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> AN UGLY OLD WOMAN. GORDON NOEL HURTEL.

I saw her walking slowly Adown the street alone, She tottered, weak and faltering. With footsteps feeble grown.

Amid the throng that met her Not one had friendly smile, We le all cast curious glances Upon her ancient siyle.

A poor, forgotten relic Of some dead vesterday, Whose friends had all departed From life's uncertain way. And she was left deserted. For Pitv's bumble plea,

Upon the cruel sea. The many hard lined wrinkles, That seamed her uply face. Ol woman's softened beauty

Live wieckage which is tossing

Left not a single trace. Her sanken eyes, half blinded. D wn at the psyement stared At if for those around ber Sae neither felt nor cared.

The queer, old fashioned bonnet Hair hid her straggling bair; The shapby dress showed plainly The signs of constant wear. So lonely, o'd and ugly-I watched her, and I thought:

With what dear joys, I ve wakened Can life for you be fraught? Y u live with mere existence, The heart within the breast Can only messure moments

Which cheat the soul of rest, The Reaper, he has spared you, And why I'd like to know? A sheaf that storms have blas e ! Should by the s ckie go. Why left, when none will miss you,

None mourn or shed a tear; N . tender hands twine res s To deck the griefl is bie? Por foiterer og lite's journey, By time unklodly led. Il none cares for you living Was'ii weep when you are dead?

Three cime a living answer A little child was toddling. With love-lit smile, to meet The woman old and ugly: Two chubby arms were pressed Ab ut ber, while the kisses The wrinkled face caressed.

The baby lips were lisping. Those strangers to deceit: "Me loves 'ou, darlin' tause 'ou Is poor i'ul and sweet." Dear God. 'tis love lends glory To earth since Eten's tall; I s touch illumes the halo

That beautifirs us all.

-Atlanta Constitution. SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

- It we try to please everybody, we shall soon have the respect of no - God needs Daniels, and Jo-

- God educates us by his word, by the Spirit and by the events of providence These three never clash.

sephs, and Enjihs to day as much as he

-- When a men is no longer afraid, but is prepared to welcoms whatever comes because he sees in it the appointment of a loving Father, why, then,

he is in a happy state. - Plato thought that virtue is likeness to God according to the measures of haman power. Christ teaches this lik-ness s according to the measure of God's power in us.

- Greatness consists not in occupying a more prominent position than one's neighbor. It consists in being just the letter God wants you to be, and just the place God wants you to occupy, that you may bear just the part he intends in the whole revelation of truth and life .-Lyman Abbott D D.

- My affiction prompts me to wish my friends an uninterrupted course of health and peace My better judgmert tells me that affi ctions to those who fear God are on His pert tokens of His love and favor and with respect to themselves necessary means of promoting their growth in faith and grace .-John Newton.

- "Ail men are our brothers; and when we is jure them by lies, which cut like a snarp rezor, by specis invendos, by intrigues, by slander and calummy, by batred, malice, and all uncharitableness, by want of thought or by want of heart, by the lust of gain by neglect, by absorbing telfisbness, we are inneritors o' the spirit of the first murderer."

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AN UNHAPPY DUCHESS. Cecily of York and the Ravages of the

War of the Roses. The wars of the roses wiped out most of the nobility of England, though the plain people suffered little, and many well born mothers mourned husbands and sons slain in the wars. But few, if any of them, had such a succession of sorrows as one who might have seemed. born only to enjoy the days of her life
—Cecily, wife of Richard Plantagenet,
duke of York, and leader of the White

Cecily Nevil was granddaughter of "Old John of Gaunt, time honored Lancaster," and so great-granddaughter of King Edward III; her father was Ralph Nevil, earl of Westmorland, her mother Joan Beaufort, the Duke of Lancaster's daughter. Cecily Nevil married Richard Plantagenet when she was about 20 years old, in 1440, and they had four sons and two daughters, Edward, Edmund, George, Richard, Anne and Margaret. For 15 years no especial sorrows reached her; her sons were strong, her husband was the principal subject in the

But in 1455 the wars of the roses be gan with the bloody battle at St. Albans, on May 23, and the Earl of Stafford, the nephew of Duchess Cecily, was killed there. At Northampton, on July 10, 1460, her brother-in-law, Stafford, duke of Buckingham, was killed and the terrible fight at Wakefield on Dec. 30, 1460, robbed her at once of two nephews, a brother, a son and a husband. In the battle fell Sir Thomas Nevil and Sir Edmund Bourchier, nephews, and her husband, Richard. Immediately after the battle her brother Ralph, earl of Salisbury, was executed, and her son Edmund, earl of Rutland, only 12 years old, was murdered by John, Lord Clifford, in cold blood, in revenge for the death of his father in bat-

When sorrows came to Duchess Cecily, they did not come alone. Another nephew, Sir John Nevil, fell at Towton, March 29, 1461. Then came a breathing spell, but in 1469 Sir Henry Nevil was executed, and at Barnet, April 14, 1471, fell still other nephews -John Nevil, marquis of Montague, and Richard Nevil, earl of Warwick, famous as "the king maker." On May 4, 1471, the battle of Tewkesbury was fought, and immediately afterward Edward, prince of Wales, who, though a Lancastrian, had married the duchess' niece, the "king maker's" daughter Anne, was murdered by her sons, the Dukes of Clarence and Gloucester. They kept the killing in the family, but it was killing just the same.

Two years later, so that the duchess should not get unaccustomed to grief, her son-in-law, Thomas Holland, duke of Exeter, who had had to beg his bread in exile, was found dead on the seashere at Dover, and in 1478 her son, the Duke of Clarence, was drowned in a butt of Malmsey, his wife Cecily havng been poisoned previously. Her sonin-law, Charles the Bold, duke of Burgundy, had been killed in battle in 1477. Then there was a little respite for the poor duchess. In 1483 died her son. Edward IV, only 41 years old, the first one of her descendants to die a natural death since 1455—28 years. In the same year her two grandsons, Edward V and Richard, duke of York, were murdered by their uncle and her son, Richard, duke of Gloucester, who became king as Richard III. and in his turn was killed at Bosworth field on Aug. 22, 1485, when only 35 years old. Her sonin-law, Sir Thomas St. Leger, was executed in 1483, and a grandnephew, a second Henry Stafford, duke of Buckingham, was executed in 1487.

Except for a few small deaths, such as two husbands of a niece, Catharine Nevil, and a grandson, John, earl of Lincoln, and a grandson, Edward, prince of Wales, the duchess lost no more relatives and died peacefully in 1495. All of these four but the Prince of Wales died by violence. Of her children, Margaret, duchess of Burgundy, was the only one who survived her. During the 40 years, 1455-95, she had seen 25 of her relatives die by violence and 3 by disease.

But she herself did not rest even after death. When Henry VIII destroyed the monasteries, the Collegiate church of Fotheringay was razed to the ground, and the bodies of Richard Plantagenet and Cecily Nevil, duke and duchess of York, were exposed to view in their graves. They lay so for several years, until Elizabeth, their great-great-granddaughter, queen of England in her own right, caused them to be reinterred. with the solemnities befitting the funeral of two such distinguished persons. So Cecily Nevil, mother of two kings and grandmother of one king, having died, at last found rest .- New York

THE LOUPCERVIER. Savage and Active, He Is the Terror

Smaller Animals. "If the loupcervier, or Canadian lynx, were heavy and strong in proportion to his pugnacity and savage appearance, he would be a bad customer for man or dog to tackle, said the man from Maine. "As it is, it takes a sandy hound to do one up even if he gets him cornered, which is a hard thing to do. In point of fact, the loupcervier is a bluffer. He keeps himself pretty well in the backwoods away from the abodes of men, but when the hunter or lumberman comes unexpectedly on one the beast is by no means sure to run away. Though slight of build, the loupcervier is long legged, and when he faces a man, his eyes glaring yellow, his gray fur sticking out in all directions, his tasseled ears upright, with the ugly grin that shows his long teeth, he isn't the sort of creature that one would like to take up and fondle. If the man approach him, he will spit and snarl as if about to put up a great fight, and it is only at the last moment that he will give ground and leap away. Even then he goes no farther than he has to, sometimes darting up a tree or to the top of a high rock, where, ensconced on the defensive, the temptation is not great to follow him. In that case, if the man have a gun, of course the affair is quickly settled, but otherwise the loupcervier usual-

ly holds the fort. "To the smaller animals on which he preys the loupcervier is a terror. He is quicker than chain lightning greased and is all over the woods at once. On the ground he skirmishes for rabbits and grouse, and in the trees he captures birds and squirrels, and, more frequently, the young in their nests. He is a deadly enemy to fawns left in hiding by their mothers when they go away to browse for a dinner. Sometimes, to browse for a dinner. Sometimes, Carolina we will send for only ten when pressed by hunger, he will attack a doe, dropping on her back from the limb of a tree beneath explanations of the Catholic Church, which she passes, but the results of the experiment do not always encourage him to repeat it, for it implies an experience in bareback riding that knocks broncho breaking into the shade. But in winter, when

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE

- Salisbury Truth: There were nineteen bills of indictments drawn against the merchants of Salisbury efore our late court forselling ciga-

rettes to minors. - Rocky Mount Phanix: We regret to announce the sad death of Mrs. Alice Bone, wife of W. D. Bone, Esq., which occurred on Monday morning at 2 o'clock, at the resi dence of Mr. A. W. Arrington. Mrs. Bone went to the Methodist church Sunday night and while sitting there complained that her eye hurt. Suddenly she fell back, her left side becoming paralyzed.

- Columbus News: Mr. Tom Bright had the great misfortune to lose his dwelling house, kitchin and smoke house, and nearly all their contents, by fire Thursday night. His loss was very heavy, as his house was almost new and he had no insurance. He also had about \$75 in money, part of it in silver, in his trunk. He could not find any of the silver money nor even the iron boops on the trunk, which leads to the con clusion that his house was robbed and then burned.

- Raleigh Post: A few days since opinion of the Attorney General as to whether or not jobbers and small dealers in guano were liable for the merchants' purchase tax. To the Freasurer's inquiry, Attorney Gen eral Walser made the following reply by letter: "In reply to the letter of Jao, H. Croom & Bro., dealers in fertilizers, in regard to their liability for the purchase tax provided for in Section 22 of the Revenue Act of 1897, it is my opinion that they are lable." The Treasurer was of the opinion that small dealers in fertilizers were not liable for the tax. The merchants' purchase tax is one tenth of one per cent. Last year 3,000,000 pounds of guano were sold

in the State - Greenville Weekly: A week or wo ago little Alex Blow, son of Mr. A. L. Blow, was training for the boys' Thanksgiving circus. He was practicing turning a summersault, catchng on his feet without using his bands. He was getting it down fine when by a mishap he went down on his head. Getting up he found something wrong with his neck. His head was "way back" and he couldn't move it. He lost no time in getting tone. His mother called in the doctor and proceeded to pull him into shape, one taking hold of his teet and the other his head. His neck had been dislocated by the fall. Monday morning before day, near Fieldsboro, the barn of Mr. Fenner Fields, containing his corn, some cotton and other produce was burned. The origin of the fire is un: known, but supposed to have been incendiary. Sunday night about 11 o'clock the barn of Mr. Robert Randolph, of Belvoir, was burned. He lost about sixty barrels of corn, some fodder and other produce. Ed. Fields, a negro boy, was suspicioned. He was arrested and given a hear-

ing before Mr. D. Barrow, and sent to jail for January court in default bail. The evidence was said to have been very strong against him. He is a son of Ben Fields, convicted at Tarbero last week of murder.



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will successfully hunt the deer, which wallow hampered in the snow. William Oakes, a land surveyor in Maine, once came upon a deer which had been pursued and killed by three loupcerviers. They had driven the animal into the top of a fallen tree, where, entangled among the branches, it was an easy

the crust formed on the deep snow

will bear up the loupcervier, he,

"The loupcervier, as I have already implied, is not a cautious animal and he is less difficult to trap than most other animals of the feline kind. Fast in a trap, he will put up his back and spit and hiss at the approach of his captor, but he is easily killed with the blow of a club on the head. He is not so tenacious of life as the wildcat, and a resolute dog that is game to face his teeth and claws for the first brief round will make short work of him. But for any dog not a thoroughbred the first round is all sufficient, his sole concern thereafter being a convenient

victim

line of retreat. "A man firing at a loupcervier in a tree wants to stand well away, for if he venture within reach of his State Treasurer Worth requested an spring, with the report of his gun he may find the creature landed upon him, clawing at his face, and even if he wins he will be apt to carry souvenirs of the encounter in the shape of bites and scratches for many a day.

"With all their savage pugnacity, loupcerviers are sociable, playful creatures among themselves and often have been observed on moonlight nights in open spaces of the forest or on the ice of lakes, frolicking in groups, like kittens."-New York Sun.

HIS HOUSE IN A TREE TOP.

The Acrial Home of an American Settle In Nicaragua and Its Advantages. "I had heard of old man Wildeson's house in a tree almost from the day I set foot in Nicaragua," said T. F. Drew. "Later, when business took me to Rama, on the Rama rives, I not only saw it, but was a guest in it for a day and a night, besides taking several pleasant informal dinners and breakfasts there during my stay at Rama. That H. Wildeson is a good deal of a mechanical genius is shown in the construction of his strange aerial home. It is a three story house, built in an ebo tree 60 feet from the ground. The wood of the ebo tree is like iron for strength and solidity, so the branches make a safe and sufficient support for the structure. The house is built about the trunk, which stands in the center as the mizzenmast of a ship rises through the cabin. I recall a dinner there to which I was invited and unexpected guests arrived, so that the table ordinarily used was not large enough to accommodate us all, completely round the tree trunk. It answered the purpose very well, except that no guest could see the one opposite to him, but we had a very enjoyable dinner all

"The house, while not precisely spacious, contains a kitchen, dining room, sleeping rooms and a bathroom, supplied with water from the rain caught in the treetop and stored there in a tank. The furniture is good, though simple, ham-mocks, after the fashion of the country, taking the place of beds. To get up and down between the ground and the house an elevator is used, so constructed with blocks and tackle that the person using it raises himself or controls his descent by means of a rope. The house is built of jointed boards, firmly bound by a wire cable and further secured by wire strands

passing about the structure. "Mr. Wildeson's idea in building this lofty and novel house was to get above the malaria. It seems to answer this purpose and has other advantages. Mosquitoes and flies will seldom rise to such a height, and the house is practically free from those forms of insect and reptile life that in this country infest houses built upon the ground. It is cool in summer, and the view which it commands is superb. The owner, an old Louisiana planter, came to Rama many years ago, took up an estate and began the raising of bananas. To this he has since added the planting and culture of the rubber tree, and from this industry he bids fair to realize a fortune. He has prospered from the first and al-ready is well to do. One of his enterprises is an Joe plant, from which he supplies buyers with ice all up and down the river.

"Below his house, suspended from a limb, is his chicken house. The chickens run about on the ground through the day, picking up their living. At the end of the day they come to the elevator to be hoisted to the roost in this dangling house. A thing that struck me curiously was the sight of a 12 foot boa constrictor gliding about on the ground at the foot of the tree, climbing over the roofs of the laborers' cabins, even entering them, and in general making himself perfectly at home on

'Nobody'd think of barming him,' said the old man when I spoke to him about the big snake. 'He's perfectly harmless to any one, and he keeps the place clear of mice and moles that eat the roots of my young banana and chocolate trees. Eat hickens! Never knew him to do such a thing. Still, while they're little, I don't put temptation in his way, but keep them in a snake tight coop of wire netting." New York Sun.

WHEN GRANT VISITED JAPAN. Most Important Pageant of His Tour Was

In the Flowery Kingdom. "There was no pageant in General Grant's journey round the world more imposing than the reception given by the mikado at Japan's capital," writes John Russell Young in The Ladles' Home Journal. "The United States steamer Richmond, bearing General Grant and his party, steamed into Yokohama, the har-bor of Tokyo, escorted by the Ashuelot and a Japanese man-of-war on July 8, 1879. There was assembled a fleet of warships of

other powers. At noon the admiral's barge, flying General Grant's flag as expresident and conveying the general and wife, Prince Dati, Minister Bingham and Minister Yoshida, slowly pushed for the shore, and on the instant every naval vessel manned yards and fired the American national salute. The day was as beautiful as days of which we dream—a blue, cloudless sky, a soothing, lapping sea. The sudden transformation from this sleepy, lazy, silent summer day into the turbulence and clanger of war; the roar of cannon, the music—every band playing an American air—the manned yards, the officers on deck in full dress and saluting the bargo as it passed, the cheers of the multitude thronging the shore, the fantastic day fireworks, the cannon smoke banking into clouds, the barge moving with slow, steady

dinary scene.

As the admiralty steps were approached As the admiralty steps were approached there in waiting stood the imperial princes, the ministers and the high officials of the realm, in the splendor of their rank and station. As the general stepped on shore the Japanese guns thundered their greeting, the bands played 'The Star Spangled Banner,' and Mr. Iwakura, the venerable prime minister, advanced, and taking the prime minister, advanced, and taking the general's hand in the name of the emperor welcomed him to Japan. Reaching Tokyo after an hour in the train, the city authorities met us with an address, and the mikado's state carriage, through a continuous, double line of infantry standing at 'present,' conveyed the general to the imperial palace of Enrickwan."

troke, all formed a brilliant and extrac

A Rebuke. "I beg your pardon," said the passenger in the long linen duster, leaning over the back of the seat in front of him, "but would you mind tellin me how your nose got all knocked over to one side the way it is?"

"Not at all," cheerfully responded the passenger on the seat in front. "It was done one time when I was poking it into other folks' business."—Chicago Tribune.

THE MAGNETIC HAMMER.

A Travelor's Tale of an Uncommon Ept sode in a Country Store. "Standing one day in a country banded with several of his kind, store," said a traveler, "I saw drive up a traveling dealer who carried his stock with him, his turnout being of a kind more commonly seen years ago than now, in these days of easier railroad communication and more frequent drummers. The wagon was big and heavy, but the body hung gracefully on platform springs, the rear hanging a little lower than the forward end. The running part was stout, but well designed and finished. The body of the wagon was like a long, deep box, the top being fixed and permanent. For a space of perhaps three feet forward from the rear end the body was built up a little higher, with a vertical face at the front, down to the roof. It was as though the rear end of the wagon had been carried up a low story higher than the rest. Midway between the face of this higher rear part and the driver's seat there was another higher section extending across the roof from side to side, but narrow.

"The sides of the wagon body were paneled off. The moldings marked the spaces into which the interior was divided, and access to the compartments was had by doors in the sides and the end. The seat at the forward end of the wagon was capacious and comfortable, and there was over it a substantial leather top that would keep out any weather. Attached to this wagon there was a pair of big, good looking, well fed horses that could haul it anywhere. Take it all together, the outfit had an air of solidity, combined with no small degree of rakishness. It was an outfit such as any man might

reasonably be proud of. "I don't remember what he was selling, but it was something packed in boxes. He brought in a samplehe was a rather tall man, with a beard, with a good humored eve and a quiet manner-and the merchant bought some. Then he went out to his wagon again and brought in the goods, and he brought with him a cardboard placard which evidently he intended to put up in the store.

"Rising in the center of the store was a large, square wooden pillar supporting overhead a big cross beam, upon which, I suppose, the inner ends of the floor beams rested. When he had laid the goods down on the counter, he picked up the card that he had brought in with them and turned toward the square pillar in the center of the store. He had located it when he came in, or I guess he knew it. He and the storekeeper didn't talk very much, but I thought they seemed to know each other. No doubt he had been there before.

"The big, square post was covered with just such cards as he had brought in, tacked on all over, all around as high as a man could reach, and I couldn't see where he was going to get his card in, but he walked over to the post just as though there were plenty of room there. He took a paper of tacks out of his pocket and sifted out four into the palm of his left hand and then put them into his mouth. Then he placed his placard against the side of the post and pushed it up until the bottom of it was clear of the top of the highest card on that side. He could do this because he was pretty tall, and he was simply holding on to his card at the bottom. But I couldn't see yet how he was going to reach up to

tack it at the top. "But he trued it up on the face of the post with both hands calmly, and then, holding it with one hand, he reached into his outside coat pocket for his hammer. It was just a small tack hammer with rather a long handle. He carried the head of the hammer up to his mouth, and when he withdrew it there was a tack sticking to the face of it. The head of the hammer was magnetized, and the smooth, flat top of the head of the tack stuck to its face, the point projecting in line with the hammer's head. All he had to do was a reach up. With a single tap he drove the tack through the card at one corner away up at the top easily. Then he drove a tack through the other upper corner in the same manner, and then he drove in a cou-ple of tacks at the bottom and dropped the hammer in his pocket. Then he went out and got on his wagon and drove off."-New York Sun.

Rave at fashion and preach economy you will. It is all the better for the world that rich people should spend their money lavishly, instead of hoarding it. Every flounce on the skirt of that glittering belle, ridiculous as it may be from an artistic point of view, helps to make some dress-maker's assistant more certain of her week's work. Everything she "cannot possibly live without," though it be a gewgaw suitable for a squaw, makes it so much more certain that every shopkeeper

in the land shall prosper. So, when her father, scorning the red brick mansion in which his parents took delight, spends a year or so in elaborating a palace of white marble, he finds work for so many score of laborers who else might starve or go to the poorhouse. So that fin-ery is paid for, so that one only "buys for cash," there is more good than harm in the long run in what seems like extravagance. An unpaid debt is a theft, and theft is a crime, but honest purchases which do not first or last bring this about, and looking at the good done to the masses and not at one individual bank account, cannot be called extravagance. A miser does more harm to his fellow men than a spend thrift, and the only alarming point in the present universal show and glitter is that unlucky people with inadequate purses may seek to take a part in it at the expense of trustful tradesmen. If only the rich become extravagant, we

say hurrah, and go ahead, even if you do not leave \$1,000,000 or so to a poorhouse when you die. Your cook and cosehmi and tailor and jeweler, your wife's dress-maker, and all the host of working folk paid to minister to your farreaching whims, have no need of one.—New York Ledger. Zanesville's Joke,

Here is a choice bit of humor

which is believed to be an original

product of Zanesville: A Terrace car was "wending its way" toward the zenith ward late the other afternoon through a tremendous downpour of rain. The attention of some passen gers who were gazing idly through the windows was attracted to a woman who, out in the midst of the shower, was struggling to get a tub beneath a rainspout. "Well, now." exclaimed one of the passengers, "do look at that fool woman trying to catch soft water when it's raining hard." This may not be new, but no person to whom it has so far been related recalls having seen it in any of the almanacs.—Exchange.

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