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LUKE HAMMOND, THE MISER.

Harker."

place."

mond.

as a dead man's!"

"And yours burns like fire."

broken pane of the glass door.

"Silence! Here we are-listen!" said

Mrs. Harker, as they stood close to the

"Dear Kate," were the first words

to James Greene, a young and self-

the sound of her voice, that she is not

a woman to believe in any such thing

in the same house with her. Believe

me when I say I have no doubt she

"Something to conceal, dear James!

"You have asked my aid to learn."

said James; "but I have many scruples

"For your sake, dear Kate, I would

be tempted to do many things which

excuse should your uncle enter and

sent for you. After you came, that

you all, and so I asked you to come

"Well, I will do all I can, and if Mr.

"For nearly a month," replied Kate.

"At first I thought nothing of it, sup-

"And what did he say, or rather, how

"He turned very pale, and said, 'No

"You are sure there is no one con-

"Steady! This is no fool, but a clear-

"Mr. Hammond is a man who never

did he look when you spoke to him?"

heard these alarms?"

said James.

"For my sake," pleaded Kate.

me?" exclaimed Kate.

not concern me."

By Prof. Wm. Henry Peck. Author of the "The Stone-Cutter of Lisbon," Etc.

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CHAPTER I. THE EAVES-DROPPERS.

It was near the hour of nine at night in the city of New York, some years ago, when Luke Hammond, a money broker, entered his house on Blank street, and proceeded to his library. He was a tall, thin man, full fifty years old, and with a hard, dark face, deeply marked with care and schem-

Seating himself at his desk, he began to read from a paper which he had drawn up with great care during the day, when he was disturbed by the entrance of his housekeeper.

"You might have knocked, Mrs. Harker," said Hammond, snappishly, and sliding the paper into a drawer.

"I came like a cat, that the mice you still think these groans, which might not hear," said Mrs. Harker, a bave disturbed you so much at night, thin and sallow-faced woman, speaking are made by other than human means, in a whisper that did not hide the You uncle has taught you to believe natural sharpness of her voice.

"Come, speak plainly," said Hammond, wheeling his chair to face her. "You remember the young carpenter must conclude that he is a bad man, who repaired that desk?" replied Mrs. and has an evil purpose in deceiving

"Yes-you mean James Greene. What of him? Has he come for his hammer? manly one, and was immediately rec-Why didn't you give it to him? I told ognized by the listeners as belonging

"Won't you wait, Luke Hammond?" educated carpenter. said Mrs. Harker. "You're a hasty "But, dear James," said Kate Elgin's fool, with all your smartness. James sweet and gentle voice, "Mrs. Harker, Greene hasn't been here to-day for his the housekeeper, has also told me, a hammer-he's forgotten all about it, I thousand times, that such things as suppose. But don't you think some- ghosts really are, and that she has seen thing else than a hammer might draw them."

"What else? Tell me what you want, and then go about your business," said laugh, "and I know from her face and

"Isn't there something in this house a young man would like better than a and that no ghost could live peaceably hammer? There's Miss Elgin, now," whispered Mrs. Harker.

"Ah! You don't mean to hint that and your uncle have a bad purpose in James Greene has been here to-day to view-or something to conceal in this see my niece?" said Hammond, rising house," quickly and growing white.

"That's what I mean. James Greene has been here this morning, and he and Miss Elgin had a long talk in the parlor."

"He has! The impudent rascal! What can he and Miss Elgin have in common? Why did you let him in?

Why didn't you turn him out?" "I'll tell you what they have in common," whispered Mrs. Harker, drawing my own mind might leave alone," renearer, and pushing her sharp face plied James. "I am doing wrong even close to Hammond's. "Miss Elgin has in being here now unknown to Mr. taken a desperate fancy to James Hammond. Katy; and nothing less

Greene and he to her. She let him in powerful than my love for you could at the front door-she must have been have placed me here. Still, you have watching for him, for he was in the asked me to call and confer upon this parlor talking to her before I knew matter, and our affection must be my anything about it." "I will not believe it. What. Kate find me here." Elgin, my niece, take a fancy to a "I am not afraid to tell him, nor any poor carpenter-a journeyman, too!" ex- one else, that I love you, James," said

claimed Hammond. "Why, it's only Kate, placing her hand within his. three weeks since he repaired that "This morning I heard those noises desk, and Miss Elgin saw him but for for the first time during daylight, and "She's met him often since, and old prying woman, Mrs. Harker, kept

don't you speak so loud, or they'll hear so near us that I had no chance to tell

"They? Who?" demanded Ham- to-night."

"James Greene and Miss Elgin. They're in the parlor now," said Mrs. | what I think of him-a man like him

"Fool! why not tell me so at once?" fancies!" said James Greene, indigexclaimed Hammond. "I'll go and or- nantly. "First, how long nave you der him out this instant!"

"Hasty again, Luke Hammond," said Mrs. Harker, placing her back to the door. "Hadn't you better creep on posing the noises came from the street. them, and see if they aren't talking or from the adjoining houses. Finally about something else than love mat- I became convinced that they origi-

Mrs. Harker's eyes seemed so full of my uncle." mystery that Hammond paused, and grew as white as a sheet.

"About-something-else!" he stam-"Yes; I heard her tell him she want-

ed his aid in finding out what makes plied Kate. "He said he had been told those groans and noises in the eastern as much by others-people whom he stooped to fall in love with James part of the house sometimes."

"But she has always believed that ker. She said it was all fancy, and part of the house haunted. I have made | that I dreamed it; but avoiwed a firm her think so," said Hammond.

sense to believe in ghosts," replied clothes, books, etc., removed to the Mrs. Harker. "Miss Elgin has told room I now occupy in the front room him about the strange noises, and he above. For several days my nights "James Greene," said Hammond, in magnificent attire, from the bride has laughed at the idea of ghosts and were undisturbed; but soon after you speaking with his teeth pressed hard at the altar in her laces and satin to such like, and so they are putting their repaired my uncle's desk I heard heads together to master the mystery. groans again, and they seemed to grow a job-I think that is what you gentle- de Broglie was a fine figure in apricot Now, if they do that, Luke Hammond, louder, stronger every night. I have men of the saw and chisel term work. velours mousseline, her corsage coat you and I had better begin to look asked my uncle to let me go to my You entered this house-my house as being beautifully embroidered in silfor a hiding-place."

said Hammond, greatly agitated. "If uncle has grown very stern and unkind in turning her giddy head until she Miss Elgin is once alarmed, she will to me." never stop until she has satisfied her- "Is there any part of the house in they are saying."

asked James. "Down, round by the back stairs- "The eastern wing of the house has this way," whispered Mrs. Harker, as been rigidly locked, doors and win-girl-" she passed into the hall. "They are dows, ever since my father died there," sitting near the dining-room door. The said Kate. door is shut and locked, but one of fined there?" asked James. the glass panes is broken."

"They must have heard me come in," Luke Hammond started so quickly Having exhausted your insults against whispered Hammond, as they crept as that question fell upon his ear that Mrs. Harker whispered: down the stairs.

"Not a bit-I didn't hear you, and I was listening for you. You know you beaded man we must baffle." always open the front door and steal up to your library as if you expected do you ask?" a surprise. So do L'

does a thing without a purpose," said James, not answering Kate's last question. "He has never spoken of removing to some other house?"

"Never-at least not to me." "Does he suspect our affection, dear

"I think not, James. He often speaks of a son of his, whom I have never seen, and has told me that, when that son arrives, I must regard him as one who is to be my husband. This morning, when I asked my uncle to remove to another house, he said we must wait until Charles Hammond, his son, returns from Europe."

"I must tell Mr. Hammond that we have plighted our loves," said James Greene, quickly. "I would have done "It is well for us to be careful, Mrs so before, but I feared his pride might lead him to answer me with insults. and cause him to place some restraint "Now, not a word, Luke Hammond! Here's the dining-room. Give me your

upon you, dear Kate." "He places too much upon me alhand and I will lead you to the right ready," replied Kate. "I have to leave the house by stealth or be abused with "It is as dark as a pit," said Hamhard and bitter words. This woman, "All the better-but you see the light Mrs. Harker, is a spy upon me, and in the parlor shining through the curno doubt will tell my uncle that you tain of the door. Come, your hand, or were here this morning, when he comes you will stumble over something.

Luke, your hand is as cold and limp "Then I will wait until he comes," said James Greene. "I will tell him that we love each other. Better be frank and open about it, and save further trouble."

"Come," whispered Hammond to Mrs. Harker. "I have heard enough. I that reached Hammond's ear, "I fear must give the young insolent the interview he seeks, or he will hit upon some plan to fathom the mystery of

the groaning." Hammond and Mrs. Harker stole from the dining-room into the hall, and it, no doubt, for reasons of his own: and as I know he is too shrowd and then Hammond whispered:

"Go into the eastern room. Hark! wise a man to believe it himself, I a groan as I live; Silence the noise!" "Silence it! How? Not forever, Luke Hammond?" said Mrs. Harker,

and trembling somewhat. The voice that spoke was a full and "You know what I mean," said Hammond. "Remove the cause to the rear apartment. Go! Another groan-almost a scream! If James Greene hears that, he is bold enough to search the house-away!"

Mrs. Harker selected a key from the bunch at her girdle, and hurried away. "And now," said Luke Hammond, as he strode along the hall towards the parlors, "to end this love matter for "I have seen Mrs. Harker several once and all." times," said James Greene, with a light

CHAPTER II.

LUKE HAMMOND IS DEFIED. "Tis my uncle's step," said Kate Elgin, as Hammond advanced along the hall, "and he must be in a passion, for when angry, he treads as if to

crush something under his heel." "Angry or pleasant, there he is," said Greene, rising as Hammond swept into What can they wish to conceal from the parlor. "He must have known we were here."

The gaslight of the splendid chandelier showed the three as they met near in attempting to pry into what does the centre of the parlor, and Hammond paused somewhat as he gazed upon the handsome and manly form of the young carpenter, whose arm was nervously pressed by the beautiful girl

at his side. "Good evening, Mr. Hammond," said James, bowing politely. "I hasten to apologize for my presence here-"

"Stay!" said Hammond, as his face grew black with rage. "Are you not Jim Greene, the journeyman carpen-

"My name is James Greene, and I have the honor to say that I am a carpenter," replied Greene, drawing his fine figure proudly erect, as he noticed the rich man's sneer.

"Ah! indeed!" said Hammond, with mock humility, and curling his thin lips with a deeper sneer. "You are in the disguise of a gentleman, and before I should order you from my house, I thought it best to be sure to whom I

"As much a gentleman in my red Hammond is angry, I will tell him shirt and saw in hand as in this suit," returned James Greene, with a scorn to fill a young girl's mind with such of the paltry distinction that abashed the purse-proud man before him. "And in either garb much more a gentleman than Luke Hammond, who takes advantage of his roof and a lady's presence to insult me."

"Insult you!" exclaimed Hammond, with a scoff. "Leave my house, imnated in this house. I spoke of it to pudent fellow!"

between her lover and her uncle. "You forget that this house and all it contains are mine, and until James Greene is told by me to go hence, he is master here, Mr. Hammond." doubt the house was hauntid," re-

"So! Miss Catherine Elgin has knew. I then questioned Mrs. Har. Greene," sneered Hammond.

"In this lady's presence, Mr. Hammond, you utter your insults unpunbelief in ghosts. Then my uncle, with- ished save with my contempt. Else-"Well, James Greene has too much out any request from me, had my where, sir, I fear even your gray head would not shield you from an honest indignation," said James.

together, "some weeks since I gave you | the last guest. The Princess Amandee father's relations in the country, but yet, Miss Elgin-here you saw my ver. There was also a trimming of "Hush! woman; walls have ears!" since my father's death, a year ago, my niece. Since then you have succeeded thinks she loves you. You have met her in secret. You had sense enough your suit, and so you steal into my house to make a fool of a weak-minded

> "Now, Mr. Hammond," cried Kate, with burning cheek and flashing eyes, "if you were not the brother of my dead mother, I would call you a liar. James Greene, you now insult me."

"And in insulting a woman, Mr. Hammond, you lose the protection of her presence," suddenly exclaimed James, "No," replied Kate to James. "Why advancing with eyes that threatened quick and merited punishment.

Te be continued,



FADS FOR EVENING TOILETS. Clusters of pink roses with white frosted leaves are very much used as a ospreys. Combs of tinted horn represent a popular fad in Paris which is attracting a good deal of attention.

LONG COATS AND SKIRTS. With the long redimpote coats in stout materials are worn the prettiest and daintiest of skirts in short lengths. Numerous designs are seen with pleats let in under a hip yoke portion cut in the skirt, these panels fanning out

gracefully from the knee down in walking. But the skirt is short of course, less than pavement length in many cases, for the redingote does not allow of graceful lifting. Again, however, a skirt in quite a

showed two straight flounces cut rawedged and placed over one another. one slightly shaped at the train. To keep the cloth from raveling a bias piece of thin silk was stitched just above the edge of the flounce and underneath. Snuff-brown suede was the trimming used with this costume. or famble in closets at the last minute. whose upper garment was a skirt coat | Whatever you are going to need in the of uncommon jauntiness.

DON'T USE HOOKS AND EYES.

"The hook and eve is one product of civilization that Oriental races cannot be educated up to," said a manufacturer who was discussing export trade. "Our firm made strenuous efforts to popularize hooks and eyes in China, Japan and India; but we had to admit-defeat and retire from the

"We sell hooks and eyes all over the world, even to the Esquimaux; but the Orientals don't take to them. This is partly due to the mode of dress prevalent in the far East. Garments are cut to conform to the figure, of soft, clinging materials, and after the attire has been adjusted it is held in place by a sash twined around the waist. Unlike our fashions, there practically has been no change in the national costumes of China and Japan in centuries. The nearest approach to the book and eye is a sort of garment fastener, resembling the frogs on a military greatcoat, and even its use is not general."-Philadelphia Record.

THE PRINCE ALBERT COAT. The bolero double-breasted, slightly bloused in front and collarless, with a deep-stitched belt, is modish. With the return of close-fitted garments, that is, the garment that shows the outline of the figure, has brought with it the long, tight-fitting Prince Albert coat following the lines of those made for These coats fall midway between the knee and the ankle. They are especially appropriate for women with good figures who are inclined to be stout, but they are not becoming to very slender figures. They are without ornament and fasten with bone buttons. In every case coat sleeves are tight from the elbow down and in the long coat they have very little fullness, even at the top.

Elbow sleeves are one of the features of loose coats. The kimono style is especially suitable to this kind of sleeve. In this case the sleeve is held in place by some means at the elbow and reveals beautiful undersleeves of costly Irish crochet. The sleeve instead of running over the shoulder in the usual kimono style, is shirred into the neck and pointed in a yoke effect in the back. It is slashed in the side seams and up the seams-in fact, around the entire garment is a three-"Your house!" said Kate, advancing | inch band of a braided design in black, gold and white.

WEDDING FINERY.

At her matinee de contrat Mile, Matguerite de Broglie wore a pretty dress of pastel rose crepe de chine. The corsage was incrusted with cream gulpure, and was gathered into a high ceinture. Ruchings of rose ribbons and quantities of lace adorned the

Later at her marriage to the Comte de Lubersac the entire audience, which filled the Church of Saint Clotilde, was guipure ancient.

ald velour was worn by the Countesse of white silk waists, because they can Odon de Lubersac. Her hat was of the be washed and washed. self. But come-we must hear what which your uncle denies you, access?" to know that I, her uncle, would scorn same regal material. It was trimmed with zibeline, and her stole was of this same imperial Russian fur.

So many dresses of velours were

was trimmed with pleatings of narrow | tion. Valenciennes. The Duchesse de Bro- A new purse is long and has adjust-

drap souple, the beautiful cloth in the all-white,

| coat supporting trimming of white galon and guipure d'Ireland. An exquisite moonlight effect was suggested by twenty feet high, which resulted from supplementary adorament to the even- the long Louis XVI coat costume worn the fall, swept the neighborhood, caring gowns of to-day. For the evening by the Baronne Ernest de la Grange, rying away houses, people and cattle. headdress a distinct novelty is a co- It was of pastel gray satin souple, and carde of silk or satin to which is at- the coat was trimmed with fine old tached a cluster of white or shaded guipure and beautiful chinchilla fur .-Philadelphia Record.

RESTING.

When one has something particular on hand for the evening, it is advisable to "rest up" for it during the day, and here is a formula for that process suggested by an excellent English nurse: First lie down in the afternoon with only a loose gown on, so that the body can relax properly Next take a quick warm bath, afterward rubbing the spine with eau de cologne.

Next the face is to be gently washed in water softened with bran, as hot as can be borne, then rinsed off with cold water to which a dash of toilet short texture will have a slight train, vinegar has been added. To brighten though lightness will be obtained by the eyes, give them a bath, by means the way a cloth is manipulated. A of a teacupful of slightly salted tepid visiting gown in plum-colored cloth water. Dress with deliberation, and if possible have some one to do your hair for you, if you do not keep a

-It is a great aid to a successful toilet to have all your things laid out ready so that you do not have to rummage in bureau drawers or turn out boxes way of clothes, stockings, shoes, handkerchiefs, gloves, fan, etc., should be where you can lay your hand on them when you want them.

As a last touch, the nurse suggests Cleveland's recipe-a glass of boiling hot milk with nutmeg sprinkled on top.-Springfield Union.

Boydoir CHAT: When a girl is climbing a fence her

lothes have more ways of getting her covered the Dinomys in the lowlands into trouble than there are words to of Brazil. Its natural babitat is now describe them.

on the inside and causes dirt to ad- Peru. The animal is described as rehere, thus keeping them always dis- minding one of an immense rat, well dust, then brush again with a good a bushy tail nine inches long, thickset

Serge and cloth may be treated in the | movements and supreme good nature."

ed on the lawn of a country house is and her young one in a cage. a sundial. It is set on a stone pedestal, bearing the inscription, "Sunshine and shade by turns, but always love."

Let no debutante make the mistake | ter Palace by accident or design has of thinking courtesy means familiarity. recalled an anecdote of another Rus-Good manners do not mean less exdusiveness. Geniality does not mean | Warsaw, where a Russian Marshal ornobnobbing with Tom, Dick and Harry. dered the battery to concentrate its fire The successful girl must learn to be on a certain point. Nothing came of polite and yet keep those at arm's this, and the Marshal rode up to the distance whom she wishes kept at that artillerymen in great wrath. "What length, says the Philadelphia Press.



place among the accepted decorations Chinchilla and sable are especially beautiful trimmed with flowers,

shaded from pinks down to the deep-The demand for lingerie blouses has brought out machine-made ones, modeled upon the same simple lines as the

Opera bags of dark red cloth with purse of the same material swung from the drawstring are favorites with the matinee girls.

A transparent collar and some form of transparent soke are the rule, but the sheer blouse is worn over an underblouse of thin India or China silk. Exquisite rose-strewn organdies are n evidence for girlish evening frocks. of the daisies. In some the roses are nothing but tiny

The long shoulder effect has had its it into a handsome dress. Any girl day, although some of the new models whose mamma cannot afford such a designs which, of necessity, come well down upon the shoulder point.

China silk, embroidered with shirt waist designs in wash silk, makes mighty pretty blouses, which are A magnificent Empire dress of emer- more serviceable than any other kind

Nine out of ten blouses fasten in the back, a thing demanded by the intricate trimming of the front, but there are models buttoning down the front with tiny pearl buttons on a Champagne-colored velours was worn | plain band between lines of open work | by the Princesse Albert de Broglie. It stitchery, embroidery or lace inser-

glie was in violet velours. Mme. Henry able handles that push out of sight terial, her very successful dress being it wrist-bag fashion. The prettiest trimmed with guipure Venise and little "evening purses" are made of beads, in all-white, with gold mount-La Duchesse de Brissac was in white ings, to bring out the beauty of the

mended an appropriation of \$200,000 for the International Congress of Tuberculosis, to be held shortly in Paris.

A dispatch from Christiania states that at Nesdal, north of Bergen, recently, a mass of rock slipped into the Leonvand Lake. A wave of water

Edward Donohue, superintendent of plumbing of the City of Peoria, Ill., was recently granted a patent on an improved compression stop and waste cock which is designed to prevent waste of water resulting from the Life. slight wear of the parts of an ordinary faucet. The principle is said to be applicable to street hydrants as well as domestic faucets.

The Congress of Naturalists and Physicians, which recently met in Breslau, strongly condemned the "goose-step" as practiced in the German and some other armies. Dr. Thalwitzer read a paper on the subject, in which he showed that adoption of this ridiculous step accounts for numerous knee and foot complaints among the troops. Sixty per cent. of the sores on the feet of the men are in consequence of persistent adherence to this antiquated step.

The silk production of the world for 1903 is estimated at 39.897,000 pounds avoirdupois, not including the home role of a man with the gout!"-Detroit consumption of China and Japan, the Free Press. amount of which is difficult to estimate. China still leads in this industry. Its exports of silk amounted to 14,016,000 pounds, as against 10,138,-000 pounds exported by Japan. Persia, Turkestan and India together exported 1,969,000 pounds. In Europe Italy is far in the lead in silk production, the amount for 1903 being 7,757,for a capital pick-me-up, Mrs. Grover 000 pounds. Turkey in Asia and Cypress together produced 2,990,000 pounds, France 1,043,000 pounds, and other European stogether

In 1873 a green rathae rodent, named Dinomys, was discovered in the Peruvian Andes. But a single specimen was found, and this is now preserved in the Berlin Mureum. Last spring Doctor Goeldi of Para redissupposed to be the almost unexplored Never clean the nails with a sharp regions lying among the foot-hills of instrument, as it roughens the nail the Andes, between Brazil, Bolivia and advanced in development toward a To clean felt hats, brush and remove | bear. It is about two feet long, with | you?" stiff brush dipped in spirits of am- and has a waddling galt. Its charac- you were, as usual; but I didn't know monia, to remove spots of grease, etc. ter is "a combination of leisurely whose."-Philadelphia Press. It seems well provided, for digging. A charming silver wedding anni- but "knows absolutely nothing of ersary memento which has been erect- haste." Doctor Goeldi keeps a mother

Tale of a Russian Shell. The offending battery at St. Peters-

burg which fired case shot at the Winsian battery. It was at the siege of imbecile is in command here?" he demanded. "I am," said an officer calmly. "Consider yourself under arrest. Your shells are no good." "What can you expect?" retorted the other. "They took up a shell, lighted the match, and daughter?" held it out to the Marshal, who stood with his hands behind him waiting the result. If the shell had burst both men would have been blown to pieces. But the match went out, and the Marshal remarked simply: "You are quite right."-London Chronicle.

Rickrack Dalsies.

Rickrack is white cotton braid woven in points, and of yore much in request for sewing into elaborate designs like

crochet motif that serves as the heart

would otherwise be plain.

Dante Gabriel Rossetti, his brother William and Swinburne and George Meredith should live together in a which five rigid eggs had slowly bled

THE CARELESS COAL-HOLE. Gentle Jane walked up a road Where an empty coal-hole showed. All unheeding—in a minute Gentle Jane was strictly in it.

THE STREET CLOCK. "Hey, sonny, is that clock right up

"Cert, it's right up there. Did you t'ink it was down in de gutter?"-

WILLING TO OBLIGE. Penman-"Have you read my latest

Brokely-"No; lend me \$2 and I'll go out and buy one."-Youkers States-

· TROUBLE AHEAD. Magistrate-"You are bound over to keep the peace towards all his Majes-

ty's subjects." Prisoner-"Then heaven help the fust furriner I meets."-London Tit-Bits.

REAL ACTING.

Old Friend-"Is your part very, very difficult to play?" Barnstormer-"Well, rather! I'm living on one meal a day and playing the

USED TO IT. Jones-"I see that Gaggsbay was overcome by the heat yesterday." Brown-"That's strange, I sup posed that his intimacy with hot air had rendered him immune."-Kenne-

bec (Me.) Journal. NO ROOM FOR HIM. Dusty Rhodes-"What are ye headin' fer Plunkville fer? Don't ye know dat de jail dere is chock full of hoboes?" Tired Tiffin-"If de jail is chock full dat oughter be a good town to head

fer."-Pittsburg Post. THE STRENUOUS SHOPPER.

"Here is a lot more advice to the early shopper." "What rubbish! What would be the fun of shopping if you couldn't get into a jam and use your cibows?"-

Cleveland Plain Dealer. NOTHING NEW.

Miss Noozey-"You didn't know I was interested in business now, did

Miss Belting-"Why, yes; I supposed

ENOUGH. "I hear there's been an addition to your family.

"Yes, a girl." "And is that the first addition?" "No. it's the sixth edition, and we're hoping it's the postscript, too."-Phila-

WHERE DALMY BREEZES BLOW. "He lived in a low, rambling

delphia Press.

"But I understood you to say it had only two rooms!"

"That's-true, but this was in the cyclone district of Kansas."-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A KICKER.

"What did her father say when you won't explode. See for yourself." He told him you wanted to marry his "He kicked." "And then what did you say?"

"I asked him to kick my hat out

too."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

FLAT TERMS. "Five hundred dollars for my vote?" snorted the crooked legislator. "Sir! how dare you offer me this great in-

"Pardon me," replied the lobbyist, who knew his man, "this offer is not gross, but positively net."-Philadel-

phia Press. BOSTON THINKERS.

Beauman-"Still in a brown study! Always thinking about something!" Wyse-"So are you, but it is always about your clothes. The result is apparent in the case of either of us. I get creases in my forehead and you have them in your trousers."-Boston

THE ATTRACTION. Prim Mother-"My son, I am afraid have inset lace and embroidery yoke dress for her can casily make them you are going to make a mistake in herself and put them on a dress that | marrying Miss Easyways. Both she and her mother are fearfully lax housekeepers."

Son-"I know it, mother; that's what caught me. It's so comfortable over there, you know, I can sit down anywhere in the parlor without being told that I'm mussing things up."-Detroit Free Press.

A DEEP PLOT.

Si Whitcomb (reading sign)-"Gunners trespassin' on this land will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.' What's that for?" Farmer Kute-"That's to make 'bout

\$50 a season fur me." Si Whitcomb-"Shucks! There ain't

any gunnin' on your land." Farmer Kute-"I know, but the city gunners'll think there is, an' when I ketch 'em trespassin' I'll make 'em pay me tew let 'em off."-Chicago Tri-

The French Government has recom-

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a coarse lace. Now one of the charming new lines dresses for misses shows a number of daisies en applique, which are nothing but our old friend rickrack. There are fifteen points to each of these daisies, which means that the opposite fifteen points have been strung on a thread and drawn under a small white

A liberal sprinkling of these daisies prim buds, in other great nodding on the blouse and on the yoke and front panel of the skirt transforms

Could Not Agree. It was at one time arranged that

certain house. Meredith happened to see Dante Gabriel Rossetti at breakfast and changed his plans. Meredith himself tells the story: "It was past noon," he says. "Rossetti had not risen, though it was an exquisite day. On the breakfast table, on a huge dish, rested five thick slabs of bacon, upon to death. Presently Rossetti appeared in his dressing gown, with slippers Say was in this same beautiful ma- or pull up when you want to carry down at heel, and devoured the dainty repast like an ogre." That meal was too much for Meredith-and he sacrificed three months' rent rather than see it repeated,-Kansas City Journal.

tracts will be made.