plantagenerally located near the center of tion in the unexplored lands far to the the valley and near the river from south in the state of Chiapas we acceptwhich the water is diverted into caed the offer.

nals on each side at a sufficient eleva-Life was pleasant in Mexico, though, tion to command the irrigable lands. and I would have willingly remained, The half a square mile is then laid but Tom was eager, as always, to grasp out into blocks of four acres, with the first opportunity that seemed to prebroad avenues between, and the sent itself for new adventures. Tom had blocks are divided into lots of an but one object in life-to make a foracre each. On these acre lots the tune quickly. Poor fellow, he had a farmers have their homes. Here also heavy heart most of the time. He was in love, in love with a heartless coquette, are their commodious barns. Here so far as I could learn, and had been rethey have their poultry and swine, jected. She could never have been worthy while considerable space is devoted of him, yet he blindly believed that the to a market garden. The farmer girl would marry him if he could lay a then has his farm on the outlying fortune at her feet. As I remember his lands, which are divided into lots buoyancy and courage in the face of obranging from two acres up to 20 stacles that would have discouraged oth-

ers my sympathy brings tears to my acres. eyes; but this is anticipating my story. From the public park in the center To reach the highlands from the eastto the farthest outlying farm is only ern coast it had required two weeks' 21% miles. Most farmers traverse a hard toiling up the hills, cut by clefts much shorter distance to reach the and gullies and traversed by mountain farm from their homes. On the streams. We had cleared away a tract other hand, the women and children and set out coffee plants, with the aid enjoy the important advantage of of the good natured, lazy Indians, and having near neighbors, while the Tom revived again the legend of the treasure farther up in the mountain fastchurch, schoolhouse, stores and postoffice are near at hand. Under this ness as he had heard it from one and another of the Indians in their soft accents system the advantages of town life in broken Spanish and Indian. The legare blended to a very considerable end was briefly that deep in the center degree with the charms of rural exof a crater of a worn out volcano the istence. It is a system full of delightancient Indians of that country had exful possibilities. The Mormons have cavated a vault where they had piled up realized its substantial advantages countless bars of virgin gold. There was in neighborhood association, but above this planted a bowlder, the only indication of the hiding place. The petheir model will be much improved culiarity of the crater was that it was upon by many colonies of more refour square, half a mile each way, and cent establishment. Farm life under from the summit to the floor a distance the old conditions has involved isoof 500 feet. To reach the floor there was lation. The hunger for human syma hidden path, and this was guarded by pathy and company has driven thoua mysterious golden hand. Tradition, sands from the country to cities althe Indians said, made it possible to loready overcrowded. This factor is cate the monntain in only one way. responsible for many a social trag-That was by climbing the peaks in the barren region far above us to the southedy, as well as for the problems eastward until one should be found from which have arisen in congested city

whose lofty crest there were three other populations. peaks forming a straight line. In the There is no reason why farm vilcentral mountain was the treasure. lages patterned after those of Utah Few burdens could be carried with us should not have a social life and an in that high, rare atmosphere, and we outward beauty quite as pleasing as, were soon on our way with old Zapetl for instance, the suburbs of Boston. shaking his head, as if in prediction of There the architecture seems almost disaster. Hardened as we were by our out of door life, the strain was terrible. uniformly pleasing. Attractive We lost our way repeatedly and found lawns, with trees, vines and flowers, ourselves confronted by vast crevices in are everywhere. People of small our pathway up the mountain side. means will be able to surround them-Wide detours, costing us half a day and selves with similar advantages in sometimes a day of valuable time, were the farm villages of the arid region perforce made, only to find ourselves at while realizing all the benefits of inthe top of a precipice that barred our progress. We had with infinite trouble dependence and equality inseparable from the industrial scheme of irrigaclimbed two lofty mountains only to tion .- William E. Smythe in Cenfind ourselves at the summit out of range of the mountain tops, as demandtury. ed by the legend, when I finally refused

The Flying Squirrel Does Not Fly. to go farther. It was suicidal. Half our provisions and water were gone. But Of course the flying squirrel has Tom pleaded for one more chance. "Do no wings, and he does not really rise and fly, but good Mother Nature has you see that long range?" he cried. "It's in one of those. Let's make one kindly given him a wide fringe of skin running nearly all the way

more attempt." In mistaken pity for around his body, which forms a very perfect parachute. When he leaps As we reached the summit, behold! from his tree top into the air and There were three mountain peaks in a spreads himself, his parachute and row. Tom sprang forward and after anhis broad, flat tail enable him to other struggle we were at the top of the central mountain. As we approached float down easily and gracefully, in the top it could be seen that there had slanting direction, until he alights been volcanic action in ages past. Zalow down on the trunk of a tree perpetl's eyes were rolling in every direchaps 50 or even 100 feet distant. tion, on the look out for some superna-Then he clambers nimbly up to its tural phenomenon. Suddenly bursting top, chooses his direction, and

refusing to play with him. Poor, misguided man, like many another reformer, you have struck 12. You have thrown a pall over the innocent joys of your neighborhood. You have gotten yourself disliked for so doing.

Now you can either stay at home, nursing your knowledge, or else throw it away, get a new birth and come humbly and repentantly and as the rest of us for a good time only into our whist parties. We will take you back, and you can play with us once more if you'll only drop "what you know about whist."-Pittsfield (Mass.) Sun.

A Happy Hit.

Many stories are told of the happy faculty of saying a word in season possessed by Dr. Hall, an old clergyman of Princeton, N. J., years ago. At one time a difficulty had arisen in the Presbyterian church at Cranberry. The presbytery was convened to hear and adjust the matter. They met at Cranberry, and the discussion became so very hot that a good deal of unpleasant feeling was discernible in the tones and faces of those who were carrying on the argu ments. Just at the most critical point old Dr. Hall rose to pour oil upon the troubled waters, as was his invariable custom.

"Mr. Moderator," said he in his gentle voice, and with no suspicion of a smile on his fine face, "Mr. Moderator, I rise to offer a resolution, which is that a little sugar be put into this cranberry tart."

The effect was instanteous; the laugh came at just the right moment, and the bitterness that had begun to gain ground was checked then and there.-Youth's Companion.

Their Difference.

"The most telling testimony as to the difference between the French and the English nature that I ever witnessed,' said a woman, "was in Dresden. We were dining with an American woman in honor of her daughter's just announced engagement, and among the guests were a Frenchman and an Eng-lishman. When the fruit was served, the Frenchman took some, but didn't so much as taste it. The Englishman, it so happened, did the same. The hostess apparently did not notice this, however, and partaking heartily of the fruit herself she presently observed, with true American frankness, 'How delicious those grapes are, don't you think so, monsieur?' The untouched fruit was as plain as daylight on the Frenchman's plate, but without a quiver he replied courteously, 'Truly, madam, they are the most delicious I have ever tasted. The hostess then turned to John Bull and said, 'Don't you agree with us. 'No,' growled the Briton, 'I don't. I never cat the stuff. ' "-New York Sun. Before He Went to Boston.

A couple of naive remarks may be

worth repeating: A guest at one of our big hotels while going down in the elevator remarked to the colored elevator man, "I want to go to the wharf where the tea was thrown overboard." "Well," replied the man, looking mystified, "you'd better inquire at the office. I reckon that was before I came here. I've only been in Boston about a year !"



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