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One of these bright maidens, with

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THOSE CHURCH STEPS.

Written for The Rocket. From the lobby, or vestibule, almost on a level with the sidewalk, opened, just in front of the entrance. large doors, of the Sunday-school and lecture rooms. On either hand rose winding stairs to a vestibule above. After the first half-dozen steps each was an isosceles triangle with the most acute angle pointing to the side of the hand-railing. On the upper vestibule opened the doors of the church proper, the organ loft, the galleries and the belfry. As soon as the benediction was pronounced and the organ pealed forth, as a postlude, one of Beethoven's 'Haydens" or Mozart's "Sonatas,' living streams poured from the several doors, to precipitate themselves down the winding stairs.

Now people will show character by the manner of entering and leaving church as much as in anything cannot be sold in competition with the mul- else. Some walk in quite naturally, as if unconscious of the observation phosphate powders. Sold only in cans. as it unconscious of the observation ROYAL BAKING POWDER Co., 106 Wall of others. Such was Deacon Shaw, of the town of L- He was a man from whom a full-face look was something to remember and smile about. He was honest to the heart's core, and it did one good to see it written in his face. If one had told him, "You're a good man," it would have seemed like an unexpected piece of news to him, but he was as good as men are ever made-honest in his secular business and honest in his religion. When he died he would stand before his Maker with as pure a soul as ever appeared unveiled before the Divine Perfection. and the idea of going to that august tribunal never disturbed the serenity of his soul, secure in its trust of

> the savior of men. Little Miss Timpkins, whose pew was just behind the Deacon's, came in like a March wind was pursuing her. She walked as if on peas with bare feet. If she had on a silk gown it rustled so very much that the dullest imagination might fancy a small-sized cyclone had slipped in. More especially as, coming up the aisle, she always managed to drop, at intervals, her parasol, her book, her handkerchief, her fan, or a little silver-mounted vinaigrette of ancient

Now, little Miss Timpkins could not be suspected of any attempt at producing a sensation, for the dove was not more innocent than she .-Her little shrivelled mouth was pursed up, and she had a perpetual look as if she were trying to compose something; it must have been a pun, for she could never have composed anything weightier than that. Her eyes were small and watery and set in the most appealing Chinese fashion in respect to the thin little sniffing nose. Very fair were skin and bair, the latter all the fairer by the ments, and, to verify our statement, invite coming snows, and the former by the departed ruddiness of youth.

> When little Miss Timpkins was seated safely the sexton felt that his "coup" for the day was done. He had nothing to do with her getting out of church, and was thankful for it. A slim man slipped inside the door and on to his seat almost unseen, as he escorted an almost boundless rotundity of wife. He seemed to slide into imperceptible spaces caused by the rolling gait of his wife. The lady stepped lightly enough considering her avordupios, but she could not help the puffing of the engine necessary for her lecomotion. That was audible all around and among the Corinthian columns, and I expect even up to the grouned

arches of the stuccoed ceiting. One little Miss stamped in as if you!" fully two-thirds of the sacred edifice adopt the latest fad of fashion and tered had driven off,

were ashamed of their appearance; in fact, all the boys who wished to bronze hair and snowy brow, came escape special notice and yet see leaning upon the arm of her com-

what was going on. The orphans from the Church door to escort her home. She caught Home filed in, led by a sedate Moth- his eye. Just then the door of the er-in-chief. The tiniest one walked organ loft slammed and startled her by the Mother, holding her finger, Her foot slipped and down she roll the largest bringing up the rear with ed like a trimly-made barrel, twistthe Assistant Mother. The tapering ing her clothes into a perfect screw column shot into place like some Most of the congregation had dissharp-prowed boat to its landing.- persed and there was nothing to gaily-floating pinnons here; all were other girls shrank back, giggling, clad in sober gray, with only a slight and on she went, with nothing to dash of blue on the bonnets. The stay her going. The boy, abashed, faces, patterning after the Mother's, ran off, and the sexton had to pick were very strait and mostly meek, her up. She was red with shame but one or two expressed in their and tears streamed down her cheeks, twinkling eyes the unnatural repres- but her heart was worse hurt than ! sion of youthful mischief and mirth. her body. She never spoke to the

the people began to-disperse, and sweetheart before. there were many who "stood not upon the order of their going," but ing too common. Deacon Shar shoved and pushed, and caused oth opened a subscription list for reers to shove and push, towards and modelling the entrance to that down the winding stairs with isos- church. Many names were soon

entering. The thing is reversed, and Miss Timpkins. in leaving this particular church in the city of L-, at the date of which I write, many found themselves quite reversible in propriæ personiæ. The good deacon marched down calm and self-contained and walked towards home meditating upon the sermon. Little Miss Timpkins, fair and frail, with head in air, came rustling to the head of the stairs, squeezing between the mightier and grander folk, clutching her parasol, fan, handkerchief, book, and viniagrette. She lacked a hand to hold to the rail, and trustingly stepping down behind the blue silk train of the cit; bell, found no resting place for her dove-like foot, and came wheeling round and round like a dry leaf of autumn. Uttering a little squeak or two, she lightly rested her little bones for a moment on the jute mat; then, jumping up and peering around for her precious belongings, she grasped them and tripped away like a trap-ball.

Then came the orphans, the little ones creeping close to the wall and the faithful Mother, on the side of danger, carefully holding on to the rail. Then the boys, who had missed getting down in time to range themselves in a row before the door. They clattered down, getting slower and less noisy as they caught the sexton's eye below. One young man, broad of shoulder and strong of arm, waited at the foot of the stairs for his "girl," who sat in the choir. Her mother, weighing nearly three hundred, rolled slowly along chatting to friends. She had been unable for years to see where she put her feet. She bad, perforce, to "walk by faith," but her faith was without foundation when she stepped down on the narrow side of the stairs, and she came lumbering down like some nuge boulder scratched from the top

of a mountain. There were screams and cries from the wounded and from the lady her-

"Oh, my!" "Ah-h-h!" "Catch

er!" resounded on all sides. Clearing a course for herself, she dumped into the arms of the strong young man on the ground floor, who, seeing the "coming woman" and recognizing this grand opportunity, had thrown himself in a position to receive her weight and bear her up

"Ah, thank you! Oh, it's Mr. D Thank you kindly; I should have Free Press. been so hurt if it had not been for

She had escaped with only a few were her especial property. Many bruises on the callops of fat pillowothers of her age and sex came sim- ing her figure on all sides. And Mr. Dr. King's New Discovery for Conpering and blushing, imagining that D., fortunate young man, had to call sumption, Dr. King's New Life Pills, chosen in all the States upon the should convince everybody that it is pecuall others were looking at and criti- soon to enquire how the lady was, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Electric same day, and that Congress may harly the best blood purifier and spring since that time in dry seasons the cising them. Some of these occas- and his "best girl" was sweeter than ionally cast furtive glances at the ever since he had "saved Ma." The have given such universal satisfacgalleries where a good many nonde- giggling school girls had of course tion. We do not hesitate to guarscript boys sat boys who had es- giggled when the fat lady fell. They antee them every time, and we stand

panion. A boy was waiting at the

But there were no gaudy colors nor screen her from her lover's eye. The ticle is a good one, and well worthy

Such performances were becomobtained, and among them, for not for President of the United States, Leaving church is so different from the least amount, was that of little

Pleasant Homes.

plain spoken old gentleman, used to go into the public loafing resorts manner as the Legislature thereof about nine o'clock every evening. and after looking around inquiringwould say, "Well, gentlemen, squire inferred that a man who loved to loaf around bar rooms and billiard rooms at night could not heve a pleasant home, and the squire was right. A man who prefers the smell of tobacco smoke and stale beer, and the miscellaneous society which is usually found in places of this sort, to the musical laughter of children, the sweetsmile of a loving wife, the perfume of flowers and the companionship of good books, must have a very depraved taste. To be sure, there are homes that are not pleasant, and it is no marvel that men fly from them as from a den or lair where crouch and crawl the poisonous serpent and savage beast. The wife growls and whines and snaps and snarls, the children fight and the baby squalls. There is a continual bedlam, an everlasting hubbub. It may not be pleasant for the woman, who can not flee from it, but she has made her own bed, and it is just that she should lie in it. The aim of every man and woman should be to make a heaven of home, then the mer will seek it as a place of rest and peace and joy, and the children wil not become night prowlers and street

Not Inquisitive.

scavengers.-Exchange.

There was dust on his back and the grime of two weeks' standing be hind his ears, and as he stood on a corner yesterday, he was heard to remark that he was from Lansing. "What is the fare from Lansing to Detroit?" queried a dudish looking bystander, looking waggishly at an acquaintance.

"I dunno," was the reply. "Don't know!" echoed his ques-

tioner, incredulously.

"Young man," returned the tramp impressively, "when I want to go to place by rail I get quietly on the train, and when it gets there I step off again without ever asking any bloomin' fool questions."-Detroit

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Controlling Southern Elections.

In his article in the May number of The Forum Mr. E. L. Godkin discusses the negro problem in a candid and comparatively fair manner. He had studied the subject. It is a problem not easy of solution, and he recognizes the fact. The ignorance of the negroes and their total unfitness to be voters are not denied by Mr. Godkin. Altogether the arof being read by all the people of the United States, North and South He cites well known decisions of the United States Supreme Court to preve, first, that Congress has the right to take charge of the elections for members of the national House of Representatives; and second, that Well, when the services were over boy again, though he had been her the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments operate only upon States.

To these citations of authority we make no objection, but we must express our surprise to find Mr. Godkin admitting that Congress has the right to take charge of the elections or as he more correctly phrases it for the electoral colleges. We do not understand upon what ground any intelligent man can base such an opinion. The Federal Constitu-Squire Jones, who was a very tion plainly says:

"Each State shall appoint in such equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in Conwhat are you doing here? Are gress; but no Senator, Representayour homes not pleasant?" The tive or person holding an office of profit or trust under the United soon became evident that he could about 100 birds. Taking everything States shall be appointed an elector."

Mr. Godkin assumes that presidential elections are elections for what they are not. If they were there might be some plausibility in his other contention, though even then it would have to be a forced construction of the Constitution which could lead to such a conclu-United States. These electors when man. chosen are State officers. It was not the intention of the framers of the Constitution that the people should have any direct control over the election of President of the United States. This was to be done by electors chosen by the people, but chosen by them without any knowledge as to the man whom the electors intended to support for President ; just as United States Senators are chosen by members of the State Legislature who are elected to the Legislature by the people without any knowledge as to the men whom they intend to support as United States Senators. So intent were the tion above quoted, they would not Jim. allow any congressman in either house or any person holding an office of profit or trust under the United States to be appointed an elector of President of the United

States. We are not theorizing. We are stating facts which ought to be known to all such men as Mr. Godkin. His gnorance of them is unaccountable. He must know that up to the year 1861 the South Carolina Legislature always met in session on the day of the presidential election as it is call ed and chose the electors of that State for President of the United Stated. Every State in the Union still possesses the right to choose its ations upon this power are the reelectors shall vote for President and

for the election of congressmen, and Machine,

placing all congressional elections

under the control of Federal election officers. When the foundations of the republic shall thus have been removed, it will matter little whether presidential electors shall thereafter be chosen by the States or by the central despotism, as such elections will be a mere formalitya mockery of the people, who, if they are such fools as to intrust power to a party which would thus destroy our free institutions, will have merited the contempt with which they will ever afterwards be regarded by the whole civilized world.-Richmond Dispatch.

Bitten by a Mad Horse.

We learn that on last Monday Mr. Harrison Honeycutt, of Stanly was supposed to have the hydrophobia. On Monday morning Mr. Honeycutt noticed that the horse appeared to be sick, and instead of putting him to work as usual, turned him loose in the pasture. About 11 o'clock Mr. H. went to catch the horse, and while attempting to bridle him the horse became vicious and bit him, inflicting a painful wound. Help was summoned, and, after considerable difficulty, the horse was gotten into the stable. By this time the horse seemed perdirect a number of electors feetly wild, and attempted to bite as you made?" everything that came within his decided symptoms of hydrophobia, to get to the shooting ground and in biting at the walls of the stable. It the four days that we shot we got Federal officers. But this is exactly not .- Monroe Enquirer and Ex-

Life in Oklahema.

Rafe Thimblerigger paid us pleasant visit yesterday and told us sion. The elections called presi-that he had just won a fine quarter dential elections are not elections section at a shooting match with a for Presidents of the United States, tenderfoot. He paid the funeral exbut for electors of Presidents of the penses himself. Rafe is a gentle-

> We learn that the seven new towns started west of this place overlap one another very seriously. One man from Illinois lives in three of the towns and is running for mayor

Coroner Goosefelter is so far behind in his work that he requests us to inform his patrons that he is doincrease his business at this time.

Jim Triggers called on us yesterday and traded us a nickel-plated derringer for a year's subscription to the fathers of the republic upon making Boomer. He got the derringer from the presidential electors State offi- a man who died suddenly after callcers that, as appears from the sec- ing Jim a horse thief. Come again,

> There will be a faro game and Sunday-school running in this town to-morrow. All are invited.

> The new cemetery south of town is meeting with general favor.

If any reader of the Boomer sees anything that he doesn't like in this paper we will gladly take it back in our next issue.-Kingfisher (Oklahoma) Boomer,

March April May Are the months in which to purify the blood, as the system is now most susceptible to benefit from medicine. Hence now electors under laws of its own mak- lt expels every impurity from the blood, ing. The only constitutional limit- and also gives it vitality and richness. It always had (winter and summer) 7 creates an appetite tones the digestion, invigorates the liver, and gives new life and quirements that the electors of Pres- energy to every function of the body. The ident and Vice-President shall be testimony of thousands, as to the great morning after the earthquake it did benefit derived from Hood's Sarssparilla,

"Is the howling dog always fol-Vice-President of the United States. lowed by death?" asked a little girl. It can hardly be doubted that if Not always, my dear; sometimes has been known to be full of water caped from the mother's apron-string never tried to help giggling; they ready to refund the purchase price, they had had the power the Repubcaped from the mother's apronistring or the father's "stamp of fate;" boys who had on their first high hat, or proud boys who had been unable to

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Cyclone at Warsaw.

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A fearful cyclone visited the town of Warsaw, Duplin county, on the line of the Wilmington and Weldon railroad, yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Reports to the Star say the destruction was very great, but particulars were not given, except that the Presbyterian and Methodist churches were blown down and scattered to the winds, only the pulpit and one chair of the Presbyterian church being left on the ground.

The storm came from the northwest with tremendous force, but fortunately its width was only about half a mile. Scarcely a chimney is left standing in the town, and many trees and telegraph poles were prostrated. On the outskirts of the town a few small bouses occupied by colcounty, was bitten by a horse which ored people were destroyed, but no loss of life is reported.

The storm was accompanied with hail which covered the ground to a depth of two inches and caused much damage to crops, especially strawberries .- Wilmington Star, 2d.

Expensive Quail Shooting.

A prominent member of the Philadelphia Club who has been quail shooting in the South during the season was asked:

"What does it cost for a trip such

"Well, we were gone about ten reach. He continued to show very days. It took three days each way not long be kept confined, and he into consideration I should say the was killed. It is not known whether trip and outfit would cost about he had been bitten by a mad dog or \$1,000. Your dog will cost \$850; your gun \$300, your hunting suit \$50 more, your boots \$40, tips to farmers for shooting privilege, railway fare, ammunition, etc., will foot up to about \$1,000."

"That made your birds cost, then, about \$10 each ?"

"And what did you do with the

was the reply. A pretty expensive sport is quail

"Gave them away to the farmers,"

When it is remembered that newspaper editors have no opportunity of rewriting their articles, and frequently have not the time even to read them over after writing them, it is astonishing that they make so few grammatical or other mistakes ing the best he can. His friends will and that their style is often so clear oblige him by not making efforts to and correct. Those who write books often spend months and sometimes years in rewriting them, and yet one frequently sees a newspaper article written in the burry of the moment and under pressure, which, in brilliancy of diction, cogency of argument and elegance of style, is the equal and sometimes the superior to anything we find in most books. Indeed, the Press is most powerful

A Phenomenal Well.

for good when in the hands of intelli-

gent and conscientious gentlemen,

and is doing much good, and the

wonder is that any man who can

read or who has children that read

will go without it .- Warrenton Ga-

There is a well on the old Adam Clark place in Lilesville township, this county, that has peculiarities that the people living in the neighborhood would like to have explainis the time to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, a ed by some competent authority. medicine peculiarly adapted for the pur- This well is 40 feet deep, and up to the time of the earthquake in 1886 feet of good water in it. It had never been known to go diy, but on the not have a drep of water in it, and well has been perfectly dry, but during wet spells it gets so full that it sometimes run over. The well -Wadesboro Intelligencer,