THE REAL PROPERTY AND A PROPERTY AND Violetr By HELEN WOOD ht, 1901, by Helon Wood

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Bdith Dean entered ber Aunt Marcy's som with a great bunch of violets on er jacket. They filled the room with their perfume and seemed the spirit of their wearer, a slender girl with deep thue eyes and a pretty, pensive way of enrrying her head. Mrs. Murray greether niece affectionately. They were trikingly alike-the same eyes, lips and wavy hair and the same quick, pervous way of speaking.

"How beautiful your violets are!" "Oh, yes," replied the girl carelessly. Jimmy always sends me lovely flowers, but I'm getting so tired of violets. don't see why he didn't get American Beauties instead today."

She tossed her coat carelessly on the couch, crampling and crushing the violets. Her aunt looked up quickly and then drew the girl to the stool at her side.

"Edith, your words remind me of a story. May I tell it?"

The girl nodded her head delightedly. "It was in the spring of 1861. I was

gay, spoiled girl, like you, and Langdon Murray, to whom I had been enraged for several months, was my helpless slave. While our social pleasures differed slightly from those of the present day we, too, loved pretty rowns and flowers, so when Langdon promised to send me, for a certain dance, the prettiest flowers he could find I naturally expected something quite handsome in the way of a bouquet. Instead of the roses I had hoped for there came only a bunch of violets, not violets de Parma, like yours, but the simplest of fragrant blossoms. I was in a fine temper, tossed them aside and went to the dance unadorned with any flowers. If Langdon felt hurt, he showed no sign, and his very self restraint annoyed me the more. I was disgracefully pettish all evening and on the way home had little to say to my long suffering escort.

"The next evening he called as usual, and in the meantime mother had resed the discarded violets and placed hem in a vase. He crossed to the plano and touched the half faded flowers whimsically. Then he turned to with unusual gravity and tender-

"'So you didn't like my violets, Marey, dear?

"Childishly I shook my head.

"I thought, dearest, they were the ection of your eyes. That's why I



nothing of his fate, nor could the in- CHOICE MISCELLANY quiries instituted by my father solve the mystery. I railed at fate. I prayed to die. If only I could visit his grave, know where he was sleeping with my violets over his heart, as he had said they should always lie.

"The weeks dragged into months, and then suddenly came news from Nashville that he lay there in the government hospital; with other Federal prisoners he had been recently exchanged, and if I wished to see him alive I must come at once. Of the horrors of that trip and the days among the suffering and dying you can never know, but 1 nursed Langdon back to life, and when we reached our northern home it was a more sensible, thoughtful woman that he led to the altar, and, my dear, in the first few years of our married life whenever the old thoughtless words rose to my lips I recalled the violets which he had worn over his heart through the battles and the marches and whenever I became selfish and thought my husband was not doing everything he could to make me happy I would steal away to my room and look into the pages where these withered flowers lay, Violets may be modest, but they can recall memories which no haughty American Beauties can boast."

Edith was very thoughtful as she kissed her aunt and went to her room. There on her tea table the mald had placed a vase filled with American Beauties. She flushed as she looked at them. What had she said to Jimmy about hating violets?

That evening when Jim Barber called on his flancee Edith was wearing the violets. He elevated his evebrows slightly, then bent down to kiss the tender, upturned face. Edith was looking unusually pensive.

"I thought you hated violets. Didn't you get the roses this afternoon?" Edith smiled.

"I won't fib, Jimmy. I do like roses best, but when you send the violetswhy-why, that makes them different, you know."

Jim, rather surprised at the sudden tenderness and gentleness of his whimsical sweetheart, held her close to his heart. At last she raised her head and, pulling some violets from her corsage, fastened them on his coat. Again he stooped to kiss her hands as she whispered:

"You don't think, Jimmy, that there's going to be a war-very soon?" Jimmy, who belonged to the national guard, glanced at her curiously. "No, dear."

She sighed happily and murmured, "I'm very, very glad." -Litter Will-

Fourth Century Shorthand.

That shorthand was used in the ancient world is well known, but our information is still scanty, and any addition is welcome. It may therefore be worth knowing that there is in the Armenian "Acts of St. Callistratus" a reference to the employment of stenography. A translation of this is included in Mr. F. C. Conybeare's "Armenian Apology and Acts of Apollonius and Other Monuments of Early Christianity." The account of Callistratus was probably written in the first half of the fourth century. It includes several long addresses of Calli-

Estimate of World's Age.

One of the ways of reckoning the age of the world is that adopted by Professor Joly of computing how long a time must have elapsed for the ses, which was at first fresh, to become charged with all the salt it now contains. Guided by the amount of chloride of sodium, otherwise common salt, which, according to Sir John Murray, the sea contains, Professor Joly concluded that the earth was 80,000,000 to 90,000,000 years old, says the London Telegraph. Dr. Dubois has reported in this matter to the Academy of Sciences at Amsterdam, and he is led to dispute Sir John Murray's estimate of the amount of sodium carried to the sea by rivers, the outcome of his examination being to reduce the age of the oceans of the world to about 24,-000,000 years. This agrees fairly well with Professor Sollas' calculation that the deposition of the geological strata, which began as soon as there was sea and land, has taken some 26,000,000 years. A million or two more or less does not matter. Professor George Darwin will not accept less than 56,-000,000 years since the earth threw off the moon as a needless incumbrance. and she had become revolving on her own axis long before.

### Dogs at School.

The Clayesmore school at Enfield, England, has tried a novel experiment in allowing its pupils to keep dogs. A kennel club has been formed, of which a master is president and the boy dog owners are members. Each boy is responsible for his own dog and for the state of its kennel. Buildings suitable for this purpose were opened by the Countess of Warwick some years ago. Of the success of the experiment the head master says: "It has been found that the care of dogs is a sound means of moral discipline to the youth of mankind, while thoroughly agreeable to boyish inclinations. Every one knows how dearly the English boy likes to keep a dog, and under proper supervision the possession of such a pet tends to make him kind to all animals, while it also enables him to enjoy the open air and in the most sensible and natural manner to learn a great deal of the common laws of nature and the ways of animal life."

Expenses of the White House, Aside from the president's salary and the expense of keeping the White House in repair, it costs the government only about \$65,000 a year to operate the establishment. Of this amount \$50,000 is expended in the salaries of the thirty men on the executive pay roll, says the World's Work. These range from the secretary to the presi-dent, with a salary of \$5,000 a year, down to messengers and doorkeepers. whose pay is in some instances perhaps one-tenth that sum. The remaining \$15,000 defrays all the other expenses-the replacing of wornout office furniture, typewriter repairs, stationery and feed for the half dozen horses in the White House stables. Of course the executive office has the benefit of many economies beyond the reach of the thrifty merchant. For instance, all



THE DAILY FRED PREM

No. 314.-Charade. My first is something good to eat. My second is a preposition. My third is a most important me ber of the body. My whole is an explorer.

No. \$15.-Animal Pussio.



Each picture represents an animal. What are the names?

No. 216 .-- Nonsense Number, Let fifty-five divided be By naught; a thousand take from me And add what's left, and you will see What rules the world, as all agres.

No. 217 .- Transpositions. [Fill each blank with the same four

letters differently arranged.] Let us --- at this pleasant --- and tie our horse to a ---. Then we will go to the store and buy - for the cook and --- for the children.

## No. 218.-Beheadings.

1. Behead a quick look and leave a long spear. 2. Behead unusual and leave a common verb. 3. Behead to come forth and leave to sink. 4. Behead to correct and leave to repair. 5. Behead to that place and leave to this place. 6. Behead perfect and leave to divide. 7. Behead part of the neck and leave to mimic. 8. Behead brightness and leave privation. 9. Behead the backbone and leave an evergreen tree. 10. Behead to light up suddenly and leave to strike with a whip. 11. Behead to fall back into a former state and leave to pass away. 12. Behead an emblem of peace and leave to dwell. 13. Behead a pool and leave before. 14. Behead disdain and leave a grain. 15. Behead to bring up and leave to shower.

# No. 219,-Double Acrostic. My primals spell something that my

finals could not do without. Crosswords: 1. Need. 2. Partly open.

The tendency of 3. Sound. 4. Name of a lake in the

# **RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.**

Gleaped From the Teachings of All Denominations. Christianity is the religion of justice

as well as mercy.-Rev. Dr. Cortland Myers, Baptist, Brooklyn. The Test of Wenith.

If a man can say, "I am a man, and nothing that is fluman is beyond my care," then I say he is rich.-Rev. Dr. Savage, Unitarian, New York.

A Pace to Be Loved. The sweetest thought to me of all is that Christ's is a face that wants to be loved.-Rev. Dr. Frank De Witt Talmage, Presbyterian, Chicago.

Deterence to Others. We help ourselves and help each other in living and working in deference to the rights of others .- Rev. C. A. Langston, Unitarian, Atlanta, Ga.

Man Walks by Faith. From the first step of the child to the last step into the cold waters of what we call death man walks by faith .--Rev. Dr. Lowry, Baptist, Kansas City, Mo.

#### The One Basis.

There is but one basis of a happy life-the practice of virtue and the love of truth .- Rev. Dr. Elwood Worcester to Students. of Pennsylvania University.

The Condition of Entrance. Character is the condition of entrance

into the presence of God. A character of holiness-Christ in you-is the hope of glory in an endless eternity.-Rev. J. L. Caughey, Presbyterian, Rochester, N. Y.

# Warning the Young.

There is no office of a faithful preacher or of the schoolteacher or of the college professor or of the newspaper more important than to swing the red light of danger in the eyes of the boys and girls .- Rev. J. C. Hall, Congregationalist, Denver.

#### Purpose In Everything.

God has a purpose in everything. But the mysteries of God have been hid from the ages, a purpose too profound for the finite mind, too farreaching for human comprehension, unaided by the divine spirit .- Rev. M. P. Fikes, Baptist, Baltimore.

### Crowned With a Halo.

God takes the life we have to live here, with all its varying conditions, and crowns it with a halo, makes living a joy in that it is a foretaste, a faint gleaming, of the life that is to come.-Rev. Dr. J. W. Walden, Presbyterian, Athens, Ga.

# Under Scrutiny From Above.

Every man is a creator, and on him rests the responsibility of making his work what it should be, working for the satisfaction of his own conscience. always remembering that he is under scrutiny from above.--Rev. Dr. Alsop. Episcopalian, Brooklyn.

### Moral Responsibility.

Every man has a conscience and a sense of some sort of moral responsibility. He will either worship the true God or some false god. All character is either positive or negative. God blesses the world by true characters.-Bishop Joyce, Methodist, Chicago.

Getting Away From Vice. human life is to

# WOMAN AND FASHION

# Girl's Apron

Attractive aprons, that are pretty at the same time that they protect the frocks, are essential to every girl's comfort and belong in every comp wardrobe. The very pretty example illustrated fulfills all the requirements and is suited to lawn, checked muslin,



FOR GIRL SIX TO FOURTEEN YEARS.

dimity, madras and all apron materials, but in the original is of white dimity, with frills and bands of ,embroidery.

The body portion is cut to form a square neck at both back and front and tapers gracefully from the shoulders to the belt. The circular skirt is finished with a generous hem and is arranged in gathers at the back. Its upper edge is joined to the belt, over which is applied the band of insertion that conceals the seam which joins body portions and skirt.

To cut this apron for a girl of ten years of age 2¼ yards of material 36 inches wide will be required, with 21/2 yards of wide embroidery, 11/2 yards of narrow and 3¼ yards of insertion to trim as illustrated.-May Manton in Boston Herald.

# Smart Silk Costs.

Black silk long coats are not new; they have been fashionable for two or three seasons, but they are still very smart. They are made in one or two different designs, the favorite one being the style that has a fitted back, loose fronts, full skirts, one or two shoulder capes and big sleeves in bishop shape. Another favorite style is on a modified raincoat order, with fitted yoke, the material full below the yoke, straight fronts, double breasted and with a small turned down collar. This is a model which is very popular in blue waterproof silk, in blue pongee, or in the black taffeta. There is still another-a very shapeless and ugly garment, but rather smart-that has a small round shoulder yoke, and below this the material is gathered so that the effect of a Mother Hubbard wrapper seems to be the principal one. It is too loose and clumsy a garment to look well excepting on a tall, slender figure, and is best made in black silk.

MRS. MURRAY SHOWED EDITH A SMALL BOUQUET OF FADED FLOWERS.

chose them. Perhaps, as you don't care for them, I may take a few? "Take them, of course,' I said non-

chalantly. "No; I want you to give them to

me." "Wonderingly I selected a small unch and handed them to him. Then I laughed nervously.

"Dear me, Langdon, you look as serious as if you were going to a funeral."

"To something worse than that, Marcy, dear; to-war. And these will remind me of the sweetest girl in the my slender, blue eyed violet, is going to be brave till I come

"A chill crept over me. I saw my h folly, my one sided quarrel, in their true light. What a penitent girl I was, and how complete was our reconciliation, how tender our parting! Then, when he had kissed me goodby for the last time, I took what was left of the violets and pressed them in this

Mrs. Murray opened an old fashloped in of verses and showed Edith a all bouquet of withered flowers tied th white ribbon.

"You of today cannot realize the borrors of the civil war. Mother and I red incessantly for the soldiers. It was all we could do. This labor of was all we could do. This labor of love, with frequent letters from Lang-don, who was with the western army, hept me alive. Separation had thught me how deep was my love for him. "After the battle of Stony Ridge name word that Langdon had been ter-

nded and left on the field unand could be sent to him, but when a the latter had been able to learn

stratus to his fellow soldiers in explanation of the mysteries of the new faith for which he and forty-nine of his comrades became martyrs. Perhaps with a view to giving them au-thority as verbatim reports, the compiler says:

"But there was a certain scribe of the law court who was near to the prison, and he listened to the discourse of Callistratus, and he wrote it down in shorthand on paper and gave it to us, and we set in order with all accuracy the record and outline of his thought."

## Thackeray's Facial Appearance.

In 1840 or 1850 Charlotte Bronte wrote of Thackeray: "To me the broad brow seems to express intellect. Certain lines about the nose and cheek betray the satirist and the cynic; the mouth indicates a childlike simplicity, perhaps even a degree of irresoluteness in consistency-weakness, in short, but a weakness not unamlable." And Mr. Motley, writing to his wife in 1858, said: "I believe you have never seen Thackeray. He has the appearance of a colossal infant-smooth, white, shining, ringlety hair, flaxen, alas, with advancing years; a roundish face with a little dab of a nose, upon which it is a perpetual wonder how he keeps his spectacles."

This broken nose was always a source of amusement to Thackeray himself. He caricatured it in his drawing, he frequently alluded to it in his speech and in his letters, and he was fond of repeating Douglas Jerrold's remark to him when he was to stand as godfather to a friend's son, "Lord, Thackeray, I hope you won't present the child with your own mug!" APPEND I

A Tender Hearted Dog. A sick dog took up his abode in the field behind our house, and after see-ing the poor thing lying there for some time I took it food and milk and water. The next day it was still there, and when I was going out to feed it I saw that a small pug was running about it, so I took a whip out with me to drive it away. The pug planted itself be-tween me and the sick dog and barked at me savagely, but at last I drove it away and again gave food and milk

and water to my protege. The little pug watched me for a few moments, and as soon as he felt quite assured that my intentions toward the wagging its tall, leaped up to my shoulder and licked my face and hands, nor would it touch the water till the invalid had had all it wanted. I sup-pose that it was satisfied that its com-panion was in good hands, for it trotsopital corps arrived he was not ted happily away and did not appear upon the scene again.-Cor. London

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# The Trial of the Pyr.

The trial of the pyx, a curious medizeval custom which survives as an official institution in England, was held recently, when the coins minted during the reign of King Edward were for the first time tested. It is held in Goldsmiths' hall, and formerly the sovereign in person presided, but since 1870 the remembrancer has been chief of the court. He administered the special oath used on such occasions to the jury, composed of members of the Goldsmiths' company. After that a representative of the royal mint produced the pyx, or casket, containing samples of all coins of gold and silver minted annually. The coins were taken indiscriminately from each "journey weight" sent to the Bank of England. The trial lasted two or three days, for, in addition to the coinage of the United Kingdom, that of several of the colonies was also submitted for examination.

### Mosquitoes In Texas.

The scientific entomologists who have have been sounding trumpet calls for crusades against mosquitoes should abandon New Jersey as a field of warfare and transfer their operations to Texas. Telegraphic dispatches from Fort Worth say that in certain parts of the Lone Star State the insect pests gather in such swarms and are so vitious that outdoor labor has almost ceased and that many horses and cattle have lost their lives in ponds and streams, in which they sought refuge from their tormentors.-New York Tribune.

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Laws on Liquor Selling. It is estimated that fully 30,000,000 of the people of the United States are living under laws or local ordinances which prohibit liquor selling. This is more than one-third of the entire population of the republic. The states which have enacted prohibition laws are Kansas, Maine, New Hampshire, are Kansas, Maine, New Batton Ken-North Dakota and Vermont. In Ken-tucky 90 out of 119 counties have pro-tucky 90 out of 119 counties have prohibitory laws. In California 175 cit and towns are under prohibition. The states where liquor selling is least restricted are Oregon, Montana and Colorado.

Volenale Islands. Java and, indeed, most of the other slands of the eastern archipelago are argely volcanic, being nearly all of hem submarine upheavals, due to volcanto action. Krakaton, Java's mon-arch mountain, gave a magnificent dis-play of its powers in 1883, 35,000 per-sons living round and near it losing heir lives. United States. 5. Well known animals that infest houses.

No. 220.-Missing Rhyme. 1. Is it terror? No, it is not ----. 2. Is it not far off? No, it is not -3. Is it a much used beverage? No,

it is not ----. 4. Is it an outward sign of grief or emotion? No. it is not a ----. 5. Is it to guide a vessel on the wa-

ter? No. it is not to ----6. Is it a nobleman, an equal? Yes, it is -----.

No. 221,-Wordmaking.

[Add one letter at a time.] An important pronoun.

A disjunctive conjunction. A foreign fruit.

4. A present.

5. A contest between one or more persons.

6. Terror. The cargo of a ship. 8. To cause fear to another.

No. 222-Geographical Jumble. 1. Ohcagic-A western city. Tovmern-An eastern state. 3. Niceve-A city in Italy.

Pointed Paragraphs. When a man is old enough to know better, he is too old to do it. After a mighty lie has prevailed men call it the truth.

Unless a man is intelligent and con stent he never changes his mind. The more some people try to explain the deeper they get in hot water. Love may make the world go round, but money helps to push it along.

Key to the Pusaler 206. - Charade: Inn-Dee-pen independence.

No. 207.-Word Square: 1. Deal. 2. Edna. 3. Anon. 4. Lane. No. 208.-Riddlemerce: Liberty. No. 209.-A Proverb Square: Bagin No. 200.-A Proverb square: Begin with A in the center and read round the square. A new broom sweeps clean. One swallow does not make a summer. Honesty is the best policy. One bird in the hand is worth two in he bush. There is many a slip 'twixt he cup and the lip. Where there is a will there is a way. No. 210.-A Picture Puzzle: Moss

No. 211-Primal Acrostic: Primals-Linnaeus, 1. Lotos, 2. Ivy, 3. Nas-tartium, 4. Narcissus, 5. Aster. 6. Elecampane, 7. Unifoliate, 8. Straw-

212.-Hourgiass: Horizontalsileium, niece, end, T. cus, March, ayman, Centrals-Century, No. 213.-Divided Citles: I. Bom-bay.

2 Pe-king. 3. Charles-ton. 4. Glue gow. 5. Bos-ton.

move out of contact with vice, to get as far away from it as possible. The tendency of the Christian gospel is to move into contact with vice as fast as possible and to overcome it with good. As people gain a competence they move away from the home in which by frugality and righteousness they have prospered. - President Faunce of Brown University, Providence, R. I.

# Will Keep His Promise.

The dear Lord, who watches the sparrow's flight and fall and who has given us some faint glimpses of what is to be, will keep the wonderful promise, "I go to prepare a place for you." and we need have no disturbing thoughts, but, on the contrary, perfect confidence. Our chief concern should be how to make the best and the most of this life, for if we are in the right bag. now we surely cannot go wrong hereafter .- Late Rev. Dr. George H. Hepworth, Congregationalist.

True Friendship.

As dews to the parched earth, as the sail to the shipwrecked mariner, so is friendship amid the cares and trials of life. If men decry friendship, it is because they have selected those unworthy of trust or because they themselves are inconstant. Falsity in friends is impossible. It only occurs where a masked friendship has been the counterfeit of virtue. So called friends deceive because they never should have been selected as friends. --Rev. Dr. Levy, Hebrew, Pittsburg.

The Age Demands Facts. This is an age of facts. Men are denanding the facts before they accept anything. Every claim, whether made for a new machine, a new industrial for a new mach for a new machine, a new industrial enterprise or a new theory, must meet this test. Christianity must meet it also. "You ciaim your religion transforms the character of the person em-bracing it? Very well, let us see if it does." And it is a duty we owe such questioners to show them by our keep-ing of our Lord's commandments that our companionship with him is trans-forming our lives.—Rev. Milton J. Noron, Congregationalist, San Francis

ton. Congregationalist, San Francisco. No Need of a Church Trust. This world does not need a church trust. The church today would not be so powerful, either in numbers or in influence, had it not been for the dis-tinct work of the different divisions. Neither would its men and machinery be so efficient. The world owes a debt to every denomination that has been true to the gospels of Jeans Christ and the New Testament. One unnils takable sign of the times is that we are getting farther away from organic church union and closer to the more important thing, unity of effort and unity of spirit in the name of Jeaus Christ-Rev. C. J. Hell, Denver. Ibrist-Ray, C. J. Hall, Denver.

# The Wrist Bag.

The silk handbag is certainly revived under the name of the wrist bag. It is really a dinner ornament as well as a street one, and particularly is it to be worn with full dress. And this is a very fine arrangement. The pocket has disappeared utterly from polite society, and for a woman to search for her pocket would be an unheard of thing in these days of pocketless gowns.

So the wrist bag comes at an opportune moment. It holds the tiny handkerchief, which cannot be held in the lap during dinner, and any small necessity.

Those who remove their gloves at dinner can slip them into the wrist

# A Stylish Hat.

A very stylish hat and one that is very trying to the profile is cream lored tuscan straw. The wide brim is drawn up in a very decided manner



TUSCAN STRAW.

at the back, with two broad bands of black velvet. The trimming consists back veryer. The training consists of a wreath of full blown red roses and collage, the folinge trailed well up on the crown, which is rather flat. A arge butterfly bow of ribbon veryet cets on the hair in the back.

# For Atter

Afternoon frocks are elabo full of intricate details, whereas, in di-rect contrast to these, you can have the simplicity of white multin, very slightly trimmed with embroidered infletas outlined with elliver thread. These are not very expe-be hought in robs lengt of course, being made prear over a separate a light figures these are e