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But when I'd turned my first decade PEPPER & SONS, Pubs. & Props But when the fifteenth round I'd run, sise Then, oddly, when I'd reached that age, But when my thirtieth year was told, Yet two-score came and found me thrifty, rates. And here I am at sixty now, 'Tis true my bair is somewhat gray, But bless your soul, I'm yours, as whea

> Perhaps a little wiser grown, But wondering still, while years have reflect.
> When is it that a min grows old /

the yellow sheaves for the shock, a doz-en in a pile, to coveted promotion to sible without that; and it is almost the The sparks flew around in every directhe binder's place and learning the mys- dufy of any woman of means to satisfy tion, and there was a sharp, crackling terious binder's tee and wrestling with the big bundle, to the full glory of swinging the mighty eralle with its musical ring and wish, and the merry tune of the whetstone upon the ringing blade, fill- They are something that years never she touches a woolen cloth the fire begins ing hill and valley, wood, copse and field. We have a vague impression that member in their middle life with smooth in rapid succession. the poetry of it was not in the doing of tions of pain. What strangers think is it under a hot June sky, although there someth to the girl, who sees and feels and the spirit of carolution, and the sat- ferent; and, besides, she has a natural Eaton county, there arrived on the isfaction of reaping the sown, and gath- love for the becoming and graceful, that grounds a bully, named Miller, who had

heard with its piercing, ringing music, comings of the remaining few make their chiming in jully chorus with the voices children's hearts ache; and it is much JOHNSON, SUTTON & CO., of the numerous laborers required in those days. There is a business sound self "does not care any longer" to subabout the steady monotonous whirr of the reaper and binder, and the poetry who do, and dress becomingly, than it is gone. We doubt if even extra-poeti-cal afternoon sack for the long June evening, with the light-bread, and salt-tempt the pretty things they long to rising, and go den butter, cold from the spring-house, and the blackberry pies atraid of yielding. No daughter ever the long day and gludden the weary juvenile a fishion. Young eyes note suitharvester. It must be all dull and ability of shade and color in the most

jolly woodpecker has beaten himself, with "mother's toilet." with his merry laugh, his jovial vel-e-ah. to some land where his bright, sunny cachination may still accompany the music of the eradle and the ring of the whetstone upon the blade. The hardheaded, mechanical spirit of business has possessed the harvest, and the reaper and-binder is a reminder of the politbinding itself. Who that has harvested ply. and gathered and reaped and bound and garnered, can forbear a sigh of regret about it. Now here s a dozen jenyine B. BLIMLINE. garnered, can be must, journ in which razor-straps, worth two dollars and a convinced judgment, as he must, in the half—you may have 'em for two dollars.'' is the true advancement of all the human races from the lowest, man's enslavechanies to do the drudgery man had once to do in the sweet of his brow under the burning sun nor perhaps saw the poetry of it as he did it?

For the poetry of it, for the sake of the sunny memories of it, for one sweet draught of the olden times as it is gleam-STEPHENPUTNEY & CO., ug samily in memory, if somebody will of it and revel for once in an old time harvest all to ourselves and sneer in old fogy, conservative contempt at the fellow with his reaper and binder in the next

MR. SPURGEON'S IDEA. - Few men have had more occasion for groans than Mr. Spurgeon, who is nevertheless a cheerful man, and with characteristic terseness preaches his doctrine of cheer- he received the strops, and passed over fulness and endurance to the world. In the picayune. recent sermon he said : "If believers T. J MAGRUDER and CO, learn to groan down here, their educato heaven; but if they learn to sing be- you'll do a little better than to buy razor low they will be quite at home yonder, strops." having a erely gone up stairs where the " He pitied the Sunday-scohol teacher who could sit down of the laughing crowd.

About Mothers Dress.

Only young and sensitive people ing quite sure of the estimation in which she is held by father has become indif-

aust have been a certain exhibitaration, glances to which older people are indif-

ering the justly due ewards of toil.

Is there any peotry left it in it? The lat is not a common fault in the "setmusic of the merry cradle is gone, and thed people of to-day to be indifferent to the voice of the whetstone is no longer their attire, but all the ...ore do the short in the buttermilk, is left to shorter dressed her mother in too gay and sensible maoner, and these heaven sent We are inclined to suspect that the dressing maids may safely be trusted

A Yankee Trader.

"I kalkerlate i couldn't drive a trade with you to-day?" said a true specimen of a Yankee peddler, as he stood at the door of a merchant of St. Louis.

"I calculate you calculate about right, cal chain into which all modern life is for you cannot," was the sweering re-

"Wal, I guess you needn't get huffy

trash so you had better be going." "Wal, now I declare! I'll bet you five dollars, if you make me an offer

"Done." replied the merchant, I lacing the money in the bands of a by-stand-

when the merchant offered him a picaing samily in memory, if somebody will lend us a cradle and ten acres wheat "They're your r," said the Yankee as we shall charge nothing for the cutting he quietly fobbed the stakes. "But," he added with great apparent honesty, I

> want these strops I'll trade back." "The merchaut's countenance bright-

kalkulate a joke's a joke, and if you don't

here are the strops -- give me the mon-

tron will be thrown away when they get next time you trade with that ere pic,

Away walked the peddler with his strops, and his wager, amid the shouts

An Electrical Lady.

A Nevada lady of high social standthe asslves can tell how often they are ing presents a singular case for the controlled by the fact that mother, havidration of scientists. For many years 150 miles long, from four to ten failes ing passed the years of vanity and be- she has been afflicted with acute neural- wide, and averages about a foot deep. she is held by tabler has become that and some time since, uoping to find referent to dress. Not careless, for she lief, resorted to the use of an electric depth of forty feet. Its current runs ped the passenger on the arm, but there about a mile a day. I presume it would saw nor response, and the official had to speak.

Six months but found no rehef. At this time nothing was noted of an unusfront the source of the St. John's to its four the source of the St. John's to its find haven't any ticket." the cleanest and hardest of linen collars, al character as the result, although sev- mouth. It is salt for fifty miles from its and her flat-soled prunchla shoes are al- eral months have since clapsed, it was mouth and brackish for 100 miles. It is ways whole and well buttoned; but she only when the recent cold commenced full of shad, catfish, frogs, toads, ecls, only when the recent continence of that any extraordinary symptoms alligators and cawl-fishes. I don't know ter is there who does not want her mother to care very much how she looks? The lady had occasion to enter a dark the St. John's River. the lady had occasion to enter a dark the St. John's River.

"Of course," sighs poor Helen "of course I do not want my ma to dye her hair or rouge like old Mrs. Fritz, and I shouldn't like her to be foolish; but why shouldn't she dress like other folks? She is had that held the gament. At the Lake Erie rouse faster is. Lake Erie rouse faster is. she dress like other folks? She is young yet. She might wear nice bonnetts, and gloves that fit her. Why should she make herself look funny, and dress like an old woman of eighty, when she could look so nice fixed up?"

The fact he discredited its reality thinking there was more imagination than the St. John's River."

That you's wrong agen, stranger.

She's neither a river nor a bay; she's a cow pasture. Don't you see the cows standing all over the river?"

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She's neither a river nor a bay; she's a cow pasture. Don't you see the cow pasture. Recollections of the period of harvest "current and fine tinen," and remarks carries memory back to hot June, to the that ther days for finery have gone by." where they were sit ing, and letting her lazy step under the burning sun, carrying Perhaps they have, but there is no need hair down, began combing it. A re- all day long, slashing the mosquitoes

> One summer, in the years agone, joyed by the State of Florida. while a camp-meeting was in progress i made a vow to lick Elder Johnson, and break up the whole business.

The elder heard the news with composure, and as soon as at liberty he hunted up a worldry triend of his own,

fight in your younger days?" "Ah, elder, I have had many a turn

with the Lors." "And what is the effect of a sudden blow between the eyes ?"

"It astonishes and humbles." "Is there any danger of killing a man by such a blow ?"

"Never knew a case of it." The elder went his way with a serene off, and was hunting for him, and they met face to face as they turned a wagon Miller started to crack his heels and crow, but he never finished. The elder toon him one square between the lookers without stopping his pace, and it took twelve rowdies, three dippers of water and two quarts of whiskey, to revive the

atient, and get him off the grounds. elder, and seriously asked :

"Elder, some of the boys say I was kicked by a horse, and others stick to it that I was struck by lightning, but I've

The Fruit Garden.

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Down in Florida.

The St. John's River is a queer river, gic pains in various parts of the body. In the center, of course, the channel gets and some time since, hoping to find re- to be quite deep. Sometimes it has a shoulder without effect. Again he tap-

The man was right. All the cows in Florida seemed to congregate in the St. John's. There they stood in the water thing, indeed, to see droves of cattle You hear me!" feeding along a river with their heads even their horns and ears under when the eler, as calm as a dune morning. grass lays deep, and keep them under sometimes two minutes. They get to be as amphibious as a crocodile. A subnarine cow pasture is an institution en-

An Appalling Thought.

During the second year of the war a cents, the next day a victory would raise you or you will get into trouble ! the price of eggs a penny a dozen, and victory or defeat was certain to lift even the jar of nutmegs on the shelf. One day a farmer who had some butter to sell and again the translation to the translation of the shelf. price. "I'm paying sixteen to day," ago you paid twenty." "Yes, but you stayed his hand. see Pope has been defeated since that, made ready to weigh it: "Sugar has ad- want te get into trouble." vanced a cent a pound since Monday." "Mercy on me! how is that?" "Because the rebels got heked in Tennessee The old man sat down on a nail keg and thought it all over, and presently looked up and said : "My friend, if a Federal defeat cheapens what you buy, and a rebel victory enhances the value of what you sell, what a hell of a fix you'd be in battle."

"Live for Something."

Thousands of men breathe, move and always had a suspicion that you hit me live, pass off the stage of life, and are with a provision stand. How was it, heard of no more. Why? They did "My friends, do you know who is genot a particle of good in this world, and sing to be our next President? It is the ed in a free fight, failen down a mine, point to them as the instruments of their ange's to reign." redemption ; Lot a line they wrote, not a in darkness, and they were not remem- lerite on the shoulder, and cried out; bered more than the insects of yesterday. early strawberry time until the latest Will you thus live and die? Live for carry Missouri." something. Do good, and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storm of time can never destroy. Write your plant one the coming spring. The soil for a fruit garden should be rich, deep the hearts of the thousands you come in name by kindness, love and mercy, on contact with year by year, and you will never be forgotten. No, your name, your deeds, will be as legible on the hearts you leave behind as the stars on soil. The list of strawberries that may the brow of evening. Good deeds will be planted is a long one, and has been shine as bright on the earth as the stars added to from year to year. Seth of heaven .- Thos. Chaimers, D. D.

Where the Storms Hide. Near Wisconsin, in the Sunset moun kittatinny and Snyder are the best. The fact that a strong current of air rushes impossible to break them. Versailes, red Dutch and white grape into the cave of sufficient force to draw lead in the currants. It is difficult to into the Plutonian depths all light articles There are a hundred poor bread makselect from the long list of excellent placed near the entrance. The roaring ers for every poor miller: but we notice dle, you are somebody. You look like

On the Way Home.

It was just this side of Detroit that a paper. After a time the conductor came along and touched him gently on the

"I haven't any ticket."

"Money, then ?" said the conductor. "Then you must get off at the next

"I will," was the submissive response, and the conductor passed along.

started again and was bowling along at the rate of twenty miles an hour, when the conductor again came through and saw the traveler on the same seat as be-

"I told you to get out of the cor," he

"Why didn't you do it?" "I did.

"And then got in again ?" "1 did."

"Now, look here my friend, I want no ern Argo.

under the water. They look like a lot of started, and again, but in another car, cattle without heads. They will put the conductor found the self-same trav-

"You here again !

and stay off?" ·No.

"I did" "No, you told me to get out of that cine. car and stay cut, and I did."

"Now, my tri-nd," said the conductor, grocer in an Ohio town scaled his prices salisten to me and mind you do just what him outright half her fortune of \$500,by reports from the front. One day a 1 tell you; at the next station get off defeat would cut the price of butter four this train and stay off. Do just as I tell

and again the traveler turned up on the entered the store and asked the going train. The conductor was just reaching for the beli repe to stop the train and was the answer. "But only two days eject him summarily when the traveler

and there is a back action." The farmer seld out and wanted the most of it
out and stayed out until you said 'All A correspondent of the N. Y. Sun tells in sugar, and the grocer remarked as he aboard.' Then I got aboard, for I didn't how to prevent nightmare and had

> The conductor gave him his hand, and it was noticed that later in the day, they ate together in the diring car.

No Claims in Missourt.

Jenkins was travelling in Missouri last year before the Presidential election, an in the right car across from him two | cord with the old one by suddenly re-One day a year afterward, he met the if there should happen to be a drawn men were arguing as to the probable resul: of the election. Says one: "ilancock's the man."

Suddenly an Adventist sitting behind

word they spoke, could be recalled, and that some third party candidate had been so they perished—their light went out mentioned, spring up, slapped the Mil-

"Bet you twenty-five dollars he don't In China a man who makes or sells

of friends, was urging upon their minds it is sweet to die for your native land." stitutions. "But," said one, "if it is sweet to die for one a country, why don't you go 2"

clared that he, as an individual, was not fond of sweet things.

Cal., is a cave inhabited by spiders of sort. On heavy soils the jucunda and tains, a cave has been discovered which enormous size. The cave was discovered now sell for 15 cents per pound in Eutriomphe de gant do well. Among is one of the greatest wonders of Ari- last December by a party of sight-seek-"A trade's a trade, and now you are wide a sake in airnest. I guess the next time you trade with that ere pic, you'll do a little better than to buy razor strops."

The manuach cluster and the phenomenon connected with at that causes the wonder of beholders is the that causes the wonder of beholders is the so tough and the fibers so large that it is so tough and the solution and the fibers so large that the solution and the fibers so large that the solution and the fibers so tough and the fibers so tough and the fibers so large that the solution and the fibers so large that the solution and the fibers so tough and the fibe

SMALL BITES.

The Yonkers Statesman discusses

A parrot is a great comfort to a lone woman. It soon learns to awear, whis-tle, and make noise, just as good as a

At a curiosity shop-"Oh, the charming little box 1 Antique, isn't it?"
"No, madam, it is modern." "What a pity-it was so pretty !"

The attempt to revive dresses cut low in the nees for ball costumes has been a failure. When anything gets so low as they were it is extremely difficult to re-

es whose skill is so often extelled per-suaded a Grand Rapids woman to skin a black cat and to wrap her sick buby in the hide. The treatment caused the

The youth who attempted to rob a Western railway trein had his top and marbles taken away from bim and his kite broken into a hundred pieces. In fact, these train robbers must be treated with the utmost severity .- Quincy Mod-

The tables are turned. A woman of this city "advertises, her spouse. Mrs. Pelme Scott notifies "whom it may concern" that she will not be responsible for debts that may be contracted by her hunband-New Northwest.

Beecher contends that he could cure the most rabid socialist in five minutes "Didn't I tell you to get off this train by giving him \$500,000. Henry, we are a rab.d socialst, by inspiration; and if you can guarantee a cure on one application you can send on your medi-

clergyman, a few years ago and gave 000. He at once retired from the ministry, became a drunken spendthrift and ou or you will get into trouble!

"Agreed," said the traveler, and the that she has good for a divorce. A noted physician says many persons

simply by deep and rapid inhalations of pure air, can become as intox cated on oxygen as if they had taken a draught of alcoholic stimulants. Here is a tine point for the man who has been walking "I obeyed orders," he said. "You rapidly home from the club in the night

> It is to "closet yourself an hour with your conscience." itor of the Sun were to try this recipe it would be the most lonesome hour he ever experienced .. -- Norristown Her-

A Tennessee girl, who found a beau she liked better, didn't snap the golden turning his letters and lock of hair. She sent for him, told him how it was, gave him \$5 in cash and 300 pounds of "No, sir; Garfield will get it," was peanuts, and took his receipt in full for

When an Eastern man goes to Colorado he is called a "tenderfoot" until kicked by a mule, and chased by a vigi-Quick as thought Jenkins, imagining he is getting used to the country; and as a citizen.

adulterated food is imprisoned or hanged. In shis country it is the man who A POSER.—During the late war a buys the adulterated food who has to man named West, in a small gathering suffer. The other fellow acquires five inches of fat on his ribs, and is elected the importance of enlisting. "Go, my to positions of honor and trust. The brave frunds," he said, "fight for your Chinese must go. Some of their cusountry, die for it if it is necessary, for toms are subversive of our cherished in-

About 6,000:000 pounds of evaporat-This was a poser, and for a moment ed apples are at persent exported to Eudisconcerted mm, but rallying, he de-rope annually. The fruit is sliced into pieces one-sixteenth of an inch in thickness, and then exposed to the fumes of sul, hur instead of drying in the sun. After drying, it is nearly as white as when first cut. The evaported apples

thing for you, to-day." "I suppose you