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## AUNT SARENA'S TRIALATIONS.

I was sittin' one cold eyenin' a spell ago, meditatin' and toein' of a stockin', that I was knittin' for a nephew of mine. when I heard sumbody rap. It kinder startled me at fust, for I'm a poor, lore oreetur, and there is so many tramps pokin' round, that natterly I felt sorter skittish. Howsumever, I took the kero sene lamp, and went to the door-and behold! there was the same nephew of wine -Robert Grimes-that I had been knittin' for, and a grand lookin' gal with

I was real tickled to see Robert. I had the bringing up of that boy-most hair, evry mornin' for about nineteen years, and spanked him when occasion required, I snook hands with bim and then he said :

"Allow me to introduce my wife-Anna-Aunt Surena"

Sakes alive! I was completely beet! The idea of that hifalutin' thing bein' my niece! Why she looked as if she was Queen Victry, at the very least!

I axed 'em to cum in, and then I see that her dress was draggin' about half a yard on the floor Thinks I, now sumbody has stepped on the back bredth and ripped out the gethers. It's too bad! But before I hed time to speak about it, she gave a little swish, and sot down and then I made up my mind that them are gathers was ripped out purpose.

I axed 'em if they had ben to supper and they sed no. They had been travelin' ever sense mornin'. So I made a rousin' eup of tea, and sot out the table I put out a plate of cold beans, caus' sometimes folks want suthin' hearty, to mence on, when they ben travelia. sot on a plate of pickles, sum bred, chese, and donuts, and one of my best punkin pies. Then I told 'em to set up, and have some supper.

The minit that gal got site of the table, she throwed up both hands, and velled :

do hand me a vinergarett-I shall surely

I sprung right up, and says I, I don't know anything about your vinegar et, but here's sum good cider vinegar ; p'raps that'll belp ye. Want a swallow on't? and I held the bottle right to her mouth. But she pushed it away, and Robert suid :

"I'm sorry, aunt, but my wife is so extremely delicate, that she never could bear the sight of baked beans!"

"Fudge and fiddle-sticks!" Delekit!" said I; "more likely she had to live on 'em to hum, till she got sick on 'em ! I'll carry the things off-then p'raps she'll revive !"

"Just then she spied the pickles, and said to Robert. "What are those green things lying

in the dish before you?" "Them's cowcumber pickils, you ninny," sed I, "for I begun to think she didn't know nothin'.

"She means cucumbers," sed Robert : you have eaten cucumbers, haven't you,

"Oh, yes," said she; "but really until this moment I always imagined they grew in slices !"

"Where on airth hev you been, and what hev you been doin'," sed I, "that you don't know enny more ?"

"I attended boarding school till my education was finished, and mamma never would allow me to come near the kitchen But I have done lots of worsted work I'll make you the loveliest sofa pillow, some day, with a dog on it.'

"Young woman," said I, "I hev gott a pillow onto my sefs in the parlor; it is made of goose feathers; it's a span clean pillow case, and I won't hey no nasty dog a settin' on it-I teli you."

"She means a worsted deg on canvaaunt.' said Robert.

'Waal, I don't want any of them as things I don't suppose yeu could get a meal of vittals, could ye?' sed I 'Oh, no !' said she, in a horified tone

'Waal, what be you going to do, new you've got married ?' sed I. Board, of course, like other people.

my dear aunt." 'Weal, like enough if Robert's well and has a high salary, you'll manage to

'Oh, I'm one of the cheerful kind; I

I should like to take a few lessons in

booking of you. It would be such an. I looked at her as she sot there, with that long silk gownd on, big gold this ong chain with a watch on the end of it, and curls and braids and friggles I could awaller. awhiskin' every way, and I sed calmly; cer dress with a big apetn, before I try aging trying to beet anything into a bo and scatterin' as yours appears to the rana Wiggins! I sartingly will!

Howsumever, for Pobert's sake And so I did, and of all the triais I eyer had, that girl was the wust Why, she didn't know nigh as much as I thought she did at fust, and that was nselesa

The fust time I let her make the tea she put in, as near as I kin calkerlate, about half a pound of my best green tea and then filled the teapot with water. You can imagine the result.

One day I had a lot of carpet rags I wanted to sow, and I thought I'd let her get dinner alone. I told her I thought we better have some biled rice for toppin' off, cause that was healthy and Robert was powerful fond of it. I told her she mite jest run down to the store and git sum. I told her to put it on airly, so as to let it cook slow.

I got so engaged in carpet rags that I didn't go nigh the kitchen, for onct all the mornin'.

About half past 'leven she cum to the ettin' room door, and sed she wished I'd cum out and see about that rice. She didn't know what to do with it.

So I went out- and massy sakes ! the ight was enough to disgust a starvin' savage! There was my kittle that would hold a pailful, on the stove running over with rice, and she had got every bowl and tin dish in the house full of biled rice She sed the stuff kept coming up and she didn't know what to do with it I looked at her, and sed as calmly as I could: 'How much rice did you put

into that kittle ?" 'I got four quarts, aunt, and I put it all in,' says she.

I didn't say anything more ; I could not. We fed the hog on biled rice that day, and I told Robert kinder confidentially, that I had a strong mind to make a good mustard plaster, and put it right on top of that gal's head, and mebbe if she had eny grains of common sense, 'twould sort of draw'em together, for I was sick trying to make anything of her.

One Saturday morning just as I had got reddy to go to bakin', one of the naybors cum in, and sed I must cum rite over to his house, for one of the young ones had got the croop, or hopin' coff, or suthin'. I didn't know how to leave but Anna sed :

'I'll make the pies, auntie; I've seen you make them so many times. I know I

'Wasl,' thinks I to myself, 'I'll let her try.' I told her where things was, ened my pie crust with lard then mixed it with sower milk ; cause I thought it was softer that way. I told her the lard was in the buttory, cut up in chunks on

Waal I went off and didn't get home till most supper time. She had got things in tolerble order, considerin'. kinder felt encouraged; thought mebbe I shouldn't need the mustard plaster arter all.

She made four pies. They did look sorter decent, and I put one on the table for supper.

Just as soon as I tasted it. I knew sathin want right. The fust mouthful made me sick. 'Anna Grimes,' sed I, for conscience sake what have you put into these pies?'

'Why, just what you did, aunt-I put in most a whole squere chunk of lard, and I had to cut it all up into little pieces It wouldn't dissolve.

A thought struck me all of a sudden, and I ris right up and went to the buttery and as true as you live that sap head had shortened her pie crust with bard soap. I had jest bought a dozen bars of hard seap and put it on the bottom shelf in the buttery and she had put most a pound of it into them pies.

I gave right up that nite. I told her get along. But what are yeu going to firmly that the best thing she could do do if he should be sick?" was to let herself out to some respecta-ble milliner or dress maker to stand in the winder for to hang new bonnets and

I felt that I could stand a bushel of biled rice at a time and green tea puddin' but when it cum to shortenin' pie shaking in both ears, gold bracelits, a crust with hard soap, 'twas time to take a decided stand. It was a leetle more'n

I hev only jest this remark to make I guess you'll bev to take off sum of if there's eny gul who reads this here them fixine and get into a sensible cali paper that thinks cowcumbers grows in slices, or shortens their pie crust with to larn ye anything, it's ruther discours hard soap, thes need not set their caps for any of my nephews. I'll brake up dy's heade, where the brains are as few the much jest as sure as my name's Sa

The Best Capital.

The best capital, in sine cases out of ten a young man can start in the world with is robust health, sound morals a fair intelligence, a will to work his way honestly and bravely, and, if it be possible, a trade-whether he follow it for a livelihood or not. He can always fall back upon a trade when other paths are closed. Any one who will study the lives of memorable men-apart from the titled or hereditary great-will find that a large maj rity of them rose from the ranks with no capital for a start, save intelligence, energy, industry, and a will to rise and conquer. In the mechanic and artisian pursuits, in commerce, in agriculture, and even in the paths of literature, science and art, many of the greatest names sprung from poverty and obscurity. Dr. Johnson made himself illustrious by his intellect and industry, so did Franklin, and so have multitudes whose memories are renowned

PREPARE FOR A FRESHET .- A theory is advanced, with plausibility, says the Charlotte Democrat, that during the long continued dry, hot weather, a vast amount of water has been evaporated from the ocean and now remains in suspension in the clouds, and that at an early day these clouds will pour out floods of zein, causing overflows in rivers and oreeks. Hence it is suggested that all corn on low lands be immediately cut, statk and all, and stacked on high land, to avoid destruction by freshets if they should occur. An old farmer tells us that it will not hurt the corn to cut the stalk and place it in a safe place; that the ear will dry just as well on such cut stalk as if it was left standing where it grew. It would be well for farmers to consider the suggestion.

SALT IN INTERMITTENT FEVER -Take a handful of table salt and roast in a clean oven with moderate heat till to a clean over with inderate heat till it is brown—the color of rossted coffee. Does for an adult—a soupspooful dis solved in a glass of warm water; take at once. When the fever appears at intervals of twe, three, or four days, the remedy should be taken fasting on the morning of the day following the fever. To overcome the thirst a very little water should be taken through a straw ter should be taken through a straw During the forty-eight hours which follow the taking of the salt, the appetite should be satisfied with chicken and beef broth only; it is especially necessary to observe a severe diet and avoid taking cold. The remedy is very simple and harmies, and has never been known to fail, where it has been given a trial.

WORTH KNOWING .- Prof. Wilder, of Cornell University, gives there short rules for action is case of accident: For dust in the eyes avoid rubbing; dash cold water in them; remove cinders, etc, with the round point of a lead penoil. Remove insects from the ear by tepid water; never put a hard instrument into the ear. If any artery is cut compress it above the wound; if a vein is cut compress it below. If choked, go upon all fours and cough. For slight rules for action is case of accident : For upon all fours and cough. For slight ourns dip the part in cold water; if the skin is destroyed, cover with varnish. For apoplexy, raise the head and body; for fainting lay the person flat.

Pincapple sponge.—One small, fresh pineapple, or a pint and a half can of the fruit; one small cupful of sugar, half a package of gelatine, one cupfur and a half of water, the whites of four eggs. Soak a genatine two hours is half a cup-ful of the water. Chop the pineapple and put it and the juice in a saucepan with the sugar and the remainder of the water Simmer ten minutes. Add the water Simmer ten minutes. Add the gelatine; take from the fire immediate getatine; take from the fire immediately and strain into a tin hasin. When partly cooled add the whites of the eggs, and beat til the mixture begins to thicken Pour in a mould and set away to harden. Serve with a soft custard flavored with wine.

"Dan," said a four year old, "give me five cents to buy a monkey." "We have one monkey in the house now." said the older brother. "Who is it?" "You," was the reply. "Then give me five cents to buy the monkey some nuts." The brother could not resist. Sickness A Disgrace.

All bodily ailments are more or less argent appeal for help; nor can we loubt in what that help should cannist The more fully we understand the nuture of any disease, the more clearly we see that the discovery of the cause means he discovery of the cure. Many sicknesses are caused by poisone, foisted upon the system under the name of to nic beverages or remedial dangs; the only cure is to eschew the poison. Others, by habits more or less at variance with the health laws of nature ; to cure such we have to reform our habits. There is nothing accidental, and rarely anything inevitable, about a disease we can safe-ly assume that nine out of tencomplaints have been caused and can be cured by the sufferers (or their purses, themselves God made man upright;" every pros-trating malady is a deviation from the state of Nature. The infant, "mewling and puking in its nurse's arms," is an abnormal phenomenon. Infancy should be a period of exceptional heaith; the joung of other creatures are healthier, as well as prettier, purer, and merrier than the adulis, yet the childood years of the human animal are the years of sorest sickliness; statistics show that among the Caucasian races men of thirty have more hope to reach a good old age than a new born child has to reach the end of its second year. The reason is this: the health theories of the aver-Christian man and woman are so egre-giously wrong, that only the opposition of their better instincts helps them—
against their conscience, as it were—to maintain the struggle for a tolerable ex istence with snything like success, while the helpless infant has to conform to those theories—with the about results.

"I have long ceased to boubt," says Dr. Schrodt, "that, apart from the ef-fects of wounds, the chances of health or disease are in our own bands; and ing that way, they would feel ashaued to be sick, or to have sick children — [Dr. Fslix L Oswald, in "Popular Science Monthly" for September.

Do your work Well.

Daniel Webster gives an account of a petty insurance case that came to him when a young lawyer in Portsmouth Only a small amount was involved and a twenty dollar fee was all that was promised. He saw that to do his client full justice, a trap to Boston to consult the low library would be desirable. He would be out of pocket by such an expedition, and for this time he would re ceive no adequate compensation. After a little hesitation he determined to do his very best, cost what it might. He accordingly went to Boston, looked up authorities and gamed the case.

Yerrs afterwards, Webster, then famous, was passing through New York. An important insurance cases was to be tried the day after his arrival, and one of the counsels had been suddenly ili. money was no object, and Mr. Webster was begged to name his terms and conduct the case. "I told them," said Mr. Webster, "that it would be preposterous to expect me to prepare a legal argument at a few bours' notice. They insisted, however, that I should look at the papers; and this, after some demur, I consented to do. Well, it was my twenty dollar case over again, and, as I never forgot anything. I had all the authorities at my fingers' ends. The court was astonished at the range of my acquirements So, you see, I was handsomely repaid both in fame and money for that trip to Boston; and the moral is, that good work is rewarded in the end, though, to be sure, one's self be enough.

How do you keep your Room.

A look into the chamber of a boy or A look into the chamber of a boy or girl, will give one an idea what kind of a man or woman, he or she will probably become. A boy who keeps his elothes huog up neatly, or a girl whose room is clean always, will be very apt to make a successful man or woman. Order and neatness are essential to our comfort as well set that of others about her. well as to that of others about us. A bey whe throws down his cap, or bo anywhere, will never keep his accounts in shape, will do things in a slovenly, careless way and not ha long wanted in any position. A girl who does not make her bed till after dinner—and she should always make it herself rather than have a servant do it—and throw her dress and bonnet down in a chair, will make a poor wife nine cases out ten. If the world could see how a girl keeps her dressing room, some unhappy marriages would be saved — Congregationalist.

It is peculiar how sound a man sleeps when his wife crawls over him on her way to the kitchen to make the fire. The two men Inside.

An old Indian once asked a white man for some tobacco for his pipe. The white man gave him a loose handful frem his pocket.

The next day he came back and asked for the white man. "For," said he, "I found a quarter of a dollar among the tobacco

"Why don't you keep it?" asked a

bystander. "I've got a good men and a bad man here," said the Indian, pointing to his breast; and the good man say. It is not mine; give it back to the owner." The bad man say, 'Never mind, you got it, and it is your own now' The good man say, 'No, no; you must not keep it." So I don't know what to do, and I think to go to sleep, but the good and bad men keep talking all night, and trouble me; and now I bring the money back, I feel good."

Sike the old Indian, we have all a good man aud a bad man within The bed man is Temptation. The good man is Conscience, and they keep talking for and against manf things that we do ev-

Who wins? That is the question; and the answer decides a child's character for this life and the life to come. Who wine? Stand up for duty Down with sin! Wrestle with temptation manfully. Never, never give up the war till you win .- Ex.

There are 331 different styles of bic-

The spots on the sun do not begin to create the disturbance produced by the freckles on the daughter.

The pistol ball which killed the President had shattered a portion of his spinal column. The bullet was found in rear of the heart, and was complete-

There is to be a post mortem examin-tion made of the President's body. It is then to be embalmed; carried to Wash-ington, where it will lie in state in the rotunda of the capitol Thursday and Friday. Afterwards it will be taken to Cleveland, Ohio, sor interment.

WORTHLESS STUFF .- Not so fast my friend; if you could see the strong, bealthy, blooming men, women and children that have been raised from beds of sickness, suffering and almost death, by the use of Hop Bitters, you would say Glorious and invaluable remedy."-Philadelphia Press.

President Garfield's aged mother is stopping with her niece in Hiram four miles from Garrettsville, Ohio. She receives messages from Washington, and spends much of the time at the front door, anxiously watching for the mesen-ger who brings dispatches She is bow-ed down with grief, sleeps little, much agitated by fear for the worst, and yet tenaciously clings to hope.

Chicago, September 17 - Universally cold weather is reported from Des Moines and other parts of Iowa. For several days snow fell all along the Rock Island read, between Decota, twenty miles west of here, and in Nebraska. inches in depth at Omaha. The tops of the cars on the Rock Island road, on arriving here last evening, were cover-ed with snow. The weather is cloudy and very cold for the season.

Gen. Arthur's succession to the Prosidential office puts a very different aspect on political matters. Conkling will now push his case in New York with great vehemence. The administration Repub-licans in Ohio and Pennsylvania will grow lukewarm, and the political situation will be very very materially changed. Arthur, a weak man, connected with violent partisane, and controlled by bud advisers, may drag his party into the toils of death, and the Republican party may find danger and trouble ou every side.

He was a young country fellow, a little awkward and bashful, but of sterling worth of character. She was a Cincinnati belle, and had sense enough to appreciate his worth despite has awkward ness and bashfulness, and was his flauces, On a gloomy Sunday evening, last winter, they were standing in front of the window in the parlor of her home on East walnut Hills, watching the snowflakes rapidly falling outside. He was not up in society small talk, and being hard up for something to say, remarked as he watched the snow falling: "This will be hard on the old man's sheep."

"Never mind, dear," said she slipping her arm around him. "I will take care of one of them .- "Cincinnati Commer-