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THE LITTLE HOUSE.

The little house is medest, and 'tis bidden by the branches Of the sheltering trees that hover o'er

its roof so old and brown. And the sunshine streams upon it in golden flood of glory.
Like a flicker of God's eyelid, sending benedictions down.

The flowers grow about it, fragrant violets and roses, And the sparrows chirp and twitter, making music in the caves, The morning glories clamber all around

its doors and porches, And the honeysuckle 'round the gate fragrant garland weaves.

In its prim, old fashioned garden, dear old fishioned blooms run riot, There the hollyhocks stand stiffly and sedately in a row. There the pink and the sweet william. and the larkspur and the lilac,

Shed their spicy odors on the air when

summer winds are low.

When our feet are worn with walking on the rocky roads of travel, Thro' the City of Confusion, down the Vales of Toil and Care, When our only prayer is for that peace the world can never give us.

O, our bruised hearts, and stricken, will be sure to find it there. When at last we reach the pathway that

leads upward to its threshold, When we gain its sacred portal by long and weary route, We will find the gate wide open to give welcome to the wanderer. And the door is ever ready with the

latchstring hanging out. We may linger in the mazes of the City -of Confusion, Thro' the "palaces of pleasure" we may long have wished to roam, But our steps will soon turn backward to the brown and gnarled roof tree Where love's beacon light is shining-

-New Orleans Picayune.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

for the little house is home.

- How many people there are who are ready to do good; but the trouble is to get them to make a start.

- One of the highest of spiritual luxuries is the enjoyment of pure and exhilarating and sublime thoughts .-

- I have sped over much land and sea, and mingled with much people, but never yet could find a spot unsunned by human kindness .- Tupper.

- Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered; for they are gone forever .- Horace Mann.

-It is when great truths have struck great men that great movements have started forth. Every truth of whatever size has breezes for mental sai's whenever they are unfurled .- Tilden

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The Meekly Star.

TO A COQUETTE. Her wit is like some diamond bright Wherein rare powers combined "Tis brilliant as a flash of light;

So, lovely lady, we must part.

I give it up! Goodby!

Toxas Sifter.

'Twere vain in me to try To keep thy hollow, fickle heart-

Larry Chittenden, "Poet Ranchman,"

MILK A NUTRITIVE.

A Medical Man Who Existed For Thirty

Days on Sweet Milk.

A medical man expresses the belief that

person could live for any length of time

and take heavy exercise all the while on no

He wanted to establish the fact that per-

sons convalescing from sickness may grow

stronger with no other nutriment than

sweet milk, and that they are not obliged

to take "something solid" to eat, as so many people imagine. He holds that many

a convalescent has gone into his grave as a

result of overtaxing his weak stomach by

putting "solid" food into it, and he main-

tains that the old belief as to bread being

the first essential of human life is shown

His test was to live 30 days with only

sweet milk as a nourishment. In the whole

time he lost 51/2 pounds in weight, but no

strength. He even attributes the loss of

weight to the warmth of the weather and

to excessive exercise on the bicycle and

the daily manipulation of 16 pound dumb-

bells and other heavy weights. He took

more exercise than usual in order to test

the thing fairly. On the seventh day of

skillful manner, but was beaten in each

On the thirtieth day he again pitted

himself against the same runner and got

would tend to confirm his statement that

he lost no strength during the 30 days'

test. He drank four pints of milk daily for the last week. He thinks a healthy

person should take about five pints of

milk daily when no other food is being

taken. His practice was to drink milk at

intervals for two hours during the day,

commencing at 7 o'clock in the morning

and continuing until 10 at night. After

that he would take no more until the next

man being has more or less to undergo

who has any influence whatever in the

world. How much more deeply may the

responsibility bite when the sorrows of a

and dearest-hinge on the folly of a delib-

erate act of perhaps many years back, when

two people, choosing each other for better

or worse, have bullt up a home and house-

hold to depend on them and their relation

Those who marry despite remonstrance,

saying, "It is no one's affair save ours,"

speak in the obstinacy of an almost inten-tional blindness, for they have only to look

back and forth—in the family history per-haps—to see where here and there and in

the other place the deliberate infusion of

bad blood or weak will or victous instincts

has swept a whole generation out of its in-

herited place. No man may live or die

alone, and least of all may a man marry

alone. In that one tie are twisted strands

that run back into the past and forward

into the future. When the unhappily mar-

ried begin to see miserable and farreach-

ing conditions arising, it is impossible that

they should not remember that all is re-

sultant upon their own act, which need

never bave been, and with the thought the

iron enters more deeply.—Harper's Bazar.

An Explained Ghost.

This is a true English ghost story of an

proposentional kind. A young lady ar-

rived late at night on a visit to a friend.

She awoke in the darkness to find a white

figure at the fact of the bed. While she

watched, the Ledelothes were suddenly

whisked off and the apparition vanished.

After an anxious, not to say chilly night,

the visitor went down with little appetite

to breakfast. At the table she was intro-

duced to a gentleman, a very old friend of

the family, who had, she learned, also been

sleeping in the house. He complained of

the cold. "I hope you will excuse me,"

he said to the hostess, "but I found it so

cold during the night that, knowing the

room l'ext mine was unoccupied, I took

the liberty of going in and carrying off the

pedeloties to supplement my own." The

com, as it happened, was not unoccupied,

but he never learned his mistake. - San

The Ladies of Llangollen.

carance. Lady Eleanor, the stronger

minded of the two, is described as being

small, brisk, plump, with a round, fair

face and glowing health, when they first came to Llangollen, while her friend was

tall and fair, with a graceful, elegant fig-

ure, a beautiful face and sweet, womanly

features. They adopted a costume at once

comfortable, serviceable, and at the time

becoming, from which they never varied.

with stiffly starched neckcloth, a gentle-man's lat and boots, and a profusion of

rings and brocches. On special occasions

Lady Eleanor wore somewhat conspicuous

ornaments-the cordon of the Order of St.

Louis and a golden lily almost of natural

size, presents from the Bourbon family. -

NEED FOR SLEEP.

The Most Important Compensation For

All Effects of Fatigue.

tion for all effects of fatigue is sleep.

Everybody, even the man mentally most

inert, develops when awake a mass of

mental effort which he cannot afford

continuously without suffering. We

need, therefore, regularly recurring pe-

riods in which the consumption of men-

tal force shall be slower than the con-

tinuous replacement. The lower the de-

gree to which the activity of the brain

sinks the more rapid and more com-

The mental vigor of most men is usu-

ally maintained at a certain height for

the longest time in the forenoon. Evi-

dence of fatigue come on later at this

time of day than in the evening, when the store of force in our brain has been

already considerably drawn upon by the

whole day's work. If no recovery by

sleep is enjoyed or it is imperfect, the

es will invaris

themselves evident the next day in a

depression of mental vigor, as well as

in a rise in the personal susceptibility

to fatigue. The rapidity with which one

of the persons I experimented upon could

perform his task in addition sank about

a third after a night's journey by rail-

way with insufficient sleep. Another experimenter could detect the effects of

keeping himself awake at night in a

gradual decrease of vigor lasting through

four days. This observation was all the

more surprising because the subject was

not conscious of the long duration of the

disturbance and was first made aware of

it incidentally by the results of contin-

ned measurements on the causes of the

manifestations of fatigue. - Popular Sci-

ence Monthly.

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the experiment he ran several fast races in

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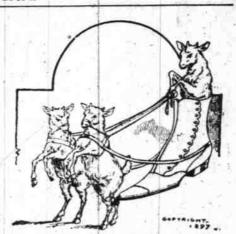
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BATTLE OF THE NILE.

ITS EFFECT AND ITS INFLUENCE WERE FARREACHING.

The Continent of Europe Was Convulsed From End to End When the News Was Known - Honors and Congratulations Were Showered Upon Nelson.

Of 18 French ships of the line all but two were taken or destroyed. The fleet was annihilated. "Victory," said Nelson justly, "is certainly not a name strong enough for such a scene as I have passed. In completeness of immediate results upon the field no fleet action has ever equaled the battle of the Nile. Upon the fortunes of the particular enterprise which elicited it-Bonaparte's oriental expedition-the effect was absolutely decisive. It became impossible, and was by experience demonstrated to be impossible, to afford to the expeditionary force the renewal of men and supplies, upon which depended not only the prosecution of the undertaking, but even

the maintenance of the position already The influence of the battle of the Nile was more farrenching still. The contipent of Europe became convulsed from end to end as soon as the news was received. Elated by Bonaparte's career of victory in Italy and by the submission of Austria to terms of peace, the French government had entered upon a course of arrogant aggression toward other countries-of which the unprovoked Egyptian expedition was only one example-that had aroused the wrath of all nations. Even the United States was forced from its attitude of be nevolent neutrality, which had depended upon the tradition of the war of independence and the adoption by France of republican institutions. The general resentment in Europe was

however, curbed by experience of the might

of the French revolutionary movement and of the French armies when wielded by a man like Bonaparte, and there was wanting the demonstration of some power capable of imposing an absolute check upon their future progress. The battle of the Nile gave such a demonstration. As Nelson said, it was more than a victory; it was a catastrophe. The French fleet was annihilated, the Mediterranean passed into the absolute control of Great Britain the flower of the French army and the in vincible Bonaparte were cut off hopelessly from France. Turkey, previously overawed by the fleet, declared war in a month. Austria, Russia and Naples had already drawn together in coalition. They were emboldened, as the permanence of the conditions due to the battle became evident, to pursue their military enterprises upon a scale which brought the re public to the brink of ruin, from which i was saved only by the unexpected and fortuitous return of Bonaparte and his accession to supreme power a year later. Before the year 1798 expired a combined Russian and Turkish fleet entered the Mediterranean from the Black sea and undertook to wrest the Ionian islands from France. In India the movements against the British domination which had been fo mented by French negotiations, and which Bonaparte expected to foster, fell stillborn when the disaster became known there. Nelson, aware of the importance of the news to British interests, had at once dispatched a special messenger overland to Bombay.

The general satisfaction, not ultation, was shown by the honors and rewards showered from all sides upon the victor. The sultan and the czar, the kings of Sardinia and of the two Sicilies, sent messages of congratulation and rich presents, the czar accompanying his with an autograph letter. On the part of his own country, the two houses of parliament voted their thanks and a pension of £2,000 a year. The East India company by a gift of £10,000 acknowledged the security gained for the Indian possessions. Other individual corporations took appropriate notice of the great event, instances so far apart as the cities of London and Palermo and the island of Zante, showing how wide-

spread was the sense of relief. In titular rank Nelson was raised to the lowest grade of the peerage as Baron Nelson of the Nile. Indignant comment was made in some quarters upon the inade quacy of this advancement to the brilliancy and importance of the service done. The ministry justified its action upon the technical ground that, though no superior was within 2,000 miles of Aboukir, Nelson was nevertheless a subordinate flag officer, not a commander in chief.

Not least gratifying to him, with hi sensitive appreciation of friendship and susceptibility to flattery, must have been the numerous letters of congratulation he received from friends in and out of the service, and especially from men whose eminence and professional standing made their praise a sound criterion for the calm after judgment of mankind. Besides many other officers of character and reputation the three great admirals, Lords Howe, Hood and St. Vincent, the leaders of the navy in rank and distinguished service, wrote to him in the strongest terms of admiration. The latter two did not hesitate to style the battle the greatest achievement that history could produce, while Howe's language, more measured, was so only be cause, like himself, it was more precise in characterizing the special merits of the action and was therefore acknowledged by Nelson with particular expressions of pleas ure .- "Nelson In the Battle of the Nile," by Captain A. T. Mahan, in Century.

A SEA ABOVE THE CLOUDS. Extraordinary Superstition Once Preva

lent In England. The curious superstition that there is an ocean above the clouds is illustrated by the following strange story by an old English writer: "One Sunday the people of a certain village were coming out of church on a thick, cloudy day, when they saw the anchor of a ship hooked to one of the tombstones-the cable, which was tightly stretched, hanging down from the air. The people were astonished, and while they were consulting about it suddenly they saw the rope move as though some one labored to pull up the anchor. The anchor, however, still held fast by the stone, and a great noise was heard in the air, like the shouting of sailors. Presently a sailor was seen sliding down the cable for the purpose of unfixing the anchor. When he had just loosened it, the villagers seized hold of him, and while in their hands he quickly died, just as though he had been drowned. "About an hour after the sailors above, hearing no more of their com-

rade, cut the cable and sailed away. In memory of this extraordinary event the people of the village made the hinges of the church doors out of the iron of the anchor." It is further stated that these hinges "are still to be seen there," a bit of evidence much like Munchausen's rope wherewith he once climbed to the moon. If you doubted the story, you were confronted with the rope. There is another queer tale about this aerial ocean. "A merchant of Bristol," it is said, "set sail with his cargo for Ireland. Some time after, while his family were at supper, a knife sudden ly fell in through a window on the table. When the merchant returned and saw the knife, he declared it to be his own and said that on such a day, at such an hour, while sailing in an unknown part of the sea, he dropped the knife overboard, and the day and the hour were found to be exactly the time when it fell through the window." All of which was once implicitly believed by many and regarded as incontrovertible proof of the existence of a sea above the sky. One is at a loss to conjecture how that "unknown part of the sea" connected with the rest of it. A physical geography showing this would be

To the poet, to the philosopher, to the saint, all things are friendly and sacred, all events profitable, all days holy, all men divine.- Emerson

The man who has not passionate local attachments can never become patriotic in any broad or generous sense. -American Friend.

no small curiosity. - Boston Post.

PROFITABLE SWEEPINGS. How a Londoner Makes Use of Discarded

I claim to be the proprietor of the very cheapest shop in London, and without me some of the poorest of the poor would have to go even shorter of the necessaries of life than they do at present. The majority of my things are of first class quality, and I retail them at often less than half the price of the most inferior stuff on the market, and make a handsome profit too. How do I man-

I am what you might term a river marine store dealer. Every day upon the falling tide I proceed down the river with my small barge and boat and make my way to any ship or craft which has just discharged, or is discharging, her cargo. The sweepings of the ship are what I trade in. When a ship arrives at its desti-

nation, no matter what cargo she has, the owner of the cargo engages extra men to help the sailors get it out. While this work is in progress part of the cargo-more especially if it is in bags—is sure to get spilled about the hold and deck. When the ship has finished discharging her cargo, the sailors sweep her out to make ready for the next cargo, and the results of the sweepings are their perquisites.

The vessels which I like to buy from most are those which contain eorn and those which have a general cargo of dry goods. As regards the returns, they both pay very well. But there is far more chance of finding something in the latter cargo which will give me a better assortment. For instance, I bought a bag of sweepings once which contained lump sugar, haricot beans, maize, split peas, nuts of nearly every description, candles, nails, two bottles of ink and a packet of writing paper.

Some years ago I was offered a cask containing something unknown that had been picked up at sea. I gave 5 shillings for the lot, and took it away. I noted the name on the cask, and during the same evening asked a friend if he knew anybody who would buy the contents of the cask. He never said one word as to the nature of the stuff to me, but must have gone straight to the police station, for within half an hour there were nearly a dozen policemen at my place, demanding to know where the cask of dynamite was which I had offered for sale. At the time these policemen arrived there were over 40 pounds lying in front of the fire to dry!

Quite the reverse from this, however, was a cask I bought from a bargeman for half a crown. It contained what I thought to be a lot of dirty pieces of marble, and was picked up on the beach near Dungeness. I placed it in the store and thought no more about it until some three months later, when my son told me he had sold it for £30 to a gentleman who had come to fetch some oil I had previously sold him. I afterward ascertained that it was a cask of the best india rubber in a raw state, and its value was about twice what the gentleman gave for it. But I was very well satisfied, considering I disposed of it at the rate of 23.300 per cent, returnable

in three months. Tea and coffee are sometimes not very clean, but there is not always any injurious dirt mixed up with them. I sell nothing that is not pure, and have a printed card hang-

ing in the shop to that effect. Most of the maize, barley and other grain I sell as mixed corn for poultry food. But the beans and the best part of the wheat pass through a sifting machine, containing 30 sieves of various sizes. The wheat is then sent to the mill and ground, after which I turn it into bread. This I can sell at a profit at half the

usual price. No. I do not think my peculiar trade encourages pilfering. The profits do not allow of that. At the present time I am open to buy anything under the sun, from the loose cement which falls out of the bags to the pieces of straw which are always to be seen lying about after a carefully packed cargo.-London

Answers. SILKWORMS OF LEBANON.

How They Are Cultivated In the Mountains of Tripoli. Harry Fenn, the artist, has written a paper, entitled "Silk and Cedars," for St. Nicholas, describing his visit to the famous mountains of Lebanon. Concerning the silk industry, which plays such an important part in the lives of the natives, Mr. Fenn says: As the time approaches for the silkworm to hatch out the egg the family move out of the house and camp under the trees, giving up the entire establishment to the worms, after having placed the eggs on shelves made of a reedlike bamboo. At first the young worms are fed on finely chopped leaves, but as they grow larger the leaves need only be broken in two. The people have to feed and watch the worms night and day, or they wander in search of food and get lost, and in the silences of the night the sound of the worms feeding

is like a gently falling rain. The worms fast three or four times during this period, and about 24 hours is the length of each fast. A curious feature about their fast is their posture. They assume the attitude of a cobra snake about to strike and remain rigidly fixed in that position for the entire period. When they are ready to spin, small branches are placed on the shelves, and as the cocoons are formed upon them the dead twigs seem to bear olden fruit. When the worms get through that part of the business, the neighbors are called in-something as to an old fashioned New England apple paring bee. They call it "qtaf" in Arabic-that is "picking," and soon you see piles of pale green, pure white and golden yellow cocoons heaped upon the floor. Later they may be spun into hanks, but usually the coccoons are sent down the mountains to Tripoli or Damascus, and after their 80 or 40 days of toil they, too, often have to sell the produce for next to nothing, as the Chinese are always ready to undersell them. Another curious use Mr. Silkworm is put to is to soak him in vinegar for

some hours, after which he is drawn out into so called "catgut" to make snells or leaders for fishhooks. The willow has such wonderful vitality that, even when the interior is so far gone from decay that only the shell of the tree

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