

denhurst used not to be such a beg- nest, go to my black cabinet and garly property, or my memory is worse | fetch an oblong packet. You will find than I thought it was."

While my father is occupied with the | tape." melancholy recital of the causes, natural and political, of the enormous depreciation of agricultural values in England-which in ten years had reduced his income by rather more than | which he had asked. half-I will furnish the reader with a my father, Robert Truman, had succeeded to an estate of 2000 acres, consisting of two entire parishes, Holdenhurst Major and Holdenhurst Minor, situate a few miles from Bury St. Edmund's, in Suffolk. On his coming of age Robert Truman found himself the possessor of a rent roll of £1500, a lump sum of about £12,000, which had accumulated during his minority, and a large nondescript manor house of which no archaeologist could determine the date or order, it had been so | gravely. much altered and added to at various periods. The estate, which had formed part of the immense possessions of the rich abbots of Bury, was, upon the dissolution of the abbey there, settled by Henry VIII. in perpetuity

of whom there exists any record. With but one relation in the worldhis brother Samuel, two years his junior-undoubtedly my father entered upon the business of life under conditions more prosperous than attend the vast majority of mankind. But that balance which men adjust where fortune has shown more favor to one than to another, themselves making the tale of human happiness and misery nearly the same in all cases, was soon made apparent by the two brothers. The affections of these young men centred upon one girl. Samuel was the favored lover. But women had few rights and many wrongs in agricultural East Anglia in 18---, and so the beauty of Holdenhurst became the wife of Robert Truman; her father, a small farmer ambitious of forming a family connection with the "Squire," having so commanded her. Before the marriage my uncle Sam

left England for America with the expressed intention of never again vis- and corner of the old mansion. iting his native land. In less than a year my father had lost by death the wife he had thus acquired; a loss which, though it deeply affected him. was patiently borne for the sake of cause of his sorrow and his hope.

In American Samuel Truman had entered in commercial speculations and flourished exceedingly. On the death of my mother he had written to my father a few lines expressing his symhis brother after his departure from England. After that his letters had time of his extraordinary success in | hed. trading, of his ever-increasing wealth and influence, of his shrewdness, his

it in the top drawer, tied with red we sought we could not find. It was now past noon, and my uncle With a greatly improved opinion of

my uncle I hastened upon my errand. and in a minute or so my father was handing his brother the papers for

"It's a smart lad," remarked my unour old manor house, many of which brief history of the men thus engaged. | cle, fixing his steel gray eyes upon me had not been opened within the mem-When little more than ten years old so penetratively that I felt rather unory of our oldest servant. My father comfortable: "what are you going to would have given up the search but do with him?" for my advice to him to continue it. "Do with him?" echoed my father

Wisely or unwisely, my father seldom "I don't understand." or never refused to comply with any "Well, do you propose that he should wish that I expressed, and he saw that spend his life in this place watching I was interested in the odds and ends the crops fail, or selling them for less accumulated by our family. than the cost of production when they succeed; or is he to be a man whose ing my father found the keys of the presence is felt in the world?" chests, tied together and labeled, in "I have not yet seriously considered the place where he had first looked

Ernest's future," answered my father "Then let me help you do so another time," said uncle Sam. "I'll return to town by the first train in the morning, and having paid off these mortgages will be back again some time in the evening, bringing Mrs. Truman with me, if she is well enough to come. upon the first member of my family By-the-by, I suppose this packet con-

> tains all the documents necessary in closing the mortgages. Do Saul and Isaacs hold any of the old deeds?" "All the necessary papers are there," said my father. "The money was ad-

vanced simply on my note of hand. The old grants of the abbey lands in Latin and Norman French are still in the two old oak chests where they have always been." "I would like to see them," said my

uncle; "they must be very interesting."

"You shall. Ernest shall get them out for you to look at by the time you of them were attached large pendureturn."

CHAPTER II. THE OAK CHESTS. Accustomed from my infancy to wander unrestrained through the

gloomy rooms and corridors of Holdenhurst Hall, I had flattered myself that I was familiar with every nook But my mind was considerably exercised in the endeavor to determine the whereabouts of the two oak chests to which my father had referred in his conversation with uncle Sam. I did the infant boy who was at once the not remember having ever seen any such chests, and could think of no place from garret to basement which

I considered likely to contain them. These thoughts-much confused with idle speculation concerning my uncle whose acquaintance pathy-his first communication with I had just made, of my aunt whom I had not yet seen, and of carious ideas started by the conversabeen brief and infrequent, but reports | tion of the two brothers-kept me reached Holdenhurst from time to awake until long after I had retired to

I tossed about restlessly and punched my pillows, but could not sleep. When penetration, his singleness of purpose. I lay on my left side, all that my un-

the time. Ever notice it?" etc .- as would have stocked a first-"No. I always talk to them about class curiosity shop. But that which themselves,"-Philadelphia Ledger.

Nothing Done.

and aunt were expected to arrive at 4 "I don't think I'll wager with you," o'clock. Though we had been searchsaid the baker. "You haven't the ing for several hours we had not yet dough." examined the contents of half the cab-"That may be," replied the butcher, inets and closets which abounded in

"but I don't see you putting up any stakes."-Boston Commercial Bulletin, father weighs 217 pounds and his

An Emergency Man.

Eleanor-"Cook says she must go; we live so far out it gives her the blues."

Edgar-"Tell her she can't go; we will hire a nice lady companion to cheer her up."--Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

## Point of View.

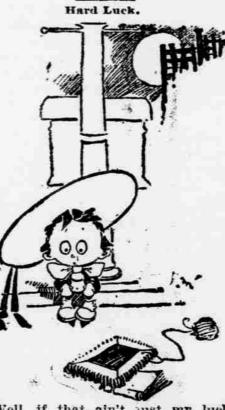
"Kissing," said the coy maid, "should be strictly private."

"Oh, I don't know," replied the strenuous youth. "Just think of what we would have missed if the discoverer of kissing had never made it public."--Chicago News.

## His Memory Was Good.

Angry Wife-"It seems to me we've been married a century. I can't even remember when or where we first met."

Husband (emphatically)-"I can. It was at a dinner party, where there were thirteen at table."-Tit-Bits.



Here I've went an' lost that excuse I was bringin' the teacher for bein' absent yesterday. An' it took me three hours to write it, too!"-New York

Vegetarian-"Don't you know that the strongest animals are all vegetarians, the elephant being the most powerful?"

If they weren't so strong they never I could find no key to the box. I set it would be able to stand a vegetable Florida on a single track, lightly con- the home made sausage and a thin lowest form known of animals and

ing the hardest steel with gold and steak for the purpose, cut it into consilver which seems to have been prac- venient sliced pieces and fry it in hot ; ticed at Damascus ages ago, and is butter to a good brown. Set it in the known only .o the Syrian smiths and jar; fry an onion, herbs and a tomato in the butter, dredge flour in thickly, their pupils to this day. and add sufficient cold water or stock

mother 150. Master Elco stands five

feet three inches high, has a breast

measurement of forty-five inches and

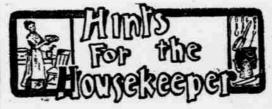
a belt measure of forty-seven inches.

Russian Bear Story.

-Baltimore American.

Russia's Big Problem.

Master Hallie Elco, of North Star, for the gravy. Stir with a wooden spoon while all boils. Season to taste: Mich., eleven years old, is perhaps the largest boy of his age in the State. He color the gravy and then strain it is larger than either of his parents, into the jar. Cook for two hours. since he weighs 2461/2 pounds, while his



There are two kinds of bears in After washing lace, says an expert, Russia. Here is a true story of one do not starch it and do not allow it to Two girls, ages five and thirteen, were dry before ironing. Iron first under attacked by a huge lea. and the a cloth, finishing with the iron directly younger was carried off, while the eldon the lace. It will be quite stiff er, terror-stricken, fled home a 1 gave enough if treated in this way.

the alarm. For three days the inhab-"College girl shortcake" is not such itants of three villages sought in vaiu for the lost child. Finally a cordon was drawn around an extensive tract carned its name by being about the seats. As they do, the crier cries. of forest, and the searchers closing in discovered the bear and her looty in on the quiet." Plain baking powder ing business before the Honorable the biscuit are bought at the bakeshop, a dense thicket. The child was perheated in oven or even chating dish, fectly unharmed, and reclined in a deep, mossy couch made for her by split twice and the sugared fruit the bear. She had gotten over her spread thickly between. The result first fright and had subsisted fairiy is really more enjoyable than anything well on nuts and other forest fruits of the name purchasable in the ordin- United States and this honorable brought her by the gentle monster. ary restaurant for treble the cost, and court." with the addition of sweetened and It is an imposing and inspiring spec-The freakish but kindly disposed animal was summarily killed by the vildelightful dessert.

For the unexpected guest little cakes Trees Survive Baltimore Fire. with a cup of tea or chocolate will do In the burned district there are two full duty, and they are delicious also trees which, though having been sub- to serve with ices at the luncheon or jected to a heat which melted iron and dinner table. For these light cakes, caused strong buildings to crumble baked in small pans, an even, steady and fall, are still standing, and are heat is wanted; never attempt to bake apparently uninjured. One is on Fred- them with a freshly built coal fire, or erick street, near Baltimore street, just with a fire from which the life has newal of their acquaintance with it by opposite the site of the Odeon Theatre, largely died out; it should be in such a stammering speech, a quickened and the other is in the rear of the condition that it may be regulated easruins of the Southern Electric Com- ily, and last through the baking withpany's place on Fayette street, near out being replenished. In flavoring Calvert street. The tree on Frederick these little cakes, do not use lemon street is in remarbably good condi- juice if a light cake is wanted. The tion, and does not in the least show the acid in lemon juice sets free carbon effects of fire, although the heat at that dioxide in a large measure, upon conpoint must have been intense, as not tact with the soda in the baking pow- ing them: but in 1895 the exports a building in that section was left der. It is best to restrict its use to jumped to \$40,000; by 1899 they standing. The limbs and branches of cakes in which a close texture is dethe other tree were burned to some ex. sirable. Bear in mind also that cakes tent, and it was almost completely in which the yolks of eggs are used require less heat than cakes made with buried beneath a great p'le of debris. are so rich in fat they byrn quickly .--What to Eat.

The transportation problem before Meat soffle may serve as the piece de Russia is more difficult than the public resistance of the luncheon. Since, as realizes. Assuming the problem is to a rule, this and similar mixtures are move 100,000 troops, mobilized along well seasoned, one meat is about as the Siberian road, between Irkutsk good as another for a foundation, unand St. Petersburg, the distance from less chicken is used. The odds and ends St. Petersburg to the seat of war of the roast, or of steak or chops, or is 6000 miles. It is safe, therefore, to even soup meat, should be run through assume there is an average train haul the meat chopper with a thin slice or of 3000 miles for this movement. Ap- two of boiled ham, one of boiled tongue plying the haul to this country, it and one or two of bologna sausage. means moving 100,000 troops and sup- The last can be obtained from a nearby plies from Salt Lake City to Southern butcher. If they cannot be had a lit-

ture of insects is practically that of the atmosphere. It usually rises more slowly than the air, though more rapidly when the air is very moist. When the insect begins to move, the temperature rises rapidly, and may reach about 38 degrees C. (102.2 F). Below-0.5 degrees C. insects remain motionless, and the wings are not moved until the temperature reaches about 12 degrees C.

The United States Supreme Court. As the hands of the clock point to twelve the crier of the Supreme Court of the United States raps with his gavel, the murmur of conversation ceases and attorneys, court officials and visitors rise while the crier slowly announces, "The Honorable the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States." Robed in black silk gowing. they walk with slow and dignified steps toward the bench, and as the Chief Justice appears at the entrancea bad affair for an emergency. It, at the rear they slowly proceed to their only make available for the "spread | "Oyez! oyez! oyez! All persons hav-Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the United States are admonished to draw near and give their attention, for the court is now sitting. God save the Government of the

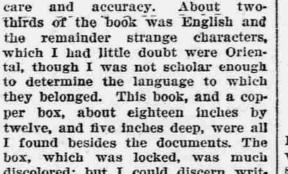
flavored whipped cream it is really a. tacle, the mere witnessing of which increases the red corpuscles of one's patriotism. No man entering that domelike court room may wear his overcoat. No member of its bar may appear before it in a coat of any other color than black. Such is the dignity and impressiveness of that tribunal that men to whom embarrassment has long been a stranger evidence the rebreath, a nervous manner, when addressing the court .-- Green Bag.

> Easter Lilles From Japan. Our Easter lily, called the "Ber-

muda" lily, is in reality a native of Japan and China. In 1879 Japan sent us only \$2000 worth of bulbs for growreached \$1:0,000, and they have been climbing steadily ever since, while the output from Bermuda is supposed to be a quarter less than it was a decade the whites of uggs, as the yolks of eggs ago. In spite of heavy freights the Japanese bulbs could often be delivered here for half the price of the Bermuda product .-- Country Life in America. 

What Microbes Are.

Since Pasieur demonstrated the fact that many human diseases are due to minute living things which grow and multiply in our bodies, there has been a tendency to call all microscopic organisms, whether harmful or not, "germs" or "microbes" or "bacteria" indiscriminately. This confusion may be cleared by the statement that protozoa are the



discolored; but I could discern writing upon the lid such as may be produced by nitrate of silver upon copper. All I could decipher at a hasty glance was "Roger Trueman," written in characters rather larger than the others. Trueman being a very old form of our family name, and the box exceedingly heavy for its size, I at

After another two hours of search-

for them. With a peculiar facial ex-

pression, in which it was difficult to

determine whether fatigue, annoyance

or triumph predominated, he tossed

them to me, and remarking that he

had had as much of this affair as he

cared for in one day, left me to do as

Having hurriedly deposited the few

things before me in the places where

they had been found. I hastened to the

library and proceeded to open the

nearest chest. The key entered the

lock as easily as might be wished, but

was turned with difficulty, and made a

harsh, grating sound. I had no sooner

raised the lid than the air became so

charged with minute fungi that I vol-

untarily stepped back and opened a

The chest was quite filled with

parchment or vellum documents, some

rolled and others flat, and to nearly all

lous seals. I did not pause to exam-

ine them, but transferred them all to

the table, and opened the second chest,

wherein I discovered nearly as many

documents as in the first, all of simi-

lar character. But there was also a

thick folio volume, filled with close,

neat writing, every letter of which

appeared to be formed with great

I pleased.

window.

once conceived the hope that it contained something of special value. As

## "Well, if that ain't just my luck!

American. As Others See Them.

Carnivorous Friend-"That's right.

lagers.-New York Press.

Inrough all the days of my boyhood I	cle said recurred to me vividly, and I	i could had no key to the boa, i set is	diet."	structed road, with short passing	the notife-made causage and a thing	that bacteria are the lowest known
remember no variation in the accounts	hated him for his cool cynicism and	aside with the folio volume, resolving to carefully examine both at my leis-		tracks limited meter supply and all	since of nam, the latter bolled for a few	forms of plants, while "germs" and "microhes" may apply to the disease-
of the steady and continued decline id	the sense of power which had now	to carefully examine both at my leis-	A Sudden Change.	tracks, initial water supply and an	minutes, will work wonders. Grind	"microbes" may apply to the disease-
value of my father's property, and of	and again been apparent through the	ure.	Higgins-"Do you believe that any	the limited facilities that go with such	these with the meat fine. Season the	causing forms in either groun From
the ranid increase of my uncle's	anImpose of his manner but turning	At this moment a servant entered	person's hair ever turned gray in a	a road with light tonnageThe Rail-	mixture with salt, pepper, a little	causing forms in either groupFrom
wealth. Neither of these circum.	the man wight his generous wift im.	the room and informed me that my	single night?"	WOT WORK	channed navelar and if it is mented	Gut, in bututing statutes and
stances however interested me until	upon my right, his generous gift int	uncle and aunt had arrived. Dinner	Wister-"Oh, I don't know! Should	Eliminated the "Almond Eye."	with a little onion juice. Add enough	case in the Century.
in my nineteenth weer the week he	pressed me as really maguincent, and	had been ordered to be served as soon	think it might hannen. Once I knew	The second strand the second states the second	bread crumbs to make sufficient quan-	New Sacebarine Plant.
fore this history areas my fother no	t could not put feel grateful to indi	as possible, and there barcly ro-	a voune woman's hair which thread	PITTER WITCHE STABUSUL OF THE LINE	tity. The usual proportion for a souf-	The new succharine plant discovered
colord a listory opens-iny father re	to: relieving my father or what I	mained sufficient time for me to pre-	from red to colden in a single day	peror of Japan and heir presumptive	fle is two cupfuls of meat to one cupful	in South America contains a consider-
North Warts the tester irom his prother in	knew had occasioned him some aux-	nero for it	It was the day she came into a for-	to the throne, is a strong, healthy	at been among the form and all of	able quantity of saccharine matter, is
new fork stating that he had been	iety. My uncle's wish, too, for a			youngster of three years and is the	meat and bread crumbs add a cupful	not fermientable, and is unusually
married for three years to an Ameri-	volce in determining my future course		tune Doston Itanscript.	I HISt Daby In the royat bouce who bus	of white sauce and the volks of two	sweet. The plant is berbaceous, grow-
can hady, and that he and his wife in-	in life interested me greatly and	intelligence was not unwelcome. Tak-	Bound to Get Him.	been allowed to have his hair grow	eres Fold in the stiffly beaten whites	ing to a height of eight to twelve
tended to visit Holdenhurst, and might	opened interminable trains of thought.	ing with me the folio volume and the		The a European of American child.	of the ergs fill the buttered rameking	inches, and its scientific name is Eupa-
be expected to arrive in about ten	At last I lost consciousness, but did	copper box, I locked the library door	11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Soon atter ms bitte a signe sugre	half full of the mixture enrinkle with	torium rebandium. It is expected to
davs.	I an ann fan fan lang	and put the key in my pocket, leav-	ugneer. Then your auswer is not	operation was performed at the outer	the second secon	
It was almost immediately after the	When I rose it wanted some minutes	ing all the old documents on the table	she said in husky tones.	part of his eyenus, the result being		prove of much industrial value. It was
				that the little follow's visual organs	oven. Serve as soon as they come	discovered by the director of the agri-
three English of it is it	in a day in a day's sale from of	where having safely hestowed the	in his gentlest manner, "I told you	have not any of the "simond eve"	from the are, or they will tail. The	enitural institute at Asuncion, and his
with which this chanter onone took	my ream and through the casement	book and box, I made what I then	and a series and a series and a series		white sauce is made of one cupidi of	experiments indicate that the sugar
place. Uncle Sam did not however	anuld be discorned a clear blue sky	thought was an elaborate toilette such		I thooping monoring is all any independent		yielded is from twenty to thirty times
bring his wife with him as he had in	ench as is soldem seen in England in	as befitted my introduction to my	The hady paused in the doorway.? I	consideration, three tiny ladies being	ter and nour. Sait and pepper are	as sweet as ordinary cane or beet su-
tended, but left that ady in London	the month of March	American kinswoman.	will see you again in four years,"'she	especially regarded as possibilities.		gar,
10 0 furnished have solded by	Carlos and Carlos and Carlos C		saidCleveland Plain Dealer.	concerning reparation in providence (		
w w runnisned nouse which he had	Brimful of health and animal spirits,	42 nh Somethingan				

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