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SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

- All are sculptors, cutting character in living marble. - Gather roses-the thorns will take care of themselves.

- The hardest wound to heal is the one inflicted by a triend.

- This world is a bad world only for those who have bad hearts.

- Treasures laid up in heaven always enrich somebody on earth. - If good seed is put in good

ground some of it will be sure to grow. - The devil is the only gainer when a boy is whipped to make him go to church.

- If church-members are hungry for spiritual food, the heat, mud and rain will not be likely to keep them from from church.

- Do the duty which lies nearest thee, which thou knowest to be a duty. Thy second duty will already have become dearer .- Carlyle.

- When some people learn to put as much of their life into their religious professions as they now put into their political professions, it will be a great day for Christ's Kingdom and good government as well.-Raleigh Biblical

## ONE PUDDING 204 FEET LONG. a Trench, It Was a Feast For

Many Villages. I had been ten years on Savage island and meant to come to England on a visit, but before leaving went to each village to say goodby to the people. We had been three weeks from home when we got to a little village called Liku. The evening after our arrival there was terrible commotion. Men, women and abildren were running about, some carry-

ing sticks, some logs of wood and some The men began digging a long shallow trench with their sharp pointed sticks. The boys brought big stones and firewood. These were piled up all along one side of the trench. The wood was then set fire to big stones. and was soon blazing, while the stones on

the top were getting hot. While the fire was burning one side little bundles of something white and soft were being undone from the clean leaves that contained them. This was the paste out of which the pudding was to be made. There was no flour, suet, eggs, milk, plums or currants in it. It was the paste of a native vogetable called taro and old cocoanut, both grated very fine and mixed together. A long pudding cloth was laid along the side of the trench, and in it the pudding was carefully wrapped. It was not calico or linen, but nice clean banana leaves." Over this long occoanut leaves were plaited.

When the stones were hot enough, some were quickly laid along the bottom of the trench; then the long pudding was laid on the top of them and then some more stones at the sides and on the top.

Some girls had brought heaps of leaves to lay over the top to keep the heat and steam in, and the earth which had been dug out of the trench was thrown over the top.

• The cooks and pudding makers all went to sleep and left the stars to watch their cookery. Next morning at 8 the whole village was astir, men, women and children all in holiday attire.

It was soon uncovered and was found t be well done. Long poles were brought and laid the whole length. These were fastened to the pudding by small vines, canes, etc. It was then rolled out of the trench on one side, short sticks were made fast crosswise to the poles, and all was ready for taking up: About 100 men and boys then raised it

on their shoulders, and with one tremendous shout started toward my house, ac companied by the whole village. I measured it before carving and found

it was 204 feet long-two feet longer than the monument of London is high. It measured 13 inches in circumference. It was soon carved into pieces four yards long, and these were distributed all over the land, men carrying as much pudding as their strength would allow to distant villages.—English Exchange. from \$1.00 to \$12.00 each.

A Joke on the Proprietor young newspaper man working his way east from Denver tells of some amusing incidents of his experience in a city which is one of Denver's rivals. The news paper on which he worked was owned by an old fellow who had worked his way from poverty to proprietorship and whose

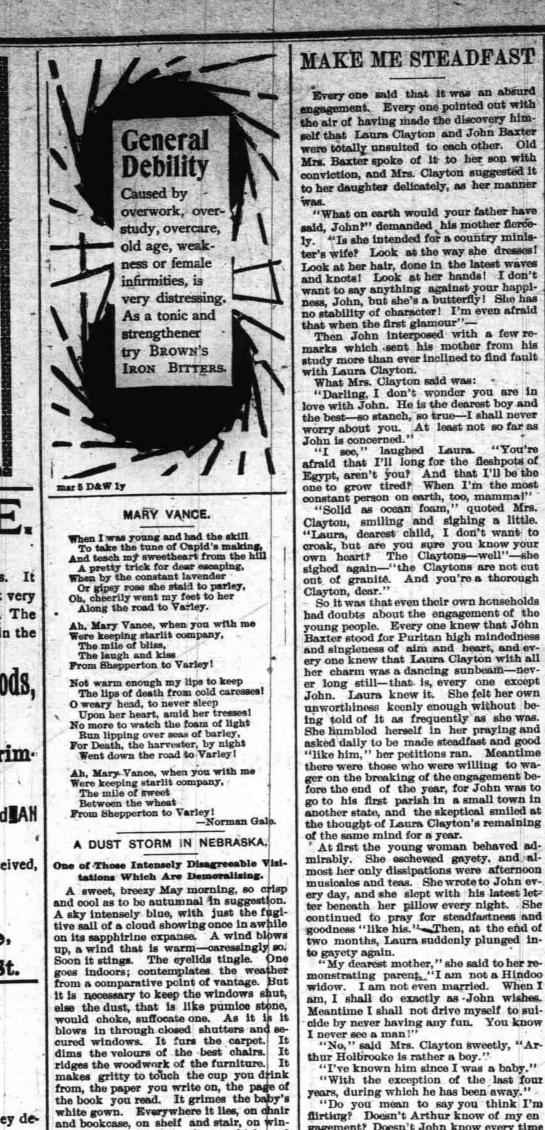
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proprietorship of a newspaper was acquired under a mortgage foreclosure. As soon as the old man got hold of the property he began to look around to find out where he could save a few dollars in the running expenses. Several weeks passed before he ventured a suggestion. Said he: "Do you know that fellow in the



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- Christ's sufferings are a rebuketo our softness and self-pleasing. It is not indeed wrong to enjoy the comforts and the pleasures of life, but we are too terrified to be parted from them. and too afraid of pain and poverty .- James Stalker.

- I hope we shall educate the people until a soul's inheritance as an immortal being, with the universe of God at his feet, shall count for more in the thought of his heart than all the gold and all the glory of the world,-J. H. Vincent.

- Kind words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips. We never have heard of any mental they do not cost much, yet they accom-plish much. They make other people good natured. They also produce their ows image on men's souls, and a beautiful/image it is. We have not yet begun to use kind words in such abundance as they ought to be used .- Pascal.

## TWINKLINGS.

- Irishman (at the telephone)-Sind me up tree bales of hay and wan bag of oats.

Feed Dealer-All right. Who for ? Irishman-There now, don't get gay. For the horse, av coorse .- Kansas City Times.

- Fuddy-Frasher has the reputation of being a great wit, but for my part I can't see anything bright in his

Dudley-That's queer. Why his jokes have been used by the greatest wits that ever lived .- Boston Transcript.

- She-Your wife reminds me a great deal of my sister who is in Australia.

He-She reminds me a great deal of her first husband, who is Lord knows where.-Pick Me-Up.

- The elephant seized a wisp of hay, waved it in the air, and defuly inserted it in his mouth.

"Have you noticed." he said, turning to the camel, "that the style of ladies" sleeves for 1896 is shaped exactly like my trunk?"-Chicago Chronicle.

- Benny Bloobumper-" Papa, can we cat time?"

Mr. Bloobumper-" Certainly not-Benny. That is a very silly question." Benny Bloobumper-"But the brakeman called out, 'Twenty minutes for dinner.'"-Judge.

- A lady teacher in one of the Machias schools, in trying to explain the meaning of the word slowly, illustrated it by walking across the floor. When she asked the class to tell her how she walked she nearly fainted when a boy at the foot of the class shouted: 'Bow-legged, ma'am."-Maise Papers.

A severe electric and wind storm Friday night did damage at several points in North Carolina. A man named Cates was killed by lightning at Hillsboro. There was heavy hail at many points.

EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW THAT ERY DAD VEGETABLE .

little room up stairs-the fellow wh works with a pair of shears and a paste "Why, yes; that is Tompkins, the exchange editor," said the manager. "Tompkins? Yes, that's his name. Well. you want to keep your eye on him. In

fact, if you take my advice you'll give him the grand bounce next pay day." "Why? He is one of the best men on the

"Don't you believe it. I have been watchin him unbeknownst for days, and I give you my word 'n honor he don't do a thing from sun to sun except sit there with his fest cocked up and read newspa pers. Fire him! He is soldiering, an you

can bet on it." With great difficulty the manager made the irate proprietor understand that it was the business of the exchange editor to read newspapers and that the more he read the better his work was likely to be .- Chicago Times-Herald.

How One Should Shake Hands. Few of those who shake the hands of public men en occasions of receptions held in their henor realize the effect of this

process if long continued upon the perso who submits to it. Inquiry of them would often elicit the fact that there were swollen hands or strained muscles and badly afflicted nerves as its result. Presiden Polk had an experience of this kind which led him to study into the art of shaking hands for his own protection, and this is his conclusion with regard to it, set down

in his private diary: . "If a man surrondered his hand to be shaken by one horizontally, by another perpendicularly and by another with a strong grip, he could not fail to suffer se verely from it, but if he would shake and not be shaken, grip and not be gripped, taking care always to squeeze the hand of his adversary as hard as the adversary squeezes him, he would suffer no inconven

ience from it. I can generally anticipate a strong grip from a stronger. man, and I then take advantage of him by being quicker than he and selzing him by the tip of his fingers."

This has the obvious advantage o demonstrating cordiality on the part of those who thus heartily grasp hands held out to them.-Boston Herald.

His Papers Hai.ded Up.

She was the daughter of a judge, and she listened with languid interest to his

"I love you devotedly," he declared passionately. "I am, prepared to devote my life to you."

"Be specific in your pleading," she cautioned. "Do not stray too far from the point at issue."

He hesitated, and then asked earnestly: "Will you be my wife?" "Ah," she said, "now I see the point

ou wish to make!" "I am not rich," he urged, "but I have mough to give you a comfortable home. and my prospects are bright. I offer you the love of an honest man, who will do all in his power to make, you happy. I"-She stopped him by a gesture.

"It is useless to continue at present," she said firmly, but kindly. "There are several cases ahead of yours on the docket." "But," he protested, "I want"-She stopped him again.

"I must insist that these matters be taken up in their regular order," she said "Put your proposition in writsharply. ing and file it with my maid, and it will receive due attention when it is reached in the regular course of business. I haven't time to listen to oral arguments in a case that can as well be presented in briefs." He went and put in his time until late

that night preparing a petition for a re-hearing.-Chicago Post. Go Nicely With Roast Captives.

War is a frightful thing under all cir umstances, and some of the most dread ful wars have been waged on the most useless to curjosity medical and scientific, only who need it. A despairing man, who had applied to us, soon after wrote: "Well, I tell you that first day is one I'll never forget. I just bubbled with joy. I filmsy and foolish pretext, even if they had a pretext at all. But probably no stranger reason for war or peace was ever recorded than has been noted by a French governor





dow ledge and picture frame, thick and soft as pale brown velvet. As the sun goes up it grows hot—hotter. The wind from Kansas, blowing up scorchingly, is a fierce fever of kisses-kisse that, like a courtesan's, burn, blight and disenchant The sky has darkened. Is it going to rain-by any blessed mischance? No; the darkness is that of dust-dust in little, long, wavelike currents on the country roads; dust rising in whirls, the spirals o which are shaped like waterspouts; dust which surges up with a sullen roar, which hangs a thick, dun pall between earth and heaven, which makes darkness at 5 o'clock in May, which sifts in on your pillow all night long to the tune of a vagrant and accursed wind, which dries your throat, grits between your teeth and colors your dreams, which lies upon your garment in the morning and shows on your hag gard face. You rise, bathe, dress. You are deceived by an abrupt, a sudden, a de-lightful lull, which lasts perhaps two or three hours. But before noon it begins all over again. Repetition! revenge! resignation! the clock seems to tick. The first is inevitable. The second is impossible. The third-they say St. Lawrence suggested a turn on the gridiron during his martyrdom. Those who endure the torture of a summer in a small western town, where a sprinkling cart is an un-known institution, never make a similar demand. For the heat is enveloping; and they are roasted in the most prompt, uni-form and impartial manner imaginable.----Chicago Tribune. Tyndall's Alpine Experience I remember Professor Tyndall describ-ing one highly critical situation in which he found himself on the occasion of a solitary ascent of Monte Rosa. Nothing could be more rash, for the man who crosses a snowfield alone always exposes himself to the chance of perishing miscrably in a con-cealed crevasse, whereas, if roped to a cou-ple of companions, he is practically safe from this risk. However, Tyndall had successfully made his way to the top, having escaped the dangers of the glacier and conquered the difficulty of the final arete, and he was basking in the glorious sun shine which lighted up the Italian valleys far below, when, as he sat, he saw his ax, which he had placed by his side, gliding away over the snow. If it had fallen, nothing on earth could have brought him down alive. No human being could descend those steep slopes of ice alone without the help of an ax. The anxiety of the moment was tremen dous, for it was out of his reach, and he could only gaze passively at it as it slid to the edge of the little plateau and nearly dis-appeared from view. Not quite, however, for the ax head buried itself in a ledge a Wilmington, N C. ew inches below and fortunately stuck there. The professor said it was his narrowest escape in many years of climbing, and he never again ascended a snow mountain alone.-Blackwood's Magazine. A Cosmopolitan City. Here's an episode from real life, which clearly demonstrates the cosmopolitan character of the metropolis. An Italian sent an American lad to a Chinaman for his laundry. The American gave the Chinaman a 50 cent piece. John bit on it and said: "Counterfeit. You gettee in tlouble. Me keepee," and put it in his pocket. The Italian then called and started o give the Chinaman a beating. A Greek left his oyster stand to act as peacemaker. The Italian drew a razor, and the Greel shied a bottle of cayenne pepper at him, which struck a Hebrew. A negro who was passing shouted, and an Irishman in the uniform of a policeman arrested the fighting congress of nations and took them to court, which was presided over by a German police justice.-New York Letter. Question of Relative Enduran Farm Crops and Processes The third for the termination of termination of the termination of termin

flirting? Doesn't Arthur know of my en agement? Doesn't John know every time I see Arthur? You are horrid to me, main-

'My dear," sighed poor Mrs. Clayton, 'I beg your pardon for seeming to interfere. I only want you to do nothing that you'll regret.' Whereupon Miss Laura flounced ont of

the room and wept over John's fortunate glass incased photograph for awhile Then she went to walk with Arthur Hol brooke and told him her theories concerning friendship between men and women. Meantime Mrs. Baxter wrote letters. The more Laura found companionship of one sort and another essential to he happiness the more she despised the light nature she had always been credited with and the more ardently she desired those severe. Spartan virtues which her lover possessed. She grew morbid in the desire to be like him. She distrusted her most fleeting interests, her most cursory fancies She strove with all the force of her undis ciplined nature to make herself a person of one idea, and failing signally she con demned herself. Her letters to John were strange, self accusatory affairs which, add-ed to his mother's epistles, destroyed the young man's peace of mind most effectually. Relying on his own strength of character, never doubting for an instant the unshakable nature of his regard for Laura, he began going for temporary comfort to one Miss Dorothea Granby, a mem ber of his altar guild, and a girl rather given to wearing silver crosses and other ecclesiastical jewelry. . . . . . . . "Why doesn't Arthur Holbrooke come

here any longer?" demanded Mrs. Clayton of her daughter one day. Laura looked up strangely white and

"I sent him away," she said indifferent-"My dear! Then it came to that?" "Yes.'

"Are you regretting it, Laura, dear?" asked her mother gently. "No."

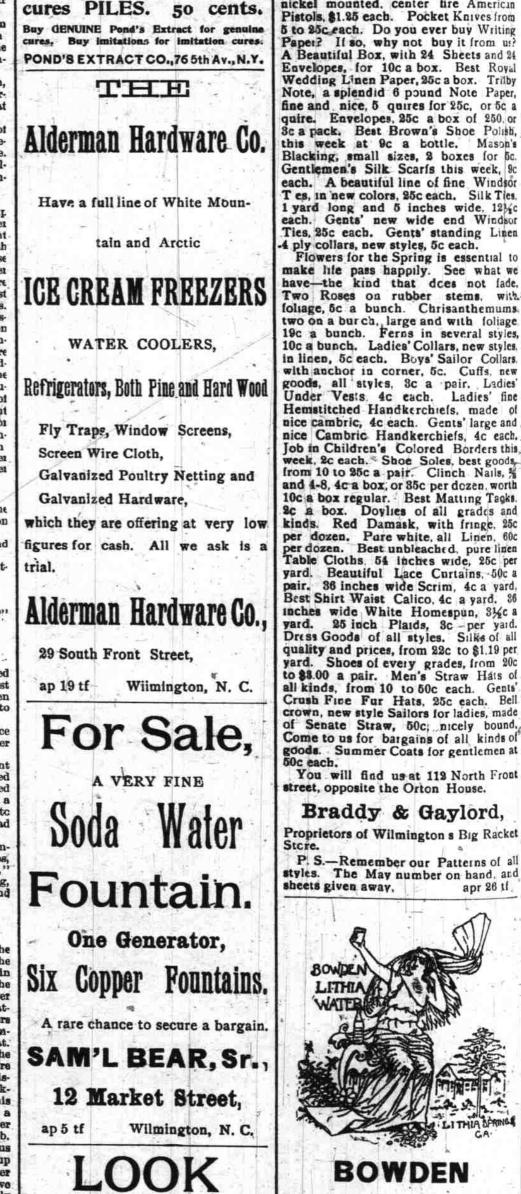
"You didn't care for him?" "No."

"I am so glad. Poor boy!" remarked Mrs. Clayton. "But, darling, you must not send him away out of a mistaken sense of loyalty. It would be a wrong to John, you know"-"Don't," cried Laura, burying her face

in her hands, and then she handed her mother a letter.

John released her from the engagement which all reports, her own included, agreed to be an irksome one to her. John begged her not to blame herself. It had been a mistake on both sides. He was more to blame than she, and Dorothea Granby had helped him to discover his fault. That night, when she prayed, unconciously the old prayer rose to her lins. 'Make me steadfast and good, like him,' she whispered, and then, remembering, she buried her face in the coverlid and cried .- Nev York World.

When Stambuloff Held the Bank. I had looked in late after dinner at the British agency, expecting only to find the usual skittle billiards and backgammon in progress. To my surprise I found the cardroom more crowded than I had even seen it before. Not only the usual attaches, but a bevy of ministers and officers were crowded around the table. M. Stan buloff was taking a bank at baccarat. There must have been over £500 in the bank, besides a stack of I O U's-more or less worthless. The banker's eyes glistened in a way which showed he was taking the game very seriously. He kept his hands over the pack, clutching it in a nervous way, which would certainly never have been permitted in any French club. He twisted the cards out with a curious jerk, and when he had to turn a card up he slapped it violently-I suppose in order to show he was in high spirits. I have never known him to talk so much. Usually he was the most taciturn of men.



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