

ney, called out: "Work, my son! I watch for you!"

Greene began his toilsome work once more. He had first to remove the strong iron work, and then to pass through some thirty feet of flue before he could hope to stand upon the roof. to make my words good." Leaving him at his dangerous task,

What?"

replied:

Harker?" he cried, bristling his hair

again. "Does the son of John Marks

then laughed aloud.

let us follow Nancy Harker. She conducted Kate to the white and will lead him to Highgate in London; gold apartment, locked her in, and was you will then enter Park House, the lingering in the hall when Daniel ap- Asylum for Idiots; you will lead him peared.

"What news, Daniel?"

"Well, we saw the young gentleman face-the face of a man of eighty on aboard the cars, and his baggage, too," the body of a youth of twenty-six or replied Daniel. "He seemed very seven years; you will point at the gringloomsome like, and never spoke a ning, brainless, chattering idiot and word after we left Mr. Hammond up say, 'John Marks, behold your son!' stairs."

"Did you wait until the cars left?" asked Nancy, eagerly.

"No; we left him wrapped up in his hear you do it!" cloak in a corner seat, and he looked like he cared "or nothing and nobody | ture from his teeth and began to write in the world. What's up now, Mrs. again. Nancy gazed upon him half sorrowfully, half in triumph. Harker?"

"Nothing that I can tell. If old Fan comes this way, send her off instantly, Daniel. Where is Stephen?"

"He said he was going to bed; and really live?" blow me, if I don't wish I was,' growled Daniel.

"You shall have a nap before long,' said Nancy, as she hurried away.

began to pace the floor; "if I don't, go-" blow me! I will go to sleep walking about."

In less than ten minutes he was pacingly. ing to and fro with his eyes shut, more "When I was there," resumed Nancy, than half asleep, and in five minutes "I went to the Asylum for Idiots at gradually sank down upon the floor, his portrait taken." sound asleep, with his lantern by his side.

Then a bent and crouching shape like to see it." crept along the hall, which was dark, "I have it, Luke," said Nancy "I although day was dawning without, had no particular cause to speak of it, and stole into the ante-chamber of the or perhaps I forgot it. I will go to my

white and gold room. room and get it." It was old Fan, whose half crazed Kate had uttered when they were last looks like." together:

"Yes, Fan-"

Kate had said so much, and the old on ivory, which she gave to Hammond, woman longed to hear more, for her saying: suspicions were aroused. Fan tapped at Kate's door with her youth." skinny knuckles, and whispered

through the key-hole: "My lady bird! Miss Elgin!" There was no reply. Poor Kate,

soothed by the whispers of joyful hope, whispers of old Fan. Again the what eyes-what terrible eyes it has! door. "Miss Elgin! Birdie!"

"Come cut of that!" growled Daniel, John Marks' son-my nephew! my who slept like a cat, with his ears nephew! Pah!" open. "Come out of that, or I'll stir you up!"

turn those two words that burned in a magnificent, glorious, handsome man rag." her brain-"Yes, Fan-"

dead, and John Marks wants his re- Marks seemed all right, then." ward-Marks wants his son!' Eh? "Yes," said Nancy; "there was no sign of idiocy then. But two years

Nancy Harker was very pale as she after the unfortunate boy began to droop and fail, first in mind and then in body. So rapidly did his infirmity "Never fear, Luke. I shall be able

increase, that in a year from its first appearance he was declared a hopeless "Yes, but how?" sneered Luke. "You idiot, and I placed him in an idiot will lead John Marks to England; you asylum. Two years ago I had him removed to the Park House Asylum." "Nancy Harker," said Hammond, sternly, "never let Charles know that through swarms of idiots until you he has such a cousin. Remember pause before a thin, horribly distorted that."

"I will remember it, Luke," said Nancy. "You rejoice too much in your son's perfection of body and mind. Suppose heaven had smitten your son and spared mine, Luke." Ha! will you dare do that, Nancy

"Woman!" cried Luke, fiercely, Harker? By my blood, I would like to "away! You terrify me with the very be there, in some safe place, to see and thought. My son such a thing-impospossible!" Hammond snarled this terrible pic-

And Nancy left him in silence. He locked his doors, and was soon asleep in his chair-vigilant even in his sleep. "Or have you lied to me, Nancy

CHAPTER XXV.

THE DEATH OF OLD FAN.

"I have not lied, Luke," replied Ten o'clock, the hour for awakening Nancy. "The son of John Marks and Hammond, arrived, and Daniel rapped Nancy Dunn that was, of Nancy Har- at the library door.

ker that is, does live. Two years ago Luke awoke with a start, and on "If I don't," growled Daniel, as he when in London, where you dare not hearing Daniel's growling voice opened the door.

"Yes, I have an enemy there, called Daniel started back in surprise, for Hammond was as pale and care-worn the Law," interrupted Luke, sneeras if he had been sick and confined to

his bed for a year. "What are you staring at?" demore he leaned against the wall, and Highgate. I saw the youth and had manded Luke. "What is the news below?"

> "I peeped in at the gentleman," said "Have you that portrait? You never Daniel, "and he ordered me to send his told me of this," said Luke. "I would breakfast to him at once."

"Ah! He is growing strong very fast," said Hammond, "And how is the lady?"

"Mrs. Harker was there just now," "Do. I would like to see what the replied Daniel. "She said the young mind had clung to the only two words son of my dear friend John Marks lady was brighter this morning, but still refused to eat."

"That girl's obstinacy and powers of Nancy left the library and soon returned with a large miniature painted endurance astonish me," thought Luke. "By my life, she will make a queenly wife-a regal spouse. But she'll starve before she will yield. Well, we'll let "This is the exact image of the

should be weak than strong." Luke gazed at the hideous, distorted

and soulless face for a long time, and "Now go awake Stephen, and tell him

slept, and heard not the trembling heir! The face of a human monkey- I shall soon be ready for breakfast." or I shall dream of it! And that is appear.

"I have been annoyed by the most horrid and dismal dreams while I He laughed gleefully. It really did slept," thought he. "Matter-of-fact or him so much good to think that the not, I have had a terrible nightmare Old Fan cursed him fearfully, and re- son of John Marks was a miserable, crushing the blood out of my heart

-tall, strong and intellectual, but He sought relief in his decanter, and

casion of his third call in a fortnight. "Yes," said the girl, with a yawn; "it seems so, doesn't it?"-Yonkers Statesman.

Which? Grayce-"Miss McPrim tells me that

she has made arrangements to lecture for a term of years." George-"Do you mean that she is

going on the lyceum platform, or is she about to be married?"

Pop Had an Automobile.

A sound mind in a sound body is a precept good in the past, present and future, and both are to be attained only by the development which comes from physical culture, whether derived from work in the gymnasium, or work fishing, rowing, shooting, or indeed sawing wood .- Forest and Stream,

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Your little child is your only true democrat.-Mrs. Stowe.

He who knows only his own side of the case knows little of that .-- J. Stuart Mill.

We are sure to get the better of fortune if we do but grapple with her .-Seneca.

Every man, as to character, is the creature of the age in which he lives .-Voltaire.

Religion converts despair, which destroys, into resignation, which submits .- Lady Blessington.

The duty of man is not a wilderness of turnpike gates. It is plain and simple, and consists of but two points; his duty to God, which every man must feel, and, with respect to his neighbor, to do as he would be done by .- Thomas Paine.

God gives us always strength enough and sense enough for what He wants us to do. If we either tire ourselves or puzzle ourselves, it is our own fault. And we may always be sure, whatever we are doing, that we cannot be pleasing Him if we are not happy ourselves. who is always kicking against auto--Ruskin.

Talking About Trouble.

De Wolf Hopper, back in New York and at the Lambs' Club, is authority for a story which contains rather a fair amount of philosophy. "Often when I have been having a run of hard luck." the comedian declares, "this tale has made me see the humorous side of the proverbial 'last straw.'

"While we were traveling in the Middle West one day last March my a tention was attracted to a sorrowful looking man with a small boy who sat across the way from me. Opposite the pair was a lanky clergyman of the sort who makes every one's business his own. The man was berating the boy, and, judging by appearances, the clergyman didn't like it. Finally, goaded on by some particularly violent rebuke, the minister leaned forward and said: 'I can't permit you to talk that way to your son. If you persist I'll make

trouble for you.' "The father glared a moment, but made no reply. Presently I heard him scolding the youngster again, and saw their fellow-traveler go to the rescue. 'I've admonished you once before,' he observed. 'The first thing you know I'll make trouble for you.'

"Evidently this was too much for pater familias. He broke out violently: 'You'll make trouble for me!' he exclaimed, with infinite scorn. 'You'll make trouble for me! My wife fell off the train at Des Moines. I lost my

are making on our yellow pine areas of the South and the effects on the to- say of what he did with early crops of pography this deforestation makes, must view almost with dismay their future condition. Our heavy precipitation, in conjunction with the rolling

more or less is soon gullied, and the sand is washed into the valleys. The landscape is scarred and marred into unsightliness, and, in many instances, the ruin is irredeemable. This is proceeding at a fearful rate, and some large and concerted action is necessary. The railroads, if they could only be netted \$86.88.

induced to reflect upon it, are most interested, for who will want to settle on these cutover, unsightly areas when the timber has been removed? 'At The plants were set two and a half present they are having a fine business in the tonnage of the lumber these and occupied about half of the radish great pine areas afford them from the innumerable mills along their lines, plant at once and the plants tied sebut after the timber is exhausted what then? It is no answer to say that truckers and fruit raisers will occupy them. They will do so, and have done so, in a measure, but they can only sparsely populate the vast areas de-

topography, ought never to be broken. single wheel hoe was used, but when They ought to be put down in Bermuda grass, red top or herd's grass and white clover. These would furnish pasture for sheep the year round.

Every considerable railroad in the South might do an infinite service by having several experimental farms on their lines, where the finest wool breed of sheep could be thus raised. They would soon be largely imitated. This is a needed diversification in Southern agriculture. Ere long woolen manufacturers would come in and prosperous town would soon spring up, where else some may be some day irreclaim-

able wastes. As it is, there is room for many woolen factories in the Gulf States to absorb the wool that is raised there and carried at great cost to the great wool markets of Philadelphia and Boston, paying many tributes to middlemen before it reaches its consumers in

the South as woven material. Of these wools the best are well known as lake wool, and have been long esteemed and bring a high price.-M. B. Hillyard, in the Tribune Farmer,

- Sweet Potatoes.

C. R. Smith, of Texas, gives the following advice on the planting of sweet potatoes:

In discussing the sweet poteto question, too much cannot be said on its behalf, for there is no animal or fowl on the farm but what relishes it, cooked or raw, and a more toothsome or whole some diet is hard to find for man, For feeding stock, its value is about three bushels of potatoes to one of corn, but

when we come to the yield, it is from

A Louisianian has the following to radishes and peppers:

In January last I planted Chinese giant sweet pepper seed in hotbed; as pepper plants grow very slowly at first and hilly topography, sets the soil to and as it is not advisable to set them washing rapidly. The soil being sandy out before all danger of frost has passed, I planted them with turnip radish seed the last of January. These did very well and most of the crop was shipped to Kansas City in sugar barrels with about fifty pounds ice in each barrel. The first shipment was made March 9 and the last April 8. They

Immediately upon clearing the ground of the radish crop I set out 400 pepper plant, quite large by this time? feet asunder in rows three feet apart? ground. A stake was driven at each curely. After the plants had started growing I applied a small quantity of

commercial fertilizer to each. The month of May was very dry and I was compelled to water the plants separately with hose attached to a spoiled by the sawmills. And, truth is, force pump. Later, when rains came, these very sandy lands, with a hilly growth was fine. At first a Planet Jr. the plants became too large for this L used an ordinary garden hoe. As the plants grew it was necessary to continue tying them up, as they are very, tender and easily broken by the wind:

About the time the plants began to fruit I applied a small shovelful of well rotted manure to each. As the season advanced the price of peppers declined, until I received only six cents a dozen. My last sale, which was made November 21, brought total receipts up

to \$43.50. The ground is cleared again and sowed with mustard, which was off in time to follow the last of January, 1905, with radishes again.

Destroying Wild Chions. A correspondent asks for a way of

destroying wild onions. A heavy application of salt to the ground occupied by the onions, or water at the boiling point will kill them. It might be difficult to make this application on any large scale, however.

We believe that the best way of dealing with the problem is by putting the ground so troubled in some crop calling for clean culture. No plant is known to us that can live through this sort of treatment, and probably, all things considered, it is the most economical way of removing the difficulty. By it all undesirable vegetable growths can be brought to an end. Some plants are almost certain to be missed by any of the other methods employed with this object in view .- Home and Farm,

Killing Borers.

-The various borers that infest fruit four to eight times that of corn per trees nearly always enter the tree acre; and no farmer that has a few bodies right at the surface of the acres of sandy land has any excuse for ground, where the bark is soft, and not having some good feed for all work upwards inside the wood. A kinds of stock, and a nice dish of good wire inserted in the hole made by them

IV. rich?"

her starve until night. Better she

Then aloud to Daniel:

"By my soul, Nancy, I don't envy to come to me. Then you may take you and John Marks such a son and five hours of sleep, Daniel. Tell Fan Daniel departed, and Hammond sat wretched old woman rapped at the And the mouth! Augh! take it away, down to think until Stephen should

treated to her kitchen to twist and driveling, idiotic wretch; while his was until it beats as soft and limp as a

No Use For It. Auctioneer-"What am I offered for this fine large bath sponge? Going at fifty cents-going-going- It's a shame I can't get more for it. I'd buy it myself only I've just come back from a visit at the seashore."-Harper's Week-

trian?"

Putting It in Practice.

Tommy-"Say, pop, what's a pedes

Pop-"He is one of those fellows

mobiles."-New York Press.

Educated Ernest-"Wot d'ye think of dis scheme to ostracize de tainted

Practical Pete-"I'm right fer it. Hereafter I'll never ride in de same patrol waggin wit' no defaultin' bank president."

Not Usually Affected.

Mrs. Goodley-"Gracicus! how you do annov me sometimes. Do you know that you snored in church to-day?" Mr. Goodley - "Nonsense! You're used to my snoring by this time. What was the matter with you? Insomnia?" -Philadelphia Press.

'As Others See Us.

Green-"Do you believe there is really such a person as the fool-killer?" Brown-"Er-by the way, how old are vou?"

Green-"Forty-five." Brown-"Well, if there is, he must have retired from business."-Chicago Daily News.

Charles," said Luke. "And I must write another to a former friend of mine to take Charles in hand and make him less of a saint." Nancy waited in silence until Luke had finished his letter to Charles; but Marks can do. He can make a fortune by showing the thing around! He might make a splendid speculation by exhibiting the boy!" Again he laughed loud and long, and hugged himself to think Marks had	thought again. To be continued. A Lazy Man's Reward. Necessity is said to be the mother of invention, and from the severe de- mands she makes I sometimes think she is a stepmother, says a writer in the Woodworker. One of the laziest men I had was put at the job of shak- ing sand through a shaking sifter, and I thought I had him where there was no dodging. He worked along until	Scovill—"Do you consider that a cause for anger?" Clarke—"Well, I should say yes! Wouldn't you be made if you had to take a \$4 trunk in place of the \$50 damages you had been expecting?"— Cleveland Leader.	The Tyranny of Fashion. "I have just come home, and all the fashions seem so queer." So remarked Mrs. Archibald Little, authoress and	method of cultivation. I know it will not fit all cases and under all circum- stances, but I believe it worthy of any one man's consideration. To prepare the sweet potato bed, dig out the earth three feet wide and six	further injury, and the work should be attended to in good season. Trees Need Room. Give trees plenty of room if you would have them thrifty and vigorous and bear large well matured fruit. It is better to err on the side of giving more room than is necessary, rather than on the other.—Southern Fruit
friend of whom he had spoken, she said: "Do not write it!" "Ah! And why not, Nancy?" said Then checking himself as he noticed the corpse-white and appalled face of his sister, he said: "But I am wrong: I forget you were	noon, and when he came back from his dinner he brought a roller skate, cut it in two parts, and had that sifter on wheels, doing double the amount of work with half the labor. He has been relieved of the doubtful distinction of being called "Lazy Joe" to a position more in keeping with the intelligence he has made it evident he possesses. Intercessory prayer might be defined as loving our neighbor on our knees	"You sign this deed of your own free will, de you, madam?" asked the law- yer. "What do you mean by that?" de- manded the large red-faced woman. "I mean there has been no compul- sion on the part of your husband, has there?" "Him?" she ejaculated, turning to look at the meek little man sitting be-	woman's dress opened up behind, it seemed to me that another worry had been added to life, even to that of poor man. Can't we women look beautiful in dresses that open in front? And must our hats all require three pins or more, and must they always be set askew?" Mrs. Little appealed to American women as leaders of fashion to consider whether current feminine attire was calculated to impress the beholder with respect.—London Tele-	The story of the transfer of James H. Hyde's stock in the Eqitable Life Assurance Society to Thomas F. Ryan was told before the investigating com- mittee in New York. Two persons were killed and nearly 50 injured in a wreck near New Cas- tle, Pa. District Attorney Jerome is serious-	Iron was discovered in Virginia (the first metal found in America) in 1715. A machine is being perfected in a Birmingham shop that is to turn out