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THE FLOWN BIRD.

Night settles on the sullen day, As in its nest the mountain bird. My wandering feet go up and down, And back and forth from town to town, Through the lone wood and by the sea, To find the bird that fied from me : I followed, and I follow yet-I have forgotten to forget.

My heart goes back, but I go on. Through summer heat and winter snow; Poor heart, we are no longer one, But are divided by our woe. Go to the nest I built and call-She may be hiding after all-The empty nest, if that remains, And leave me in the long, long rains ; My sleeves with tears are always wet-I have forgotten to forget.

Men know my story, but not me-For such fieldity, they say, Exists not-such a man as he Exists not in the world to-day. If his light bird has flown the nest, She is no worse than all the rest ; Constant they are not --- only good He has but one thing to regret-

All day I see the ravens fly, I hear the sea-birds scream all night; The moon goes up and down the sky, The sun comes in with ghastly light ; Are they spring blossoms or the snow ? Only my hair? Good by, my heart, The time has come for us to part : Be still ! You will be happy yet-For death remembers to forget. -Translated from the Japanese.

THEIR SECOND YOUTH.

The Lady Annabel sat in a small room



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The maple's leaves are whirled away; The depths of the great pines are stirred;

"To bill and coo, and hatch the brood: He has forgotten to forget.

Leaves whirl, white flakes around me blow-

strances on the part of one father and

he cared.

be older than it was, but it is only the

stronger, the more enduring. Cruel, cruel

Jasper, to cast me off thus; and for

hers was a heavy-laden heart.

Tears do a great deal of mischief in

the world. In the Lady Annabel's case

they did a great deal. They took all

the luster from her bright eyes; they

washed away the color from her cheeks,

and rolling down they wore for them-

selves channels in her smooth skin. so

that by her 30th birthday people began

to say, "the Lady Annabel is very

much faded"-"the Lady Annabel is

not quite so young as she was "-and

one little lady, the odious little lady, as

Lady Annabel had called her a year ago,

was heard to gav-"I did think she

wore very well, but I don't think so

now. To be sure, poor thing, she is

This time the Lady Annabel entreat-

ed her father to omit the usual merry-

making. She spent the day alone in

"Thirty years old ! How it dis-

getting on pretty well."

her own room.

16.

in her father's castle, looking out of a

py; very happy, indeed I have-only the seemed to be everywhere forgotten, and he was-everywhere but in one place. recollection that it was my birthday But grief will wear itself out, After would intrude itself upon me, to damp my enjoyment, every now and then, I a while Annabel at first listened, and heard several people ask if it were true then joined in the conversation of her that it was my twenty-ninth birthdayfather's guests, and found herself by they did not know it was my twentydegrees returning the interest evinced ninth. And that odious Miss What's- for her by a country gentleman of some her-name actually said I looked very property in the neighborhood, about ten well for that, very well, indeed. I years older than herself. She was now should be glad, I know, to see her look half so well, though she was, as she The next thing was a wedding at the says, a baby when I was almost grewn hall, and no one seemed in higher spirits up. Twenty-nine! twenty-nine! Oh! than the bride herself, decked in the I wish I was not so old !" and, covering ornaments which had laid in their cases her face with her hands, she burst into for five years. Annabel was young tears. . Let us pass over a few months. The Let us pass over five years of quiet neighbor's long-expected son has come domestic happiness-for, although her home, and Lady Annabel is in a state of feelings toward her husband were very anxiety, for her heart is true to her first love, despite her twenty-nine years. Her | first love, still she was attached to the father and his neighbor are a great deal together, looking over papers and inspecting boundary lines; but, contrary to all expectation, the neighbor's son

So it is all over, and I have been hap

different from those called forth by her worthy man. * * * * * Her black dress and ugly cap, no less than her slow gait and saddened air, showed her to be a widow. Lonely and turns out perverse, as neighbors' sons desolate since her bereavement, she has again taken up her residence with her are apt to do, and begins a flirtation

refused to correspond with him. He

with a little girl of sixteen, as poor as a father, and inhabits the same little room rat. His father frowned, Annabel's fashe formerly did. ther frowned, and Annabel-sheremem-A few months more, and her father's bered her twenty-nine years.

death increased her seclusion. She has no relation left on earth, and earnestly This state of things continued for and bitterly does she pray that she may some months, in spite of various remondie, and leave this world of sorrows. polite speeches on the part of the other. She receives no visitors, and never ap-In vain title deeds were shown him-in pears abroad-only now and then, late

began to loosen the rose from her hair. never heard of-his angry father having SMITH WANTED WHAT. IE ORA DERED Some years ago an Austij merchant. whom we will call Smith-bicause that was and is the name painted on his sign-

board, sent an order for goods to a New York firm. He kept a very extensive general store, had plenty of tioney, kept all his accounts in a pocket m morandum book, and didn't know the difference bet veen double entry book-keeping and the science of hydrostatics.

Among other things he or ered was 12 gross assorted clothes-pin

12 ditto grindstones. When he ordered the grindstones, he meant to order an assortment of twelve grindstones. The shipping lerk of the in ugliness. This man, called Kofta Ben Lukas, and famous as a philosopher and New York firm was astonished when he grammarian, must actually have been read the order. He went to the manager and said : the ne plus ultra of homeliness. He

"For Heaven's sake ! whit do they want with twelve gross, 1.28 grindstones, in Texas?" The manager said it must be a mistake, and elegraphed Smith:

"Wasn't it a mistake ordering so many presence. When Almohadi, the Caliph, grindstones ? "

Old man Smith prided hims lf on never Prussian language, the name of Ben making a mistake. He had to copy of Lukas was mentioned among those of the highest merit, but when further inhis order to refer to, and, if she had, he would not have referred to it, because he quiries proved this worthy to be identical with the formidable licentiate of knew he had only ordered twilve grindstones. So he wrote back : 4 "Probably you think you know my business better than I do. Iselways order what I want, and I want what I

order. Send on the grindstories." cumb to nervous prostration at the first The New York firm knew & mith was grammatical interview. The Caliph little eccentric, but that he dways paid cash on receipt of invoice, and was able to buy a dozen quarries-full of grindstones if he cared to indulize in such luxuries, so they filled his order as written, and chartered a schoondr, filled her full of grindstones, and cleared her for Galveston. They wrote to Smith, and said that they hoped the corsignment of grindstones by schooner world keep him going until they could charter another vessel. Smith sold grindstones at wholesale, and at low figures on long time for some three years afterward. Now, when Smith's wicked rivals in basiness want to perpetrate a practical jake on an innocent hardware drummer, They tell him that he had better not neglicit to call on Smith, as they just heard the old man say he wanted to order some more grindstones. When the drumnier calls on Smith, and, with a broad staile lighting up his countenance, says, Mr. Smith, I understand you are needing some grindstones," there is a painful tableau that the reader can better imagine than we can describe. - Texas Sillings.

THE UGLIEST OF ALL RACES. THE PARROT WONDERED. The ancient Huns seem to have been Two sailors went with a tame parrot the ugliest of all the ugly races of Cento a show in Tokio, where a Japanese tral Asia ; and the homeliest individual was giving an exhibition of slight-of--with one exception-was probably the hand, interspersed with acrobatic feats. "Veiled Prophet of Bokhara," Mullah At the end of each trick the sailors Ibu Said, the repulsiveness of whose would say : "Now, isn't that clever! features was so overpowering that he did' Wonder what he'll do next?" not dare to show himself without a mask, With each act of the performance for which he afterward substituted a their astonishment increased, and they golden veil, whence his surname, Almukept muttering: "Wonder what he'll kana-"The Veiled One." Yet, his do next?" biographer, Thu Chaldir, assures us that The parrot heard this exclamation so an elder cousin of Almukana, who proudly disdained to hide his face, exwere. ceeded him not only in erudition but also

Presently the Japanese undertook to keep in the air a number of bamboo sticks ignited at both ends, but, having his attention distracted by a movement in the audience, he allowed one of the sticks to drop. Unfortunately it fell was an accomplished teacher of languages, but the only pupils he could procure upon a heap of firecrackers, bombs, etc., which exploded, blew out the walls, at the Lyceum of Bagdad were adult males, of exceptional fortitude, all othblew off the roof, scattered the audience ers being overcome by the terrors of his in all directions, and sent the parrot. minus its tail-feathers and one eye, about inquired after the best teacher of the 400 yards.

As the bird came down with a flop, if shrieked : "Wasn't that clever ! Wonder what he'll do next?"

HOW FLOUR IS MADE.

Bagdad, Almohadi, who wanted the ingrinding wheat at one operation to the reply. structor for his own son, was earnestly finest possible flour, and then separating advised to alter his choice, as a Prince by sieves the flour from the bran, neof such tender years would surely successarily grinding in much of the bran with flour and discoloring it, while much of the very best material was separated with the bran and lost. The latter common method is to grind very coarsely the wheat several times, using strong blasts of air between each grinding to separate the bran from the granulated interior portion, and at last crush it to the floor, relieved of all the bran. The the middlings under revolving hard-rubber cylinders, electrified by contact with to meet the rubber, from which they leg. are turned off in a side channel, the purified middling, freed from bran, passing school recently asked a pupil what was through rollers to become fine flour. IT is on record in Germany that in the past 272 years no fewer than 523 theaters have been burned down in various parts of the world. This is an average of nearly two per year. During the past century there was a large increase in the percentage over the preceding time. For the 100 years the total number was 460. more than four-fifths of the total for the 272 years. For the period including between 1771 and 1828 the average was thirteen per annum. Some of the minor features of these statistics are as follows : Of cities London, with thirty-one fires. leads the list; Paris, with twenty-nine. follows her; then comes New York with twenty-six; then San Francisco with twenty-one. While Barnum's place of amusement in New York has been so often burned down, Astley's in London and the Grand Opera in Paris have each been destroyed four times. Her Majesty's, Drury Lane and Covent Garden have been three times burned. Numerous other London theaters could boast of two serious fires. On the London list the oldest theater conflagration is the stroyed in 1613. A CINCINNATIAN who had insured his life went in swimming last summer, and was taken with cramps and was drowned. The insurance companies refused to pay, pleading that death was not caused by bodily infirmities or disease, but was the result of voluntary exposure to obvious and unnecessary dangers, and that the nature and cause of death were incapable of positive proof. Judge Johnston, however, said that it could not have been the intention of these companies, whose principal offices were located on the seaboard, to exclude its policy holders from enjoying swimming and bathing, and that the evidence showed that death was occasioned by cramps.

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PLEASANTRIES.

"THIS is rather up-hill work." said the patient, when he threw up the doctor's bolus.

THE "fours of habit," said the gambler, softly, as he dealt himself all the aces in the pack.

A Bosron doctor says high-heeled shoes ruin the eyesight, and yet he cannot be persuaded to look the other way.

"AT what age were you married?" in, quired one matron of another. "At often that he picked it up off hand, as it the parsonage," demurely answered her triend.

> THE army worm got as far as Boston when a miss with eye-glasses called it by its real name. It immediately laid down and died.

"TALMAGE On the North Pole" is the caption of an article in an exchange. Should think he would resemble a jumping-jack in that position.

An experienced observer was once asked, "What is the art of winning a woman?" and answered : "About the same thing as the art of driving a pig to market."

"WHY does a donkey eat thistles?" asked a teacher of one of the largest boys in the class. "Because he is Flour was formerly made by simply a donkey, I reckon," was the prompt

In the mountains-Arabella (whose soul is wrapped in science): "Charles, isn't this gneiss?" Charles (who is deeply interested in Arabella) : "Nice ! It's delicious." Some ingenious observer has discovered that there is a remarkable resemblance between a baby and wheat. since it is cradled, then thrashed, and finally becomes the flower of the family. THE Marquis of Bute started a daily new electric method consists in passing paper in Wales, and, after sinking about \$400,000 in the concern, shut up the shop. As a Marquis he is all right, but sheepskin. The particles of bran fly up in journalism the Bute is on the other

window which overlooked a wide landscape. Her maidens were in a little group at the other end of the apartment busily engaged at their embroidery, laughing and chattering and whispering. just as they might were they alive now -for this was many years ago and they are all dead and buried. The Lady Annabel took no notice of them: she was thinking. At last she looked up and yawned-"Oh, I am so sleepy and thirsty ! Mabel, bring me some water."

Mabel obeyed-and as she received the cupagain, she said " Your Ladyship will not be sleepy to-morrow !"

"To-morrow ! / What is to-morrow ?" "Does not your Ladyship recollect that to-morrow is your Ladyship's birthday? and --- "

"My birthday? Oh, yes, so it is. I had forgotten all about it. We are to him some years before. have a merry time of it, I believe; but I am sure I feel in no humor for merriment now. Lay down your work, girls, for a little while, and take a stroll in the garden."

When she found herself alone, the Lady Annabel walked up and down the small apartment, then stopping before the looking glass she said : "My birthday ! Am I indeed twenty-nine to-morrow? Twenty-nine! that sounds old! It is ten years since my father came into possession of this estate, and every one of those years have passed one just like another. I feel no older than I was then. I look no older." And she looked again into the mirror.

"I am no older in any one respect. How I wish they would let my birthday pass by in silence, and not distress me by publishing to all the assembled crowd that the Lady Annabel is now twenty-nine !"

Her reverie was here disturbed by the hasty entrance of her father.

"Why, what makes you look so downcast, daughter? For shame! go down and assist in the preparations for tomorrow's feast, instead of moping here. But I must not forget to tell you I saw my neighbor L---- this morning. We passed through his grounds, and he joined our hunting party."

At this the Lady Annabel's color heightened visibly.

"He says he expects his son back in a few months; and he and I were settling, that as our estates touch, and as he has but one son, and I have but the daughter; but I hear my men; they have brought home the stags-ohe of them has such horns ! You must come down after while and see them." So saying he left her.

"And Jasper is coming home," continued the Lady Annabel to herself. "How well do I remember the first time I saw him-it was on my birthday! I was 12 years old, and, although he was just my age, I was a tall girl and he a little boy. I refused to dance with him because he was a whole head shorter than I-but if my father and his have such plans for us-" At this moment her companions returned, and, quieting their laughing countenances, sat down again to their gret." embroidery. The next day was one of unusual festivity. . By mid-day the hall was crowded with ladies and gentlemen of high degree, from far and near. The music was loud, and dancing and feasting was the order of the day. The Lady Annabel, contrary to her expectation, was beguiled by the joy she saw on every face around her, and entered with great vivacity into every sport that was proposed. No laugh so loud as hers-no movement so full of glee. Late at friends. She mingled with them but night, when the guests had departed, seldom, and smiled when the odious litshe threw herself, flushed and excited, tle lady, now Mrs. Somebody, talked into a large chair in her own room, and about old maids, Meanwhile Jasper was

in the afternoon, when the weather is vain the contiguous estates were talked fine, her tall, closely-veiled figure may over and walked over. Jasper remained be seen walking slowly through the immovable.

At last, upon being formally and rig- shady walks about the castie, and the village children coming home from orously appealed to by his father as to school peep at her through the hedge his intentions concerning Lady Annabel, and whisper : "It is only the old lady he obstinately refused to enter into any taking her walk." engagement with her whatsoever, alleg-

ing as a reason that she was too old to We said visitors were never admitted there, and they were not. So much the be his wife, and adding, she might be greater then was the surprise of all the informed of his having said so, for aught servants when, one day, a fine-looking, Two days after he put the finishing middle-aged man was seen in the large parlor in converse with their mistress; stroke to his disobedience by eloping

this was repeated so often that at last it with the before-mentioned little girl of became quite a customary thing. She took no more solitary walks; her black All this was conveyed to the Lady veil was laid aside ; her close cap again Annabel by her offended and indignant gave way to her glossy hair-glossy father. And now, indeed, was she unstill, though streaked with gray. Her happy-for she really loved this man, youth was coming back-for was not and knew herself' to have been loved by this Jasper-the Jasper of old-her first love? Poor Jasper! he had been un-"Too old for him, indeed !-- too old for happy in his marriage, and upon his kim! God knows my love for him may

wife's death had come home with his son after long years spent in poverty abroad. "Jasper," said Annabel, "the world

what ?-because I am 29! Surely I am will call us an old couple. It is true the same that I have always been. And years have passed over us. We have he reproached me with the years that been old, both of us, but it was sorrow have taken away none of my beauty; that made us so, not time. Sorrow has he might as well lay to my charge the left us now, and time has brought us to age that passed before I was born." this, our second youth. Is it not so?

For, although they speak the truth when But so it was, in spite of all her grief. they say both of us have gray hairs, yet. It was then as it is now, as it always if they could but see our hearts, they has been and always will be-man would say there is youth yet in themspeaks, and woman abides by it. The as in the day when I would not dance Lady Annabel pined," and grieved and with you because you were a head shortwept in secret; and talked and laughed er than I, or the day when you deserted and jested about the elopement in pubme because I was too old for you." lic; and for a while no one knew that

INHERITED PERILS,

Foremost among the perils of life, in all its stages, but especially in its early stages, are the inherited. We may safely say that no one is born free from taint of disease, and we may almost say with equal certainty that there is no definaable disease that does not admit of being called hereditary, unless it be accidentally produced. To what is known as specific disease, the disease of diseases to struma, or scrofula, and its ally, if not the same, tubercular affections; to cancer, to rheumatism and gout, and to alcoholic degeneration, the grand perils of life are mainly due. These are the bases of so many diseases which bear different names: these so modify diseases which may in themselves be distinct, that if they were removed the dangers would be reduced to a minimum. These diseased conditions do not, however, exhaust the list of fatal common inheritances. On many occasions for

tressed me a year ago to think I was 29. I have no such feelings now. Jasseveral years past I have observed and per was right when he said I was too maintained the observation that some old for him. How would my careworn, as communicable, infectious o sorrowful face look in company with his contagious, are also classifiable under blooming appearance? They talked of this head. I am satisfied that quinsy. a ball for to-night-how my heart diphtheria, scarlet fever, and even what shrank from such a thing ! I at a ball ! is called brain fever, typnoid, are often No-this dimly-lighted room suits me of heriditary character. I have known a better. Jasper was right. But then, if family in which four members have sufhe had still loved me, would my youth fered from diphtheria, a parent having and beauty have gone so soon? Perhad the same affection, and probably a haps not-but they are gone. And what grandparent. I have known a family in is left to me? ' A dull, joyless life of rewhich five members have, at various

INDIA-RUBBEL' GATHERING. When the hunter has found a rubber tree, he first clears away a space from the roots, and then moves on in search of others, returning to comfaence operations as soon as he has marked all the trees in the vicinity. He first of all digs a hole in the ground hard by, and then cuts in the tree a V-shaped incision, with a machete, as high as he can reach. The milk is caught as it exudes and flows into the hole. As soon as the flow from the cuts has ceased the tree is cut down, and the trunk raised from the ground by means of an improvised trestle. After placing large leaves to catch the sap, gashes are cut throughout the entire length, and the malk carefully collected. When it first ex ides the sap is of the whiteness and consistence of cream, but it turns black in exposure to the air. When the hole +s filled with rubber, it is coagulated by adding hard soap or the root of the mechyacan. which have a most rapid faction, and prevent the escape of the water that is always present in the fresh sap. When coagulated sufficiently, the subber is carried on the backs of the hunters by bark thongs to the banks of the river and floated down on rafts. The annual destruction of rubber trees in Columbia is very great, and the in lustry must soon disappear altogether" unless the Government puts in force a law that already exists, which compels the hunters to tap the trees without jutting them down. If this law were strictly carried out there would be a good opening for

ridiculed these fears and ordered the grammarian to report at his court ; but no sooner had Kofta Ben Lukas made his salaam to the Commander of the Faithful than he was presented with a purse of 450 golden denarii and offered fifty more if he would leave the capital before night. He had been summoned through a misunderstanding, they told him, and the Caliph did not wish it to become public that by his mistake an illustrious scholar had thus been foolishly interrupted in his studies.

THE FREEZING CURE.

By means of freezing parts may be rendered wholly insensible to pain, so that slight surgical operations may be asily performed. When the freezing is long continued the frozen parts may lose their vitality entirely, which will cause them to slough away. By these means, excrescences, as warts, wens and polypi, fibrous and sebaceous tumors, and even malignant tumors, as cancers, may be successfully removed. Small cancers may sometimes be cured by repeated and long-continued freezing. Their growth may certainly be impeded by this means. A convenient mode of application in cancer of the breast is to suspend from the neck a rubber bag filled with powdered ice, allowing it to lie against the cancerous organ. Freez ing may be accomplished by applying a spray of ether, by means of an atomizer, or by a freezing mixture composed of equal parts of pounded ice and salt, of two parts of snow to one of salt. Mix quickly, put into a gauze bag, and apply to the part to be frozen. In three to six minutes the skin will become white and glistening, when the bag should be removed. Freezing should not be continued longer than six mine utes at a time, as the tissues may be harmed, though usually no harm results from repeated freezing, if proper care is used in thawing the frozen part. It should be kept immersed in cool water, or covered with cloths kept cool by frequent wetting with cold water, until the natural feeling is restored. Felons may often be cured, especially when they first begin, by freezing two or three times. Lumbago and sciatica; as well as other forms of neuralgia, are

sometimes almost instantly relieved by freezing of the skin immediately above the painful part. We have cured some of the most obstinate cases of sciatica by this means, after other remedies had failed. -Dr. J. H. Kellogg, in Physician.

PROGRESS IN AGRICULTURE.

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom had been intrusted the query from Indiana : " Are we advancing in agriculture ?" reported that they had argued that man first appeared in New

PROF. HENRY W. HAYNES read a paper before the Boston Natural History Society, a few days ago, in which he

A PROFESSOR of French in an Albany the gender of academy. The unusuallybright pupil responded that it depended on whether it was a male or female academy.

Two well-DRESSED ladies were examining a statue of Andromeda, labeled "Executed in terra-cotta," Says one, "Where is that?" "I am sure I don't know," replied the other, "but I pity the poor girl, wherever it was."

WILL some one who is versed in the science of sound please get up and explain why a hotel waiter, who can't hear the call of a hungry man two feet and a half away, can hear the jingle of a quarter clear across a dining-room?

"WHERE would we be without women?" asks a writer. It's hard to determine just which way the majority would drift, but some men would be out of debt and out of trouble, and a good many others would be out at their elhows.

MOTHER seeking a situation as footman for her rawboned son. Lady-"Does he know how to wait at table ?" Mother-"Yes, ma'am," Lady-"Does he know his way to announce?" Mother Globe's, on Bankside, which was de- 1-"Well, ma'am, I don't know that he knows his weight to an ounce, but ha does to a pound or two."

> TABLE ETIQUETTE. Macaroni should be cut into short pieces, and eaten with an even, graceful motion-not absorbed by the yard.

Oranges are held on a fork while being peeled, and the facetious style of squirting the juice into the eye of your host in au revoir.

Stones in cherries and other fruit should not be placed on the tablecloth. but slid quietly and unostentatiously into the pocket of your neighbor, or noiselessly tossed under the table.

If by mistake you drink out of your finger-bowl, laugh heartily and make some facetious remark, which will change the course of conversation and renew the friendly feeling among the members of the party.

In drinking wine, when you get to the bottom of your glass do not throw your head back and draw your breath like the He exhaust of a bath-tub in order to get the last drop, as it engenders a feeling of the most depressing melancholy among the guests. If you cannot accept an invitation to upper, do not write your regrets on the back of a pool check with a blue lead pencil. This is not regarded as ricochet. A simple note to your host informing him that your washerwoman refuses to relent is sufficient. On seating yourself at the table draw off your gloves and put them in your lap under your napkin. Do not put them in the gravy, as it would spoil the gloves and cast a gloom over the gravy. If you have just cleaned your gloves with benzine, you must leave them out in the front yard,

periods, suffered from typhoid, a parent

But she was wrong-she was not quite and a grandparent having been subject as old as she thought. A few years to the same disease. I have known a passed away. Her violent sorrow befamily in which guinsy has been the came changed by degrees into a melanmarked family characteristic for four choly, and then into a gravity. They generations. These persons have been rarely saw her laugh, but she was the sufferers from the diseases named, very often cheerful. She had put away without any obvious contraction of the her ornaments-her jewels-it is true, diseases, and without having any combut her attire was always becoming and panions in their sufferings. They were, elegant. Her father's dwelling continin fact, predisposed to produce the poiued to be the resort of his numerous sons of the disease in their own bodies, as the cobra is to produce the poisonous secretion, which, in its case, is a part of its natural organization. -Dr. Richardson, in Fraser's Magazine.

commercial enterprise, for rubber trees will grow from eight to ten inches in diameter in three or fourt years from seed. The trees require bat little attention, and begin to yield returns sooner than any other. Those that yield the greatest amount of rubber flourish on the banks of the Simu-and Aslato rivers. The value of the Arude Indiarubber imported into the S ates annually is about \$10,000,000.

An amusing incident occurred at the Pension Office the other flay. One of the examiners, in looking over the papers of an applicant for a pinsion, found that it was indorsed by Lutherford B. Haves, of Fremont, Ohio. As is customary when the character of the persons indorsing the claim fre unknown, the Postmaster of the town is written to for information. The examiner evidently did not know who Ruther ord B. Haves was, as he wrote to the Postmaster at Fremont, Ohio, making the usual inquiries. Greatness disappears with unusual rapidity.

pent seven weeks in investigating the England, or at least that there were matter, and were quite ready to answer, there long anterior to the Indians. exhibited a large number of rude stones. in the affirmative. Among other instances of progress in agriculture might | found in different places in New Hampbe mentioned that of hoeing corn. A shire. Massachusetts and Vermont, dozen years ago the plan was to lean which he said showed by the nature of

the hoe against a stump in the field and their fractures that they were formed into go off fishing. It is now done by givshape by use rather than by natural ing a chattel mortgage on three steers causes, and he expressed the belief that, and hiring a neighbor to do the work. archæologically considered, these implements antedated those discovered by Ten years ago turnips were heaped up in the barn or cellar and supposed to be Prof. Abbott at Trenton, N. J. food for only cows and calves. To-day

An Indiana violinist has a fiddle which they are carefully wrapped in tissue pawas made of wood from the trunk of a per, laid in bureau drawers and are con. tree found forty years ago six or eight sidered a fit diet for even a Senator. feet below the surface of the ground in When wiped off with a dish-cloth and good state of preservation and bescraped with a butcher knife, they furnlieved to have existed before the flood. ish a very bracing and enervating diet. The belly of the violin was made of this Progress had been made in plowing, wood, the back and neck of wavy maple dragging, reaping and many other parcut in Philadelphia fifty years before.

ticulars, and the committee felt safe in It has all the characteristics of an old saving that the time was not far distant viclin-an absence of the rawness which when a farmer could sit in an arm-chair characterizes a new one. A piece of in a lager beer saloon and raise sixty wood older than Noah would delight the bushels of wheat to the acre. - Proceedsonl of Oscar Wilde and the æsthetes. ings of the Lime Kiln Club.

He did not think the Lady Annabel too old for him now, so the castle was the second time illuminated for a marriage, and a second time were the jewels taken from their cases.