

like boys who had been up to a rare piece of mischief, which, enjoyable as it was, might bring some dreadful penalty upon them.

The Old Derby was inspected and purchased, and then Mr. Deepdale related the incident to Thomas Dexter.

"I think," he said, "I never saw a more beautiful child's face, though clouded with sorrow, than the face of the girl who was sitting by the grotto; and the ugly one with her stories-told with a wonderful faith and belief, poor thing!--it was really as if she were reading a tale out of a fairy book."

"The child you admire is called Saranne," said Thomas Dexter, "and she and the ugly one are sisters. The storyteller's name is Little Make-Believe."

"That is exactly what she was doing, making believe. It isn't often that her dreams come true, I should say. And is that the reason of your calling her Little Make-Believe?"

Thomas Dexter replied that it was, and seeing that his best customer was interested in the children, told much that he knew about them.

He even related his dream, and the singular episode that followed of his being a witness of his own funeral. They were more than amused; many of the incidents narrated by Thomas Dexter stirred both their hearts with pity and admiration, and when they took their leave of the old curiosity dealer, which was not until past 10 o'clock, they were animated by a desire which did not find expression in Thomas Dexter's shop.

They had their own peculiar ways, in the similarity of which was an underlying tenderness; they were more like brothers than father and son.

"Well, Wall," said Mr. Deepdale, stopping at the end of the street in which Dexter lived, "is it to be home?"

"What do you think, dad?" "What do you think, Wally?"

"Dad, I am thinking of the grotto."

"So am I, Wally; we will go and have another look at it."

They were soon on the spot, but the scene was changed.

The grotto was there, shorn of its brightness; long before they arrived the candle had spluttered itself out and the sisters were sitting by the side of the house of shells, the third partner having left them in disgust.

The night was fine and the stars were shining, but there was something exceedingly touching in the attitude of these children, the prettier of whom was lying in her sister's arms.

"What are you sitting here for, chil dren?" inquired Mr. Deepdale. Having had your eel pie supp^r, you should be home and a-bed."

"We're going, sir," said Little Make-Believe, and she assisted Saranne to rise. "But we ain't had no supper." "Why, what became of the three-

penny piece?" "Oh, did yer know about it, sir?" said Little Make-Believe, wearily. "We thought it was our'n, but a boy come up and snatched it away. It was his'n, and he only threw it at us out of a Of necessity, then, they remained in

"That Little Make-Believe and Saranne being so ignorant-they don't even know how to read-what fun it would be if I were to turn schoolmaster."

"And teach them?" "Yes, dad-say for an hour once a

week. It would be a good thing for them when they grew up." "A capital thing, Wally." "Shall I, dad?" "Shall you, Wally? When did you

run one way and I another? Do you know, my boy, that this is a very sweet and beautiful world?" "It is very sweet and beautiful, dad-

with you in it." "I was thinking of you, my boy."

"And I of you, father."

Mr. Deepdale gazed at the portrait of his wife, which hung upon the wall, and a prayer of thankfulness trembled on his lips.

So it came about that Walter turned schoolmaster and on the Saturday night of every week began to teach Saranne and Little Make-Believe to read and write.

They progressed very slowly, and lessons being given them to learn during the week, they were seldom, if ever, perfect in them.

But Walter was patient, and they were in heaven.

Yes, in the wretched home provided for them by their father-of whom some slight mention is necessary, although he has but little to do with this history-in that miserable, dimlylighted cellar, unseen stars were shingood. ing in human hearts and heavenly hours were spent.

A word about this father.

More often in prison than out of it at liberty on an average for about four months out of the twelve.

He was not a thief, and cannot therefore, be called a criminal, but he was incorrigible, an irreclaimable drunkard.

It actually became a kind of boast with him that, in the records of the local police court, no person had been charged with being drunk and disorderly more frequently than himself. To first and pre-eminent in any of the ways of life confers a certain distinction, and this distinction Little Make-Believe's father enjoyed.

Regularly as he came out of prison he favored his children with a visit and expected to be waited on. Without a murmur did Little Make Believe perform a daughter's duties to a worthless parent, never sorrowing when he left her, never rejoicing when he returned.

As a matter of course he became ac mainted with his children's new friends and in a small way traded upon them. Their interest in Little Make Believe and Saranne increasing as time progressed, they would have been glad to remove them to a more comfortable some, but to this their father demurred unless he formed one of the family group-to which, naturally, they could not consent.

has changed his nature. But although multitudes in their human shape shall never be able to welcome this better time, to each man it comes in his turn, and none shall es- is more the vogue for trimming and cape the Divine transmutation.

From this history of every day events no actor who has played a prominent evening wear. part therein has yet departed; upon the comedy or the tragedy of their lives the curtain has not yet fallen. But some are withering, while others what we shall eat have become of too are ripening. In these suggestive as pects a comprehensive picture of the

world is seen; here wrapped in darkness, there bathed in light, at one and fare. Indeed, so enthusiastic has sothe same moment. Thus side by side march joy and sorrow, life and death.

During these eight years Mr. Deepdale's hair has grown gray, but his heart is as suspectible as ever to charitable and tender impressions.

Wonderfully like him is his son Walter, now a fine young fellow of threeand-twenty, the two are even closer together than they were in earlier days when Walter was a child, and therefore, presumably, more easily led. The secret of this lies as much in sympathy as in love. These inseparable companions are more like twin brothers than father and son. Thomas Dexter's hair has grown

white, and he has contracted a serious and reflective habit of mind. This is due to a more frequent association with Mr. Deepdale and Walter, who exercise over the old curiosity dealer an unconscious influence for

It has led as yet to no practical results, no crisis having occurred to ne-

cessitate decided action. His intimacy with Little Make-Believe and Saranne continues, and he is

occasionally kind to them in a larger degree than the bestowal of occasional pennies.

This was especially conspicuous on the occasion of the death of their father when he presented them with black

frocks. It was a gift they appreciated, for despite his useless and evil life they

mourned their father with genuine soretc., says the Trenton Times. row, and they would have been shocked had any person ventured to tell them that their loss was a blessing.

related to them, and of whom circumstance or the freak of fortune might deprive them at any moment, Little set across the chest. If the sleeve is too tight don't let out

in the world.

They still led their precarious life, beset now with peril because of drawing womanhood, crowned, in Sarranne's case, with beauty which made people stare after her in the streets. The contrast between the sisters was very marked. Beautiful as is the flat with two rows of stitching, as a

form or feature; she fulfilled the prom-

next winter will be mink, but beaver room I use when it's getting toward is also coming into public favor after mail time, and band concert nights, a retirement of some seasons. Ermine and a good many times off and on. "Now, I should like to know if you

in combination with darker furs, but worth being hived up downstairs for?" white fox promises to be the fur for demanded the mistress of the corner house, triumphantly. "And I haven't Plain Living and High Thinking. mentioned Fourth o' July, Memorial

It is remarked that some English day, nor the circus p'rade, either!"hostesses, who feel that the table and Youth's Companion.

Photo Screense

much importance in life, are giving a Some of the cleverest ways of disposseries of dinners marked by primitive ing of fine photographs have been declety become on the subject that the vised, for it's no longer the fashion fewer the courses and the worse the to keep them hidden away in cabinets food the more fashionable does the din- for the mere joy of possession. William Morris' theories are becoming ner become. At one select party remore and more widespread, especially cently in London there was nothing to

the one which demands a use for every eat but sandwiches, chicken and a litthing that is about. tle watery salad. The same exagger-A plain wooden screen was called

ated simplicity was shown at an evenupon to create one of these uses for ing reception, both in the dressing of photograps. The wood was stained the guests and in the floral decorations, a dull brown, one of the innumerable which consisted of a few lilies and Flemish finishes. At the top of each roses placed about the room in vases. panel was mounted a fine photograph, The guests moved about the room all in warm brown tones that hartalking together as long as they wantmonized restfully with the wood. ed to, while the hostess herself made no attempt herself to enliven the gathering. A bowl of lemonade, some

moulding stained to match the wood damp sandwiches and a few cakes exactly. were on a table in the drawing room. In the centre of this festive board the piece de resistance was arranged, con-

sisting of a large bowl of chopped fruit. sprinkled with sugar. and with oval ones as well, and the

About a Shirt Waist.

Here are some points relative to fit ting a shirt waist brought out at a dressmakers' convention. They are dwelt upon with terrible earnestness,

wherefore it is presumed that no decent shirt waist can be made without a knowledge of them:

Make a straight collar band. curved band will push down beneath

the ribbon stock. Don't bring the shoulder seam forward; it is better to drop it a little

back to make the garment fit. Cut the waist & half inch too big all around-in height, at neck, under arms

It is better to have a small armhole and plenty to play in the waist underneath than to cut a large armhole for freedom of movement.

So, but for three friends, in no wise Take a small dart into the front of the armhole, if necessary, to get a good

Make-Believe and Sarranne were alone the inside seam to remedy it.

The sleeve must be seamed into the waist with the seam turned into the neck and stitched flat. Ctherwise the sleeve will stand up unpleasantly. Don't use French seams in a thin waist. Turn the edges in and finish

spring-time of life it had invested Lit- man's shirt is finished. tle. Make-Believe with no grace of Lace Used Extensively.

ise of her childhood by growing up stunted and plain. She cared not; she lived but for the

But all sorts of possibilities suggest themselves as you look at the screen -ideas of gray prints mounted in a swirl of pyrography lines, the whole screen deftly touched with color, or of the blackest ebony effects, with pictures that have plenty of black in

their makeup, set off with lines of gold.-Utica Observer.



which is so old looking and artistic.

Tulle and net stoles and ruffs are very handsome.

It is almost as difficult to buy a simple hat as it is to find a plain, wellbuilt gown.

It is a tradition of fashion that laces and embroideries are never in favor at the same time.

Nowadays an evening coat is as necessary to even simple dressers as any other garment.

No wrap has been introduced which has given as much solid comfort as the long, loose fur-lined coat.

The veil draped hat is having a mod-Lace is the thing this season, and no erate success, but it is a little too spec-

this dainty fabric is added, if nothing en. happiness of one human being, and more than the collar and cuffs for the Velvet hats are well liked. One she was herself happy. tailor made costumes. Every possible handsome model was a saucer shape

phia Ledger.

of a brass case having a crystal lense think I'd count any six dollars a week in the front and an opaque glass disc in the rear, the whole being about three inches in diameter. It is intended to be used in hall doors and is so fixed that the light from within shines through, making the fixture very conspicuous after dark. The use of a frosted glass for the back lense secures privacy within the hall without detracting from the luminous effect. The device is being put on the market in England, and is one of the two nov-

> elties shown at the recent electrical exhibition in London. All birds of the crow tribe, rooks especially, exhibit a tendency toward winter-like squirrels and some other

animals--to lay up a store of provisions for their sustenance against a season of scarcity. While jackdraws select holes of trees and old buildings to store away such provisions, rooks convey them away to their rookeries. There in last season's nests they de-Toward springtime, posit them. The photographs were covered with when they begin thinking about setglass, and around each ran a narrow ting their houses in order, they visit their rookeries and, when rebuilding their nests, throw out the unused store,

Those photographs were almost Thus it is we often find an accumulation of acorns, potatoes and what not square, but the same idea could be caron the ground under their nests .- Naried out with the tall, narrow photographs, using more of them, of course, ture Notes.

Pork and Peas in Colorado. gray tones can be used, with the wood The cultivation of the lowly field pea of the screen stained that deep gray

in San Luis Valley is said to have solved the problem of profitable pork production in Colorado. It is declared that a drove of more than 450,000 hogs can be fattened in that district, and if this proves true it will add to the agri- of money in the buying of reapers and cultural wealth of the State a sum exceeding \$6,000,000 annually. Already large shipments into the valley have been made from the northern part of | toes are to-day one load would be the the State and the Arkansas Valley. average farmer's tax for ten years for The animals will be turned into the pea fields and will live practically wild until spring, when they will be ready for the market. Scarcely any attention

will be required for them beyond seeing that they have sufficient water. This introduction of the hog industry on such a large scale will stimulate the raising of pork all over the State. In conjunction with the field pea, the sugar beet has been found to be a wonderfully fattening food, besides making the flesh firm and putting the animal in first-class shape for the market,

ceptionally good food, but it is not all sufficient.-Denver Republican.

Alfalfa also is discovered to be an ex-

Caught a Crown Prince.

- the Determ

It would really seem as though the recent marriage of the German Crown Prince and Duchess Cecile was a love match. The young man is credited with having made a decidedly original proposal. He and his future wife were

costume is complete until a touch of tacular to please conservative womstopping at Schwerin Castle and, both being enthusiastic anglers, conducted

their courtship through the aid of rods | State and towns in combination can

fects the matter of taste also has a practical bearing. Dirt and shiftless-A luminous push-button for the front ness tend to get together. The fardoor is being introduced. It consists mer whose wagon is covered with clay doesn't feel the pride in keeping up his place that he would if his vehicles came back clean from a drive to town. Manufacturers and business men of all sorts are finding that it pays to keep their places shipshape. The most successful farmers have learned the same lesson. Muddy roads are enemies to the good order that helps make a farm successful. It is hardly necessary to dwell on their relation to that isolation which Mr. Morton rightly said is the chief objection to farm life. In part this is inevitable. But it can be greatly relieved by the improve-

ment of roads. There is no reason why a farmer's family should suffer solitary confinement during many weeks of the year. The remedy is in the farmer's own

hands. With unanimity of action they

could enlist help that would bring

widespread relief within a few years.

Some Pertinent Questions For Farmers.

How much do you suppose it costs

you a year to repair your wagons and

harness on account of bad roads? How

much does it cost you a year for shoes

and clothing that are ruined by your

children wading through the mud to

school? How much does it cost you a

year for medicine to cure your chil-

dren's colds contracted in wading

through the mud to school and church?

How much of a damage a year to you

is the mud that prevents your children

from attending school, or damage done

to them, rather, in the loss of an edu-

cation? How much damage to you is

our bad roads in preventing your reach-

ing market with your produce? You

are perfectly willing to spend plenty,

mowers and other farm machinery.

You are willing to purchase fine car-

riages and harness. At the price pota-

good roads, at the end of that time the

roads would be good and you could

vote to rescind the law if you wanted

to, and you would have good roads and

no tax for thirty or forty years, the

State Ald.

markable step in the direction of a

better system of public highways. 'A'

measure has been enacted into law

appropriating no less a sum than three-

quarters of a million dollars for the

permanent improvement of the main

highways of the State. The money is

to be raised at the rate of \$125,000 a

This amount will build a great many

miles of macadam road, and will no

doubt lead to still further construction

It is what we will all have to come

to, sooner or later. The State must

do the general road-making. The cities

and villages and even countles are too

small units for so large a work. But

New Hampshire has taken a most re-

balance of your life.

year for six years.

in years to come.

It was a mean trick to serve us, wasn't it, sir?" "A very mean trick," said Mr. Deep- dale. "I should not have supposed any boy would have been guilty of it." "It was Dot-and-carry-one, sir. He's always up to mischief." "So that was the end of your dream, then?" "Yes, sir, and now we're going home. Come along, Saranne." "Wait a minute, children. Well, Wally, what do you think?" "I think it would be a capital thing, dad." "So it would. Your dream shall come true, after all, Make-Believe." "Oh, sir!" "Wouldn't you like something better than stewed ells?"	ellar was honored with visitors. The cobbler who lived in the adjoin- ing room, for one; Thomas Dexter, for another; Walter's father, very fre- quently. With these, after the lessons, could Walter converse and argue, and he was so like his father in his modesty and gentleness and tenderness that his views on most of the subjects which happned to crop up could not fail to leave an endurable impression. He read stories to them, and the children wandered in a new fairyland. But he was not the only teacher and entertainer. On rare occasions Little Make-Be- lieve's fantastic fancles found expres-	 was as proud of it and as fond of setting it out in its best light as the most devoted mother could have been. Whatever dreams and fancies she indulged in were all for Saranne and Saranne's future. Dangerous dreams, but indulgence in them was a sweet pastime for which neither she nor Saranne was ever disinclined. The kernel of these dreams was that Saranne was to marry a prince. Heaven knews from what mysterious fairyland the prince was to come, but he would surely come one day and woo and win her. There is a brief time in our lives when we see the future through a shining veil which reflects, in their most entrancing forms, our bright wishes and desires. 	when yards and yards are used to fin- ish the evening costume. Beautiful berthas of rare old lace that has been an heirloom for many years are now in vogue. A handsome black silk worn by a middle-aged woman at a fashionable wedding recently, had one of those rare old lace flounces, about eighteen inches deep, which had been in the family several generations. The waist was trimmed very elaborately with the same pattern in a narrower width and just a dainty touch of blue. It was one of the most attractive of gowns at the wedding. The young woman who has a grand- mother should ask if she has some plece of lace that can be used in some	brim. The dressier hats offer the widest choice, and are often very artistic, aside from the exaggerated tilt of most of them. Before the weather is quite cold enough for furs, there is always a vogue of feather stoles and boas and of the lighter tulle and net neck- pieces. It is possible to have a very individ- ual hat with these soft felt shapes, and one can do no better than to in- vest in one to match her walking gown. There is a new lace on the market, new, at least, in the sense that it is an innovation, called Japanese lace. It is not made in Japan, but the pat- terns are supposed to suggest Japan.	-Philadelphia Record. Modern Burglary. The Cleveland burglar who played Handel's "Messiah" on the plano as a prelude to robbing the house, re- ceived the gift of a suit of clothes and \$20 from his intended victims as a start on a new life. In the present advanced state of the science and art of burglary it seems likely that ability to play the plano will soon become an indisnersable requisite to admit.	den will be lighter. New Hampshire, in reality, has only taken a place in the march of process. Care With Model Roads. Considering the importance of good roads, it is c1 vital moment that object- lessons in their building should be well taught. For this reason none but the most skillful engineers and the most conscientious contractors should be employed in building model roads. If the improvement proves good and permanent, it will scon convince the taxpayers that more such road is de- sirable, and development in that line will follow. Should the model road
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