

utterly depressed and wretched. Every day some incident helped to contirin the overthrow of my aspirations and increased my restlessness. In compliance with the earnest pleading of my father, I had written # brief note to Constance Marsh assuring her of my unalterable regard-that was the word he suggested as exactly suited to the occasion-but regretting the impossibility, owing to an unfortunate incident, either of calling upon her in London, or inviting her to Holdenhurst. To that note came no reply; nor could I in relson expect any, though each morning I scanned the mail with hopeless viosity. About a week afterwards my father received a letter from the Rev. Mr. Price, announcing his preferment to the living of All Saints, North Brixton, and consequent resignation of the vicariate of Holdenhurst Minor. Mr. Price also stated that as he was not to take up his new duties for three months, he had accepted an invitation to visit America, as he had long desired to study the methods and manners of American divines, and that, being much pressed for time, he regretted his inability 'o return to Holdenhurst to preach a farewell sermon to his parishioners, so had months." requested a friend to forward his effects to London-which I afterwards learned was accordingly done, the said effects consisting of two cricket bats, a fowling piece, a fishing rod and tackie, a tobacco jar and several pipes, a shelf-load of French novels with the margins annotated in the reverend gentieman's own hand, and some dozens of slippers. Yet a few days later, and while I was still smarting under this intelligence, I noticed, quite accidentally, an announcement at the bottom of a column in the Times that Mr. Samuel Trueman, the American financier accompanied by Mrs. Trueman and Miss Marsh, had sailed for New York from Liverpool the day before on board the Cunard steazoship Etruria. Though his discoutent was by no means equal to rune, my father was not without grave anxiety. The renovation of Holdenhurst Hall, and the numerous and extensive improvements in progress on the estate were now fast approaching completion. The work was admirably done, and both house and grounds assumed an aspect incomparably superior to what they had presented at any former period of their history. My father acquainted me with the fact that he had very little money at his banker's beyond the five thousand pounds which his brother had given him, a sum quite inadequate to pay for the work done, and he feared that he would be obliged tc renew the mortgage which had so retemerity he formally inquired of

Messrs. Knight and Faulkner what and was informed by that firm thal

no action grows must be worse, Though Constance Marsh can never be mine; though my father and uncle can never be reconciled; I will not consume my days in useless self-affiiction. I will travel; I will go to America; perhaps I will call on my uncle;

perhaps-" "Father," I asked, a minute later. as I stood by his side in the study, went on: where he sat examining an account book; "do you know what next Sunday will be?"

My father looked up at me, and his face wore a puzzled, querulous expression. "Yes, my boy," he replied, that the place contained several very and as he spoke I observed that his hair had grown very grey of late; "I have not forgotten it. On Sunday you will complete your twentieth year." "It is of that I was thinking," I said: 'And I have also thought that a change of scene would be good for mei As you know, I have been very wretched since that affair with uncle -quite unable to fix my attention on any matter save that from which I would gladly divert it. If you can bear the expense, and do not object to my leaving home for awhile, I think I should like to travel for few

My father looked up sharply. "Why don't you speak plainly, and say outright that you are tired of your father and long to be with your uncle?" he asked.

"Because if I said so I should lie," retorted warmly; "and that is what I never did yet. I have told you my opinion of my uncle, and I think as well of him now as ever. But that circumstance does not diminish the affection and respect I bear for you. And I may tell you, that I have abandoned all hope of ever being anything more to Miss Marsh than I am at this in my present mood that I seek the permission and means to travel."

"I take it as most unfilial, most unkind in you, Ernest," continued my father in an injured tone, regardless of the declaration I had just made, "that in all these months that have elapsed since your uncle was here you have never thought proper to ask me to show you the proofs of his perfidy, though I volunteered to do so at the his life, it is quite improbable that time. You stated then (and now you he would go out of his way to rob reiterate) your belief in you uncle's innocence. What is the inference? That your father is careless in a matter of the utmost gravity, on which the honor of his only brother wholly depends." "Surely you don't wish to open that question again!" I exclaimed in dis-

may. "Certainly I do," continued my case, all of them pointing one way. cently been extinguished. With some father. "You tell me you wish to Did not your uncle himself speak to travel-at your age a natural desire, ime about the treasure very soon which I heartily approve and will pro- after his return here?-a subject not would be the amount of their demand vide money for. But you cannot leave mentioned by anybody for I don't on the completion of their contract | here with my good will until you have know how many years. And what of heard and seen the things by which the sequin found by Phoebe on the Mr. Samuel Trueman had satisfied I justify my attitude towards your floor of your uncle's bedroom? And roads are at all times steep and diftheir claim in full on a certain date- uncle. Having heard and scen them, haven't we seen what has been the ficult, and at certain seasons of the

ret he dared not again follow him. and refrained from reporting the circumstance to me lest, my brother having gone there with my permission,

I should resent the imputation which the giving of such information would necessarily imply." Again my father paused, as if expocting me to remark upon his narraive; but I uttered no word, and he

"On visiting the crypt next morning John found that sufficient bricks had been removed to allow of entrance into the cell, and entering there himself for the first time he observed heavy chests. Concluding that it was merely curiosity which had induced your uncle to visit the crypt, John did not go down there again until the day

before you went to London, when the chests were all empty, and he picked up two of these sequins just outside the cell. The third sequin was found by a housemaid in the bed room occupied by your uncle and aunt, and was brought by her to me." A long silence ensued, which 'joth of us seemed unwilling to break. At last I said: "And you are satisfied that uncle

Sam stole those sequins?" "Unfortunately, I am," he replied, bowing his head. "I wish to Heaven could have arrived at some other conclusion. But it was not possible;

the evidence was too clear and admitted of no alternative." "The evidence is not clear to me Might it not be that some person other han uncle Sam is the thief-old John himself, for instance-and that he is diverting suspicion of the real thief

to your brother?" "Ah, my boy, I have thought deeply of all that," said my father, shaking his head sadly. "John Adams is an minute. Indeed, it is to confirm me old man who believes he is without a relation in the world. He was in your grandfather's service when he was quite a young boy, years before I was born, and has always shown himself truthful and honest. He does

not want for money, for not long ago he told me that he had £600 in the bank, the result of his lifelong economy and self-denial. Now that he is old, and visibly nearing the close of me of a large sum of money which could be of very small use to him. Besides, he was always an admirer of your uncle Sam; he frequently asked me for news of him, and expressed much pleasure when informed that he was coming to England. And these are the circumstances of the

oughly started and nothing will be able to stop it or stand before it till its baseball catcher wears on his breast?" great work is done.

"I see no reason why the general Government should not reach out its strong arm and help the people of this Plain Dealer. country get better means of communi-

cation. I want to see this movement pushed with all the energy that is characteristic of the American people. die?" When we undertake to do anything in this country we do it, and do it well.

We have started out for better roads, and we are going forward on this line till we have as good roads as can be found anywhere in the world."

In these remarks Colonel Brigham has sounded the keynote of the good him." roads campaign. The masses of the people must Le aroused and educated. Organization is the principal means to be employed. Conventions should be held, and associations should be organized in all sections of the country. It is not enough to get out a crowd of professional road reformers to make speeches and pass resolutions. The ob-

ject in view is to interest practical and progressive men in all walks of life, -Chicago News. to arouse the indifferent, to convince the objectors, and to get up a wave of popular enthusiasm for better roads.

West Virginia Highways.

Until this is done, no important results

will be accomplished.

For many years the natural resources of West Virginia have remained undiscovered, or, if known, have remained inaccessible. Many railroads have been constructed, and from the date of railroad construction dates the beginning of the material prosperity

of the State. The railroads of necessity have reached only small portions of the territory, and vast tracts have been and must remain untouched by them. Notwithstanding the develop-

ment that the railroads made possible, it was fully recognized that there were limitations to railroad communication and traffic. From this time forward, it was argued, the importance of good roads will outrank the importance of railroads in usefulness. There are immense tracts of virgin soil ready to yield their fruits, but large sums of money are transmitted to other States to pay for products that could be produced at home. Necessaries of life are thus made uncertain and expensive, with the result that rural districts are being deserted and centres of population congested. It was stated that real estate in the country is depreciated and neglected because of the deplorable condition of the public highways. It was emphasized that

more than \$1,000,000 is spent annually in the useless attempt to maintain the common highways of the State and to keep them passable, but, as traffic becomes heavier, the roads will become worse and worse, even under this enormous expenditure. These

which we found was the very day you will be at liberty to retain or effect upon John of the whole affair? year dangerous and practically impas-

His Protection. "George, dear, is that a bib that the "Yes, my love. It keeps his shirt up the tomatoes small, saving the front from being mussed up when the juice; put together in a saucepan, with ball knocks his teeth out."-Cleveland

The Main Consideration.

"Young man, have you stopped to think where you will go when you "Gad, no-I haven't even thought where to go on my summer vacation

yet."-Puck. His Impressive Highness. Jenkins-"I met that new butler of yours to-day and had quite a talk with

think of us? Did he say?"-Philadelphia Record. Parting Shot.

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Friendly Suggestion. "My heart is still untenanted," sighed the slender summer girl. "Why don't you write on your card 'Flat to let?' " asked her plump cousin, who was wearing a broad smile and a new engagement ring .- Chicago

News. In the Fight. 23.2 Church-"The old General alv., s wanted to be where the fighting was

thickest." Gotham-"Is that a fact?" Church-"Oh, yes. Why, even when he went to church he asked if he might sit up in the choir."-Yonkers Statesman.

Willing to Relieve Him, "It is a generous and heipful world," said the multi-millionaire. . "Indeed?"

"Yes: when it was announced that I desired to die a comparatively poor man there was a general movement to assist me in the enterprise."-W ington Star.

In the Tunnel. Church-"Where did your friend get

his black eye?" Gotham-"Tunnel accident." Church-"I hadn't heard of it; when was it?"

Gotham-"He kissed the wrong woman going through the tunnel."-Yonkers Statesman.

The Whole Story. Robert-"Has your wife much curi-

osity?" told her what corner we were standing to suit the shade of bair.

on."-Indianapolis Journal. Good From Evil. "You say you would like to be

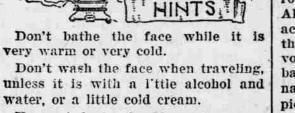
alt, one teaspoon sugar, one pinch soda, a little pepper, butter as large as an English walnut. Peel and cut the seasoning, mixing the soda in a teaspoon of water before adding that. Cook slowly twenty minutes, stirring until it is smooth. Last, put in a cup of bread crumbs, or a cup of toast cut in small bits. Serve in a hot covered

dish. Apricot Balls Spread warm boiled rice half an inch

thick on a floured moulding board. Have in readiness a dozen apricots, peeled, halved and stoned. Put two halves together and cut the rice in Nuritch (anxiously)-"What does he pieces large enough to wrap around them. Press into shape with the hands, roll in flour and wrap each ball in a little pudding cloth, which has been buttered and floured. Tie into Mrs. Cuttem-"I'm going away for a | shape and plunge into a kettle of boilmonth, Mr. Postmaster. You may hold 'ing water.' The kettle should have a my letters for me, but you might as perforated tin laid on the bottom to well read the postal cards as usual, prevent the balls sticking. Keep the and I'd like to have you answer them." | water boiling constantly and cook half an hour. Take up, remove the cloth carefully so as not to break the balls and serve with any hot sauce.

Codfish Chowder.

Soak salt codfish in cold water over night, or a little longer, to freshen it. Put on to boil in cold water. Let come slowly to boil, and cook from two to five minutes according to thickness of fish. Pour off the water and mash the fish fine; and to every cup of fish add two cups of mashed potato and a little milk, pepper and butter. Mash and mix all thoroughly together. Put on in a spider half a cup of fine chopped, fat, salt pork, fry out the fat slightly and add one small, finechopped onion. Brown slightly and then add the prepared fish and potato, stirring well to mix in the onion and pork. When well mixed and heated through and nicely browned, turn onto a heated platter and serve. HOVSEHOLD



Young infants should not be given Indian meal. For children over one year it is a fattening and safe food. Coarsely-ground maize boiled in milk will work wonders with a puny, illnourished child.

Small scented sachets come for per-Richard-"Oh, an awful lot. If I fuming the hair. They are made to began to tell her what you told me place under the coils of hair or in the standing on this corner she wouldn't pompadour, and give a fait perfume. hear a word of what you 'said until I They come in both dark and light silk.

Doilies and small centre pieces, especially with quantities of open work, can be laundered with very little trouble at home. Castile or any white

limits of the fire, and protected against sparks, burst into smoke and flame within, and began to burn from the inside. Some huge structures had their iron fire-proof shutters blown open as if by the sudden expansion of heated air within them.

Regular air-soundings, with kites and balloons carrying registering apparatus, are now made in the United States. Germany and Denmark, for gaining a better knowledge of the atmosphere and its problems. On a hill near Viborg, in Jutland, a two-story tower, about thirty feet high, is mounted on rails so as to be revolved, one side being open and kept away from the wind. It is equipped with registering instruments, clectric motor, two windlasses, etc., for starting kites, while other buildings contain workshops, small balloons, steam engine and accommodations for the director and five assistants. 'Kites' are flown with steel wire of 0.6 to 1.3 kilometer, and easily reach two hundred yards in height, but attain three thousand or four thousand yards with difficulty and only by the use of auxiliary kites. After a recent break of a wire one kite was recovered at a distance of 150 dan miles.

Dreary Life of Poor in Russia.

'As a rule a Russian village is a forlorn looking place, where the huts of the poor are made of birch logs, with upright oak or pine supports, ceiling of strips of the same birch and walls lined with crude branches. In these huts there are only two rooms, one of which is not for everyday use, but is kept for best occasions. This room houses those sacred images so dear to the heart of every member of the Greek Church, to which belong the

great mass of the Russian people. The other room serves the purpose of both kitchen and sleeping room, as one of the principal ideas of comfort to these people, ice and snowbound for so many months of the year, is warmth. In many of the peasant huts no beds are used, and the top of a great stove, reaching nearly to the roof, is a much sought sleeping place. Although the conditions make dirt and accompanying results inseparable in the life of these peasants, they are devotedly fond of bathing. The vapor bath in a crude form may be called a national institution, and a not unusual picture of a summer afternoon is the village pond filled with women and children bathing .- Social Service.

American Barbers in London.

In an East End police court the other day a curious case of assault was heard. A youngster, it appears, was sent by his father to have his hair cut. The barber, according to the father, ran a pair of clippers all over the boy's head except in front, where he left an enormous fringe; to mark his displeastre the father gave the barber a sound thrashing. It is, however, not only in the East End that barbers show a great ignorance of their trade. In

my uncle was last at Holdenhurst abandon your present ideas respect-	Why, it very nearly killed him; and to	sable. The cost of maintaining these	tured by brigands?"	soan is the best cleaning medium New	10rk or Paris it is the easiest
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ion of my father that uncle Sam to be convinced of than my uncles	aged terribly. Dr. Inuriow was re-	Development is retarded cultivation	it. But if some brigand were to de-	dow taking some that around scallen hardly	y too much to say that there are
would keep his word, and honorably guilt, but let it be as you say," I as-	marking to me only yesterday how	is hindered real estate is immeired in			half a dozen places where a bar-
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livered me cut of the ptiable condition and laid them in front of me. "See,"	To be continued.	by rail from neighboring States than			
into which I had fallen at this period said he; "there you have three Vene-	130.06	to haul them ten miles over such exe-	A woman can't heep a beered at	fall pint. Melt one-quarter cupful of dresse	
(except, of course, the removal of its	Literary.	crable roads. The cost of living is	clares the mere man.	butter, one cupful of rich, well-seas- in diff.	Ferent parts of London he would
cause) was rigorous employment of amine them."	"Better were I dead!" moaned the	thus increased. The cost of transpor-	"Oh, I don't know," retorts the nut-	and chicken stock and one third cup	terent parts of London, he would
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having no power to exert my will. My representation of a shield, with the	"Put how else am I to get myself	the citizens the total cost of which it	give it away. In time you will simply	minced sweetbreads. When cool, don Ta	lattler.
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