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THE TWO WORDS.

One day a harsh word, rashly said, Upon an evil journey sped, And, like a sharp and cruel dart, It pierced a fond and loving heart; It turned a friend into a foe, And everywhere brought pain and

A kind word followed it one day, Flew swiftly on its blessed way; It healed the wound, it soothed the

And friends of old were friends again It made the hate and anger cease, And everywhere brought joy and But yet the harsh word left a trace

The kind word could not quite efface; And though the heart its love re gained, It bore a scar that long remained: Friends could forgive, but not forget,

Or lose the sense of keen regret. O if we would but learn to know How swift and sure words can go, How would we weigh with utmost

Each thought before it sought the air, And only speak the words that move Like white-winged messengers of love! -Keystone.

TWINKLINGS.

- "Mrs. Jinks is fifty and she calls herself middle aged." "Well, may be she expects to live to be 100."

—Chicago Record

-Mrs. Sniffwell-"Why, Bridget, you have been eating onions;" Brid get-"Sbure, mum, you're a moindreader."-Cigarette.

- Business on a Large Scale: Hewett-Gruet says that he is doing a big business in Chicago. Jewett—"He he sells women's shoes."-Town - "The fact is," said the fat

man, "I married because I was lonely as much as for any other reason. To put it tersely, I married for sympathy."
"Well," said the lean man, "you have mine."—Stray Stories. - De. Mittened-"The first time

I called on Miss Tartleigh she gave me her photograph." Le Fittened—"How jolly!" De Mittened—"But the last time I called she gave me her negative."—Town Topics.

- "I am proud to say that I did not spend \$100 to secure my election," said the statesman. "Yes," returned Senator Sorghum, "I meant to congratulate you before this. You certainly got a bargain."-Washington

- "I suppose you know the type of man who is always looking for trouble," remarked the philosopher "No," answered Col. Stillwell, "you see, I am from Kentucky. Down where I live nobody has to look for trouble."—Washington Star.

- Mr. Simpkins-"Give me a kiss, Bobby, and run up and tell your sister Jenny I have brought her a box of chocolate." Bobby—"Oh! when Dr. Dashing calls he always gives the sweets to me and the kiss to Jenny."

- Young Lady-"Give me one yard of-why! haven't I seen you be fore?" Shop Assistant-Oh! Maude can you have forgotten me? I save your life at the seaside last Summer."
Young Lady (warmly)—"Why, of course you did! You may give me two yards of this ribbon, please."— - Miss Pertie Goodwin-"So

youe've asked papa? It wasn't such a terrible ordeal, was, it? You didn't need to get excited, you know. All you had to do was to keep perfectly cool." The Young Man-"Cool? I was so cool you could have heard my teeth-chatter!" - Chicago Tribunc.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

- Death is the total eclipse of all life's hopes to those who have no - In my retired and solutary im-

alon .- Sir Thomas Browne. - Were Jesus to find six preach ers at one meeting, Sunday after Sunday, would he say, "The harvest is great and the laborers are few?" He

aginings, I rem-mber that I am not

might say, "Willing hands are scarce." - The fittest and most practicable place for the conquest of anger, impatience is a man's own home. Be a saint there; it does not matter so much what you are else-

where. - Mozoondar. - He only is advancing in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker, whose spirit is entering into living peace. And the true lords or kings of the earth—they and they only.—Rus-

- The men who deny the existence of sin still go on locking their doors and taking receipts. The aim of conduct, as Jesus conceived it, is not abstract saintliness, but full, rich and useful life. We are not here to spend our efforts in cultivating and nursing fome deep, hidden thing.

- He who cannot pass blamelessly through the common conditions of our life, taking them as they are, and evading none of them, is no saint of God and no savior of men. It is not to be above any human necessity, but to meet it fully and purely, that tests spiritual power.—John Hamilton

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0000000000000000000000000 They were going to make a ride to the foothills and back-Captain Cline and the colonel's daughter. That meant a gallop of 30 miles. It was straight away down the stage road for ten miles, then across scrub and plain for five more to hit the natural curiosity

called the Devil's basin. "Not an Indian has been seen this side of the range for four months," said the captain as he talked over the proposed ride with the colonel, "and the trip is perfectly safe. I will detail an escort from my own company, but It will be only for appearance's sake."

"Yes, it will be safe, and May will enjoy the gallop," said the colonel, and no more was said about it.

At sunrise all were ready to set forth As the girl stood on the veranda waiting for her horse six of the men of A troop came riding up under command of Corporal Haynes. They halted 30 feet away, and as she looked them over she gave a start of surprise, and a flush overspread her face. Next moment her cheeks went white, and she gasped as if choked for breath. The corporal's hand slowly lifted, and his head was uncovered for an instant, and Private Harkins whispered to Private

O'Brien: "And did ye see that, Jim? By smoke, but if our corporal and the colonel's daughter haven't met before then I don't know a jack rabbit from a long drink of whisky!"

"But how can it be?" asked O'Brien. "How can the grass grow, ye thick head? Don't we call Haynes the 'Gentleman Corporal?' Isn't it agreed in Troop A that he has the education and manners of any officer from West Point and that-he's seen the day when he trained with the tiptoppers?" "And they may have loved?" mused

O'Brien. "That's it, but it's all over now, me boy. If me own sister was married to the second lootenant, I'd not dare to as much as wink me eye at her. It's a big gulf 'twixt officer and man, and if the man tries to bridge it he gets dropped to the bottom. See the girl walking to and fro? She's doing some thinking, and don't ye forget it."

"And the corporal isn't a bit easy i his mind," added the other. It all took place in a minute, and then Captain Cline rode up, followed by the girl's horse. She called out a good morning and announced that she was ready, and when the captain rallied her on being a bit nervous she forced a laugh and charged him with being four long minutes behind the hour agreed. As she was lifted into the saddle she caught one more glance of the corporal, and the watchful Private Harkins again whispered to chum:

"Jim, we've got a mystery here or I'm an old woman. The girl is flushing ag'in. Who knows but what we may have a marriage between our 'Gentleman Corporal' and the colonel's daugh-

"Remember the gulf!" growled O'Brien. "I'd find a way to fly over it if I was in love."

The two riders went galloping away, followed at a distance of 100 yards by the escort. It was a beautiful morning in summer, with the blue haze lying thick over the distant mountains and an exhibaration in the air to make the blood of both horse and man tingle. Now and then the pace was slackened down a bit to breathe the horses, but no halt was made until the Devil's basin was reached. Close up against the base of Fire mountain was a natu ral dip, and in this dip, or basin, were half a dozen spouting hot water springs. There was also a circular lake which steamed and bubbled, and now and then from the crevices of the rocks at the west end of the basin steam was forced out, with the notes of a fog horn. The escort halted 40 yards from the riders, and the men sat about on the rocks and ate the break fast they had brought with them and smoked their pipes and gossiped. Meanwhile Corporal Haynes climbed to the top of a great bowlder and surveyed

the country about with his keen eyes. It was three-quarters of an hour before he suddenly started and looked fixedly into the north beyond the basin and after three or four minutes came sliding down the rock and said to the lounging troopers:

"Men, see to your arms and lie close I'm going up to report to the captain.' Captain Cline and the colonel's daughter were breakfasting on a flat topped rock overlooking the basin, while their horses were fastened to a tree near by. They saw Corporal Haynes approaching, and the captain likewise noticed that the girl flushed and became nervous. He was a single man, and, though not exactly in love with her, a spark of jealousy blazed up in his heart. The corporal's past was a sealed book to his troop commander as well as his comrades. He had been made a corporal because of his attention to duty, his soldierly carriage and the moral influence an educated man always exerts, and the captain had been rather proud of his "Gentleman Corporal." In a flash it came to him that this soldier and the colonel's daughter might have been something to each other in the past, and the thought angered him.

"Did I call you?" he harshly asked as the corporal came to a halt and sa-"No. sir," was the reply, "but thought it best to tell you that I have made out Indians beyond the basin to

"It's all nonsense. Not an Indian has been seen hereabouts for months.' "But there are Indians skulking about, sir," persisted the corporal. "I made sure of it before I came to you." "Go back to your men!" was the sul-

len reply. The corporal had looked straight at his officer and seemed unaware of the presence of the girl. She was flushing and paling alternately, and as he stood there twirling the cap he had doffed in silent recognition she protested: "But, captain, if there are Indians, there is danger. If this-this soldier

"Didn't you hear me?" shouted the captain at the lingering corporal. The corporal saluted, turned on his heel and returned to his men. The gulf between officer and man did not permit him to explain in the face of that blunt command, but when he had reached the troopers he quietly said:

saw Indians"-

"Men, I have been up to the captain to report that there is a band of at least 50 Indians skulking down this way from Red Bird pass. They have seen us and are after us. The captain doesn't believe me, and you will get ready for a fight. They'll be here within half an hour. Softly now. Just overhaul your carbines and cartridges and make no display to frighten the girl. The reds have got to flank the basin on this side, and they will have to strike us first. We've got good cov-

er, and we can stand 'em off for the day." "But when night comes?" asked one of the men, though without a tremor

"Get quietly ready," was the reply. Meanwhile there was an argument between the captain and the colonel's daughter. He sought to assure her that nothing had been seen and that

there was not the slightest danger; but, to his annoyance, she persisted in believing that there must be good grounds for the corporal's report. This annoyance made him delay matters, and nearly half an hour had passed and it was very much against the grain when he shouted for the soldier to approach and sneeringly asked:

"Well, corporal, isn't it about time your Indians showed up?" "We shall hear from them in ten ninutes." was the reply. "And they will have rabbits' ears on their heads. You have sticks in your

eves." "If we mounted now and rode fast, we would find the way open," said the corporal, with downcast eyes. "Back, you impudent vagabond!" thundered the captain, with outstretch-

ed arm. "I'll break you for this the minute we get back!" The corporal turned his gaze on the girl for a few fleeting seconds. There were anger, entreaty, love and humiliation in his eyes, while he was pale to the lips. For a second he seemed about to speak; then his head and shoulders dropped in a helpless way, and he sa-

luted his officer and retired. "Oh, Captain Cline, what makes you so harsh with him?" cried the girl as the soldier turned away. "If danger did not menace us, Robert wouldn't"-"And so you two have met before?" he asked as she checked herself. She had risen to her feet, and there

were tears in her eyes. She might have replied, but at that minute three rifle shots followed each other in quick succession, and the officer, who was just rising, received a bullet in his shoulder and sank down again. "Bang, bang, bang!" went the car bines of the troopers, and the corporal came running up the hill to seize and

say to the girl: "You must crouch down here and remain quiet. They can't get at you till they have killed the last one of us." "And is it Indians?" asked Captain

drag his officer under shelter and to

Cline as he tried to sit up. "Fully 50 of 'em, sir, and our escape is cut off. What are the orders?" "If you'd been keeping a lookout this could not have happened!" growled the captain between his teeth. "I'll have you court martialed if we ever get back. Get back to your post!"

There was cover for the skulking Indians to within a stone's throw of the bowlders, and it wasn't ten minutes before two of the troopers were killed. After the first shock of pain the captain made his way down to the men, but there were no orde. give. Every horse had been killed as he stood by that time, and a third trooper had been mortally wounded. The dullest soldier could have told that there was no escape. In his rage and pain the captain cursed loud and deep, and there were curses on his lips as he half rose to shift his position, and a bullet reached his heart. Crouching behind a bowlder and peering out now and then with staring eyes, and again covering her face with her hands and rocking her body to and fro, the colonel's daughter gasped and sobbed and waited. By and by she missed the reports

of the carbines, and the sound of footsteps echoed in her ears. "Come!" said the corporal as he lifted "Oh, Robert, and have you beaten them off?" she exclaimed. "No; my men are all dead, and the

Indians will rush us in a minute. He put his arm around her waist and assisted her to the rock on which were the remains of her breakfast The steaming, heaving, mysterious lake

was 30 feet beneath them. "Better this than that," he said as he pointed from the lake to a score of

"Yes, better this," she murmured as she took fast hold of him and put up her face to be kissed, and the savages stopped in their advance and shricked and screamed their disappointment. By and by they advanced and looked down into the lake, but it had no story

It !.ends Up to the Real Thing. "Pa. what is borrowing trouble?" "Well, lending a new lawn mower is a pretty good imitation of it."-Chicago

HOW TO LIKE WAGNER.

Scenic Accessories Are Necessary to a Perfect Realization. The strict Wagnerite refuses to hear the music of his favorite composer in the concert room. It was never intended, he will tell you, to be performed by itself, but to be played as an accompaniment to the action, for the purpose of heighterling the effect of the intensely dramatic situations coupled with gorgeous stage pictures that are inseparable from Wagner's famous ar

The most important part of a Wagner opera, according to the composer himself, is not the music, but the drama, which, indeed, the beginner should closely follow with the aid of the book of words, since the music i usually sung in German words.

The intending Wagnerite should also begin with the master's most popular works, "Tannhauser" and "Lohengrin." He will then at once recognize the familiar music he has already heard so often at concerts, and, struck by its beauties, he will attend many performances of these two. Next year he will want to hear these again, supplemented by "Tristan und Isolde," that wonderful music drama so charged with intense emotion and passion. Having heard "Tristan" and liked it, he thereupon becomes a full fledged Wagnerite in the true sense, and the season after he attends performances of the "Ring der Nibelungen," or he may make a supreme effort to get to Baireuth. From Balreuth he returns the ardent disciple of a musician whose name he terrifies his friends by pronouncing in the German fashion, not Wagner, but "Vanchkner."-London Mail.

Mexican Letter Writers. Perhaps there is no more characteristic sight in Mexico than the so called "evangelistas" who ply their trade in the Plazuela de Belem and the Plazueof Santo Domingo. Those who op

ate in the former spot make a specialty of waiting letters to the inmates of the prison for their illiterate relatives on the outside, but the "evangelistas" who may be seen any day in the Plazuela of Santo Domingo do a general business. They write love letters, blackmailing letters and all sorts of letters for those who do not know how to write at a rate of 3, 6, 9 or more cents, according to the length of the missive. They also undertake without extra charge to write the address on the envelope and to attach the required stamp, but for the latter they make an extra charge of a cent. It is hardly necessary to state that only very ignorant people, who are totally unacquainted even with the simple formalities of mailing a letter in addition to not knowing how to write, have recourse to the

evangelistas for stamps. - Mexican Herald. William Jennings Bryan announces that the first issue of his paper, The Commoner, will appear Wednes-

FATAL CRUSH IN A CHICAGO THEATRE

Panic Among the Audience Was Caused by a False Alarm of Fire.

SIX PEOPLE WEREIGKILLED

As Many More Seriously Injured Chi dren Thrown Down and Trampled to Death by Frenzied Crowd.

All Exits Blocked. By Telegraph to the Merning Star.

CHICAGO, January 12.—Six people were crushed to death and as many nore seriously injured in a panic which followed a man's cry of "fire" late this afternoon in West Twelfth street Turner Hall. About eight hundred people were in the place, gathered to witness the performance of a play entitled "The Greenhorn."

The play was in Yiddish and the au dience, comprising for the most part women and children, was all He-brews. The hall stands in the centre of a district densely populated by Jews. The play was nearly over when the cry which caused the panic was raised and within five seconds after it rang through the hall the entire audi ence was converted into a frantic mob every member of which was fighting for the safety which lay beyond the doors of the building.

The hall is frequently used for dancing, and when a theatrical performance is given chairs are set for the spectators. As soon as the wild rush toward the doors began, chairs were knecked down in every direction, the aisles disappeared and the excited people ran, climbed and stumbled over the chairs in their way toward the

Around the upper part of the hall extends a balcony which is open only at one end. Here were seated one hundred and fifty women and children, at the farther end of the balcony, away from the stairway, and seeing that the rush toward the exit was blocked to them and their children, they began at once to throw the little ones over the railing to the floor, ten feet below. The children fell into the midst of the maddened throng and were at once trampled under their feet. It is known that three of the dead were children who were thrown from the balcony and were trampled by the crowd, with not a chance for their lives. Following the children many of the women sprang from the balcony upon the crowd below and others swinging over hung by their hands before they dropped. The railing of the balcony was broken through in haif a dozen places by the pressure brought against it by the maddened crowd. On the main floor the crush was

much worse than in the balcony. The main exits from the hall and the only ones known to a majority of those who frequent the place, are two doors in the south end of the main auditorium that open upon winding stairs, which eight steps down, unite into one broader flight leading to the main door at the Twelfth street front. Around these two doors a frantic mass of screaming men, women and children or the beginning of April. was packed, all struggling flercely to winding down from the main hall unite, a woman stumbled and fell. In an instant a score of people were down, and before the rush was over four lives had been crushed out in a space four feet wide by six feet long.

Within five minutes after the begin ning of the panic it was all over and the policemen and firemen who came hurrying to the scene of the disaster. were called upon to do nothing beyond carrying away the dead and injured and keeping back the thousands of people who tried to force their way into the building. As soon as the news of the panic had spread through the district, which seemed but a very few minutes, all the Hebrews from that

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loved ones were among the dead. The crowd was so great, so excited and so unmanageable, that several calls were sent for additional officers and firemen before it could be restrained. The alarm of fire was false, there having been no blaze at any time. The furnace in the building is somewhat defective and at times allows sparks to pass up through the registers. It was the sight of these sparks rising into the room that frightened the man who raised the cry of fire. Twenty two persons are reported injured, several very seriously. Six

CHINA'S REPRESENTATIVES ORDERED TO SIGN THE NOTE

persons are missing.

Department in Washington Without Advices from Conger-The Railway Cession to China. By Cable to the Morning Star.

PEKIN, January 12.—The Chinese peace commissioners have received or ders from the court to sign the joint note of the Powers. WASHINGTON, January 12.-The State Department is still without any advices from Minister Conger, either as to the signing of the peace treaty or

to-day's report that the Chinese envoys have received orders from the court to sign. So far as the department is informed, the status at Pekin remains unchanged. The Railway Cession.

LONDON, January 12.—The Foreign Office here declares the report of the cession of the new Chwang Shan Hai Kuain railway to Russia by Lord Salisbury, as announced by the Daily Chronicle this morning, is unfounded. It points out that Great Britain has no power to cede it, as the railroad is Chinese property. Moreover, it is stipulated that it shall not be mortgaged to any foreign government or company. There have been reports that Russian agents are endeavoring to buy out the British interests, but the British government is not connected therewith. Representations have been made to Russia in behalf of the English bondholders, as the action of the Rus-

owners. A convention on this subject is now under discussion. German Opinion.

sian officials is considered to have ex-

ceeded the military requirements, and

the question of compensation will

come up when the line is restored to its

BERLIN, Jan. 12.-An official of the Foreign Office informs a representative of the Associated Press that those who are thoroughly acquainted with the Chinese hold that while they are most crafty, still when the note is signed they will consider themselves bound. The Foreign Office also hope fully considers the Dowager Em press's case, remembering that she showed Prince Henry of Prussia unusual courtesies. It believes that while the Dowager Empress is still more or less under anti foreign influence, she will eventually change her attitude and return to Pekin with the whole court, probably at the end of March

German political circles' opinion is force their way down the stairs. At that the Chinese problem is still a long the landing, where the flights of stairs | way off from a definite solution, as the question of damages will occupy much time in Pekin. Nobody here believed that Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee or the German troops will be withdrawn by March. The opinion here rather inclines to another year elspsing before that happens, although it is well known that Russia strongly desires Von Waldersee's retirement and that of the German troops.

Funeral services over the budy of Colonel William L. Trenholm, who died in New York Friday, were held yesterday at his residence. The Rev. John Huske, of St. Thomas' P. E. Church, read the burial service. The remains will be taken to Charleston, 3. C for interment.

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By Telegraph to the Morning Star. New York, Jan. 12.-William A.

Eddy, of Bayonne, N. Y., says that since 1892 he has drawn from his kite wire hundreds of electric signals, both regular and irregular, which may have come from some planet, and that the signals have been usually in groups of three, regularly timed like a Morse sounder. When the ends of the kite sustained by steel wires are separated by silk strands, the sparks ump at twelve seconds intervals. Then there are mysterious disappear ances of all electric action for several minutes. These electric sparks come from a high point in the air, not near to the low tension electric currents of trolley and live wires.

Mr. Eddy is about to begin a series of careful measurements of these spark lengths. He does not believe that the Morse sounders affect his wire, because the dynamo electricity sticks to its wire and does not radiate to unknown distances, so far as known, as do the high tension sparks used in wire-less telegraphy and the same high ten sion sparks drawn by him from the

Mr. Eddy says that these spark signals may come from an outer planet. because electricity travels at the rate of 190,000 miles a second and is as tire less as light which travels 187,300 miles second, as measured by a rapidly revolving toothed wheel. Great varia bility in effect is produced when there is apparently no change whatever in the condition of the upper air, so far

Mr. Eddy has been trying to decipher these signals since 1892. It is also to be noted that Tesla's signals come from Pike's Peak, and at a high n the air. Mr. Eddy points out that electricity is superior to light, because an interruption can be transmitted, while light suffuses around a dark hadow, especially if the shadow is of mall diameter.

ger agent of the Seaboard Air Line, with headquarters in Washington. Mr. Coleman is an experienced railroad man. He has just resigned as auditor of the Philippine archipelago, on account of ill health. Write Quich Scholarship

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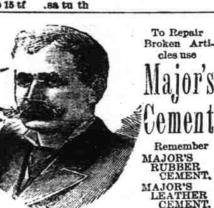
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