About a wind-sown blossom bright With uplift wondering face.

The dariing blossom sighed; Nor knew itself more worth than they That fell in rank-blown pride. -Edith M. Thomas, in Independent.

Why sparest me, and them dost slay?"

THE SUBSTITUTE.

BY B. F. SAWYER.

It was a rough cabin home, squatting, as if to hide its squalor, in a straggling grove of scrubby oaks. Its outside appearance denoted thriftless poverty. The tumble down cow-sheds, the dilapida- must have been killed," was the report of hand the letter D. ted cora-crib, the broken fence, with the orderly-sergeant. its corners choked with briers, and the was scrubbed white; the scant floor was brought back for trial.

busy fingers could make them. grace, spoke as plainly to the credit of tine of events a court-martial was conthe mistress, as the outside did to the vened and he was duly arraigned.

discredit of the master. for while she loved them both devotedly, guard. and especially her bright-eyed, manly son as he did for his favorite hound.

It was in the spring of 1863, the third | ment. year of the war. The first wild storm of the dread, and the horrors of war.

son of a proud, but not wealthy, father. to the front."

From the time he could cry, his every whim, that the foolish fondness of his Judge-Advocate. mother and the moderate means of his father could gratify, had been indulged. asked the President of the Court. the breasts of braver and better men, he give it to you," presenting a closely writoffered to volunteer, as soft a place as ten scrawl. non-commissioned officer's birth was clemency of the court. secured. But he took that, and in high

began to vex him, and he longed for the abounding freedom of home.

. Then came the battle of Stone River, the cooking detail, an erratic shell came | Cahoule. screeching through the tree tops dangerously near his precious head, and he wrote at once to his mother, to arrange, if possible for his discharge.

This thing is getting to be a bore, any way," he wrote. "Tell father to home?" send me a substitute right away."

ages of eighteen and forty-five, had been as he pleased with me, and I had to passed and was being rigidly enforced, stay. himself, there was no one to answer for Chickamauga?" poor George Cahoule.

But there is old Nix's boy; couldn't and an unconscious straightening up. they take him: he is not of age yet but | "How did you get away, then?"

"Yes, he will do-a fine, strapping lad. I will see old Nix and give him show you the sear." two hundre I dollars to let him go, if only for sixty days," said the old gentleman. the two hundred dollars was added ten left leg. his lots, the bargain was made.

Robert Nix, the boy, not yet fifteen, Well, I'll tell you all about it. You tested against the bargain.

The next day after, Judge Cahoule came by in his buggy for the boy. The

The army was encamped in the wintry my mamma told me never to do that. woods around Shelbyville. The prospect You may all shoot me if you want to, was cold and dreary enough, but the but I ain't no coward." novelty of the seene, together with the cheery bursts of martial music from the bands, had a charm for the boy, and when he was brought before the Colonel of the regiment for muster, he tried his best to look every inch a soldier.

When questioned as to his age, he so. as if ashamed of his youth: "I shall be you?

stitute for a strong, able-bodied man,

said the Colonel. "Ah, but he is well-grown, strong, active as a cat, healthy and true grit,"

insisted the judge. "I will venture this much, as a per-

sonal favor to you and to George; I will muster him in for sixty days and give you come back? George a furlough for that time," compromised the Colonel.

Nix was duly enrolled and ordered to stopped a day, to run out home to get duty in Company C, while George Ca- a coat my mamma was a-making me, houle, shaking off the shackles of the and a poke of rations she was a-cooking army, hurried back home on the next for me, and that very same night the train, to tell to admiring cars the won- cavalry come and arrested me and tried

The sixty days were soon out, and George Cahoule was resolved not to return to the army. Nix needed money, thousand dollars was sufficient to persuade him to let Robert stay in the army. He went himself with the judge to headquarters, to assure the Colonel that it was all right, and that he gave his consent. So the substitute was made permanent; Robert Nix was en'i-ted, and George

Cahoule was discharged. The spring and summer campaign opened. Bobert Nix stood to his post like a veteran. On the toilsome march by day, or the lonely, watchful, picket post at night, he never once failed. A

pride of his comrades, and a pat with his make a verdict.

But an evil day came, a day of battle, of death and of mourning-Chickamauga, the dark "river of death.

On Friday skirmishing began, on Saturday afternoon the battle opened, and on

ment, Robert Nix had stood in line, el- | the answers came: "Guilty." bow to elbow with the foremost file, and riously, no one remembered when or

that he was missed.

It was nearly two months afterward

scrupulously clean, while the pots and Among these, with a puzzled look of pans and the little store of crockery innocence in his eyes, was Robert Nix. were as bright as soap and water and Without explanation he was sent to guily, our duty is to sentence according The immaculate whiteness of the dra- tion in the face of the enemy were pre- offence is death. The rest we can leave pery, arranged with a certain unstudied ferred against him. In the regular rou- to the commanding General."

Lieutenant Snow testified that the Sam Nix and his wife were an ill- prisoner, Private Robert Nix, was presmated pair. They had nothing in com- ent in line of battle on the morning of mon, except the hard fortune that linked | September the 20th, 1863, and that betheir lives together and poverty. He fore or during the engagement that day was hard, cold, uncouth; she, gentle, he disappeared, witout leave or authorrefined and sweet. Not even in regard ity, and was not heard of again until he enlistment and his uniform good conduct to their children were they sympathetic, was brought back to his command under as a soldier, previous to this offence, I

boy, he cared hardly as much for his pany C, with a soldier's bluntness of diction, corroborated the Lieutenant's state-

Captain Earle, of the conscript service, passion that swept over the land had ex- testified "that, having been advised by hausted itself, and men, furiously blind Judge Cahoule, a citizen of Alabama, before, had begun to realize the danger, of the prisoner's whereabouts, he proceeded to the house, and after a strategic Among those whose devotion to his investment of the premises he succeeded State was the first to take fire and the in arresting him, and finding him withfirst to evaporate was one George Ca- out leave of absence or written order, he houle, a young man, the proud, petted securdly tied him and brought him back our her sorrow in tears and sobs and

> This closed the testimony for the "Now, sir, what have you got to say?"

Accordingly, when, catching something "If you please, sir, here's a paper Mr. of the spirit of patroitism that excited Phil Wood wrote for me, and told me to

possible was obtained for him. Not The President read it. It was a fatal much could be done, however; only a confession of guilt, and appealed to the

The President was a just man, and seefeather marched away, a Commissary- ing the ignorance of the prisoner, tore pray to die too." Sergeant in a regiment of Alabama Volun- the paper into shreds, without submitting it to his court.

For a time he found life in the camp a This paper does not effect the case in pleasing routine of light duties. But the least. You must answer me now for offer her own life for the life of her son. after a white the restraint of the service vourself. How old are you?" he asked. "I shall be fifteen in March."

"How came you in the army?" "My papa hired me to Judge Cahoule, and though he was safe in the rear with to take the place of his son, Mr. George

"Did you want to come?" "Yes, sir, for a little while; I only came for sixty days, to give Mr. George a furlough.

"And when the time was up, you went "Oh, no sir; Mr. Cahoule give papa a But a substitute was not so easily thousand dollars to make me stay all the could reach head-quarters, before Genfound. The conscription act, enrolling time. I begged to go home, but Colonel every white male citizen between the Mitchell said my papa had a right to do be in time.

and where every man had to answer for Well, what made you run away from

is large enough to pass," suggested the gI was shot, sir, and I hopped back on anxious mother. "I am sure he is bet- my gun to the hospital, and the doctor it is false that he ran away from the field ter able to stand it than poor dear sent me off to Ringgold, on a wagon." "You say you were shot?"

"Yes, sir, I was shot in the leg, I can "Let us see it."

The prisoner rolled up his trousers, and Nix needed the money, and when to displayed an ugly scar in the calf of his

pounds of fine plug tobacco and a herd "That will do. Now tell me how it to whom you refer," said the General, of goats that ran on the mountain behind happened that none of your command saw puzzled at the lady's earnestness.

was not unwilling to go. With the en- see we wanted water, all of us, and when condemned to be shot.' thusiasm of youth he had read of the we was standing in line, waiting for the battles and wished himself a man that he word, I ast Captain Rich if I moughtn't might share in their glories. His mother, run back and git a drink, and he told me however, and his sister, were not so en- yes, to make haste and get back, and so I thuslastic, and with unavailing tears pro- run back as hard as ever I could; but the I got back, the fight had begun and the mother, making the best of the cruel cirthen picked me up and put me in a squad cumstances, had tricked him out in his with Trigg's Virginia regiment, and we smartest clothes, and as he stood arrayed sailed in, and the first thing I knowed I in his best, a military jacket, gray jean felt my leg knocked out from under me, trousers with a broad, black stripe down and when I tried to get up I fell and the legs, and the jaunty new hat, he found that I was shot, and the Major of looked a splendid specimen of young the regiment told me to get back if I could, and if I couldn't, to holler for the Be a good boy, Robbie," said his litter bearers. But I could hop by using mother to him, "and don't forget of my gun, and so I just hobbled back, mother." Then she kissed him and let but I didn't run a step. I wouldn't 'a' run like a coward for to save my life, for

"You say Captain Rich told you to go

after water? "Yes, sir, he did."

"Where is Captain Rich:" "He's dead, sir. He was killed that day, if he was alive he would tell you

hesitated a moment, but remembering "Well, but how did you get home, and his mother, he answered, a little timidly. how was it that the conscript cavalry got

"Well, I'll tell you. You see, when I "He is too young, Judge Cahoule. I got to Ringgold they put me on the cars am very sorry, but it would be unlawful and sent me along with the other will send an orderly with you to the to collist him, and especially as a sub- wounded to Atlanta, and from there they will send an orderly with you to the sent me to Montgomery, and as we was a passing Notasulga I thought I'd just get off and get out home. It was only five miles, and so I got off; the boys helped me, and Mr. Mims sent me out home in his buggy."

"And when you got well why didn't "Well, I was a-coming, and I went to | seize the General's hand and kiss it. Montgomery, and Major Calhoun give "Very well; a half loaf is better than me transportation back, and I come on none," acquiesced the judge, and Robert back as far as Notasukga, and only me, and brought me back, without even letting me get my vittles nor my coat."

"Well, is that all?" "Yes, sir, all as I knows; only if as he always did, and an offer of one Captain Rich hadn't a got killed, I than its lower part. Mr. Gardner has wouldn't 'a' been in this fix." "You say Major Calhoun gave you

transportation from Montgomery back to the army?" "Yes, sir, he did."

"Where is it?"

"It's at home in my 'tother britches' pocket. If you'll write to mamma, she will send it to you." "No, never mind, that will do. Gentle-

men, have you any questions to ask?"

brave, handsome boy, he became the guardhouse, and the court proceeded to

There was no discussion, each member of the court being simply asked: "What say you, is the prisoner guilty or not guilty ?"

It is the rule, in all military courts, for the junior officer in rank to vote first, and Sunday morning, a calm Sabbath morn- then the next, and the next, in an ascending, both armies were marshaled in line, | ing scale. This is done that the opinface to face, ready to cast the fateful lons of the seniors may not affect the judgment of the juniors. The vote is Up to that time, the last critical mo- viva voce, and as one by one was asked,

"The verdict is unanimous as to the then he disappeared, silently, myste- guilt of the prisoner. Now gentlemen,

we will pass upon the sentence." This matter involved a long discussion, It was not until roll-call after the battle a majority contending for whipping or the bare back, in the presence of his com-"He was in line when we started; he mand, and branding in palm of his right

To this the President dissented. "No, gentlemen," he said, "there is dragging gate told of a shiftless master, when a guard arrived from Atlanta with but one adequate punishment for the of-Its interior, however, presented a dif- a squad of prisoners, deserters arrested fence of desertion in the face of the ferent aspect. The rough board floor at home by the conscript cavalry, and enemy, and that is death. If this boy isguilty, as you say he is, let him be shot. If he is innocent, as I feel in my soul he is, he should go free. Having found him the guard house, and charges of deser- to the findings, and the penalty for this

So poor Robbie Nix was condemned to be "shot to death, at such time and place as the commanding General may

designate." The President, bluff old Colonel Zachery, added to the official report: "In consideration of the extreme youth of the prisoner, the manifest illegality of his respectfully commend him to the mercy Sergeant Bliss, Acting Orderly of Com- of the commanding General, and would ask that he be discharged from custody and remanded to the regiment for duty.'

The finding of the court was not to be made known until the action of the General was returned, but in some way it leaked out and flew, with the instinct of bad news, to the ears of the mother at

For a few moments, after hearing it, she stood dazed, then, creeping in to her room, she knelt by her bed, and poured prayers. At last, gathering her womanly courage with her womanly wits, she arose and commenced a hurried preparation for a journey.

"But where'll you get the money, Mary?" asked her husband, as she told him of her purpose. "I will sell the cow. That will be

enough to carry me there." "But how'll you git back?" "If I can save my child, I can walk

back; but if they murder my darling, I shall not care ever to come back; I shall The cow was driven to the village and readily sold, and on the next train the heart-broken mother was on her way to

She was a timid woman, modest and reserved, but her great anxiety made her courageous. Arrived at Dalton, around which place the army was encamped, she made her way to the regimental headquarters, and received from the colonel a confimation of the story. He told her that the matter was in the hands of General Johnston, first, and as a last resort in the hands of President Davi , and

offered to go with her to the General. It was late in the day, but there were no "office hours" in the army. If they eral Johnston retired to bed, they would

They found him at supper. "Will the lady eat something?" was the hospitable invitation. "No, thanks. I came to tell you of

"I didn't run, sir," with a proud flush my son. There is some mistake, a cruel mistake, I know. My boy is not a coward. He is not a deserter. I don't know what they proved against him, but of battle and came home without leave. He was wounded, sir, badly shot, in the leg, I know, for I nursed him myself. If you will see him, sir, and let him tell you, you will know the truth, for I have taught him not to tell a lie, even to save

"Ah. but who is it? I do not know

"My son, Robert Nix, whom they have falsely accused of descrition, and "General Brent do you know anything of the case?" turning to his Adjutant-General and Chief-of-Staff.

"I have had it under review to-day. It is a peculiar case, and I intended calling creek was furder than I thought, and afore your attention to it in the morning," answered General Brent.

"We will go through it now, My good lady, you must wait here until I examine the matter." "Oh, sir, I beg that you will let me

explain," she interrupted "No, be seated here. If I need you I will call you. The poor lady sank down on a camp stool, and as the General went into his

office with his Adjutant, she slipped to her knees and in silent prayer awaited She had not long to wait, although it

seemed an age to her. The General himself came back, holding in his hand an "You tell me that your son was

"As God will judge me in the day I stand before Him, I tell you the truth. He came home to me wounded in the

"And this story he told the court is

"I know not what he told the court, only this, if he told anything at all, he told the truth."

guard, or else have him conducted to you at your quarters; perhaps that would be

"No, no, let me go to my son where he is. And, oh, sir, I do wish I was able to thank you, but I am not, my heart is too full. God bless"-and too much overcome for further speech, she could only Then, almost tottering with the burden of her joy, she followed the orderly to the guardhouse, bearing that little slip of paper which saved his life and his honor. - Youth's Companion.

Photographing Wheels in Motion.

Instantaneous photography has just been employed by Mr. S. W. Gardner to demonstrate by optical proof the fact that the upper part of the wheel of a vehicle in motion travels more quickly taken an omnibus wheel en route, and in this photograph while the lower ends of the spokes immediately adjacent to the ground are not perceptibly unsharpened by the motion, the tops of the upper spokes show an angular motion corresponding to about ten degrees. The photograph also most successfully expresses the fact that the wheel it presents is in rapid motion. Instanmen, have you any questions to ask?"

"No."

The prisoner was marched back to the conquer.—London Figuro.

A SINKING FARM.

A TRACT OF LAND THAT IS SLOWLY DISAPPEARING.

Queer Seismic Disturbance a Few Miles from Sterling, Ill.-Farmers Puzzled to Find a Cause for the Phenomenon.

A Sterling (Ill.) letter to the Chicago Herald says: The people of this locality have been for some time corsiderably exercised over an earthly phenomenon, visible about four miles due north of our little city, the explication of which is but a gallesy of pictures, where there is utterly beyond their ken. Elkhorn no love. Creek is a stream which meanders The highest point outward things can for about forty miles through the bring one into is the contentment of the most fertile portion of this continent, finally emptying itself into Rock River. at a point about fear miles west of Sterling. Along its course are some of the most picturesque of spots-nearly perpendicular bluffs of bald rock here; sloping, verdure-clad banks there; now a forest of majestic oaks reach to the very water's edge; then the scene opens upon a broad undulatory prairie dotted with farm houses, orchards and fields honor of being denominated a river, that the phenomenon occurred, or is occursidence that has been going on ever this reason, there is no conversation so since April 14, 1886. On that night, agreeable as that of the man of integrity, Benjamin Bressler, whose little grist who hears without any intention to bemill is run by the waters of the Elkhorn, tray, and speaks without any intention was awakened from a sound sleep by a to deceive. loud though rumbling noise, and by the rattling of the windows as well as a general rocking of his little cottage. He and although he spoke of the occurrence New Mexico, nearly 2,000 miles away, to such of his neighbors as brought grain but some weeks later turned up at his to his mill, it never occurred to him there might be results manifest in old earth about him, which for the half century of his residence on it and in

cede from his view. A few weeks later, the frost having disappeared, he instructed his hired man to plow a small field lying on the south side of a road running by his cottage, and was astonished an hour later when the man approached the mill and informed him that a portion of the field had sunken "three or four feet," as he said, "with out, because men grew accustomed to also. anything, but the sinking has been slow- Two valuable dogs were chasing a rab-

it some three months since. Its greatest width is about seventy-five ered. feet, and its length, north to south about five hundred feet. The sixty feet of charged with biting the neighbors' ani-

at an angle of about forty-five degrees. for miles fails to show any subterranean | New York Sun. inflow or outflow. At the point of disturbance the land is about sixty feet above the level of the water. Is the cause seismic, or is it due to aqueous agency? The miller has puz-

vain for a long time.

zled his head over the knotty problem in

A Fatal Habit of Speech. I heard on State street an authentic story of detective acuteness, says a writer in the Boston Post. Everybody is familiar with the trick that many men have of capping whatever they hear said, when they do not dissent, with some favorite expression. Thus, one man says "precisely," another "exactly;" and there is a considerable faction for whom the words "just so," or "to be sure," seem to fill the required need. Not long ago a Boston man stole a large sum of money from his employers and fled to the West. A description of him was sent to detectives and police superintendents generally, and about a month after his escape a Minnesots, officer telegraphed that he thought he had his eye upon the person wanted. His appearance, however, was very different from that described in the circular. The situation was a pressing one; if the supposed criminal was such in fact, he might at any moment fly to Canada. On the other hand, to arrest an innocent person would cause a good deal of trouble. The object was to identify the man if possible within a few hours. In this emergency the Boston detective in charge of the case examined and crossexamined the thief's employers as to his peculiarities. They could hit upon nothing distinctive till finally the detective inquired, in a moment of inspiration, if which drove me out of the room, he dishe had any particular way of expressing possessed himself of his spoil, whilst himself. "Yes," was the reply; "I never the ancient dame proceeded to fill her knew that fellow to talk three minutes pipe with what remained. without saying 'I believe you.'" In half an hour the information was telegraphed to the West; within four hours the Minnesota detective had a long chat with his man, and before night the thief was ar- their number, compared with, other

Plowing a Channel.

gation."-Mobile Register. The people of this country spend that night .- Chambers's Journal. \$82,000,000 a year for silks. Less than half of it is woven here. The rest comes from abroad.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Slander, like mud, dries and fallsoff. Never be irritable or makind to any-To wait and be patient soothes many a

He who gathers roses must not fear thorns. The smallest act of charity shall stand us in great stead.

imputation of pride. He who has ceased to gain or grow has ceased to live-as he ought to live. A crowd is not company, and faces are

It is the summit of humility to bear the

mind, with which no estate is miserable.

A beau aful eve makessilence eloquent;

a kind ey? makes contradiction an assent; an enraged eye makes beauty deformed. To say that we have a clear conscience is to utter a solecism; had we never sinned, we should have had no con-

A great deal of talent is lost in the world for the want of a little courage. of wavy grain. It is hard by this beau- Every day sends to their graves a number tiful stream, whose width and copious of obscure men who have only remained water supply entitle it willingly to the obscure because their timidity has prevented them from making a first effort.

There is nothing so delightful as the ing. It is a sinking of the land-a sub- hearing or the speaking of truth. For

Intelligent Dogs.

A dog belonging to John Witherspoon, knows nothing of seismic disturbances, of Detroit, was taken with the family to old home, having traveled, it is supposed, the distance on foot,

The bark of a dog was heard at the door of the King's College Hospital, London, this precise locality had behaved itself and on being answered two terriers seemly and showed no disposition to re- stood, one on each side of a wounded collie. When the porter stooped to wait upon their friend the two terriers ran off. A cut on the collie's leg was dressed and bandaged, when the dog went away after a bark of thanks,

A shepherd dog belonging to M. Marothers attacked a porcupine in the Big Bend néar Emigrant Springs, Cal., and at once rolled over the ground and clawed great cracks alongside its edges what at its mouth, evidently in great agony. seems to run clean down to nowheres." Its mouth was full of qutlls, and it be-And this was true. The news soon came necessary to kill the dog. The spread, and many visited the spot. In-terest in the phenomenon might have died upon the ground, and was despatched

ly going on ever since. A day or two bit near a drain and were suddenly lost, ago your correspondent visited the de- say the London Field. After ten days a pressed spot, and observed that it was ferret, with a string tied to him, was put about five mches lower than when he saw into the hole the rabbit was seen to enter. . In a short time the ferret stopped, meas-The depression is now about five feet | urement was made, and after a little digin depth, and its east boundary is about ging the dogs were found firmly blocked. sixty feet from the waters of the creek. They were greatly emaciated, but recov-A Norwich, Conn., bull dog was

earth between the creek and the sunken | mals and destroying property, but as he area is not disturbed in the slightest. was muzzled his owner laughed at the The greater part of the depressed land is charges. Being carefully watched the covered with trees, which, formerly erect, dog was seen, when ready for business, now incline without exception westerly to slip the muzzle off his nose, cast it around near his ear, go in and maim his Many have been at great pains to de- victims, and quick as a flash slip the muztermine if the subsidence is due to the zle back with his paw, and act as innoinfluence of the waters of the creek, but | cent of wrong as a lamb. The muzzle closest search up and down the stream straps are now drawn one hole tighter .-

> Vancouver Papooses. The natives of Vancouver's Island are described by Mr. Stuart Cumberland as superior to other tribes along the Northwest coast. He praises the beauty of some of the childen; out, owing to the manner of living, this beauty fades early. An Indian is old at thirty. Even the children seem older than they really are, because of the gravity they maintain. Children, he says, like brown rabbits, were squatting about on the ground, appearing to be, even at that early age, too solemn and taciturn to romp or indulge in childlike games. When they saw me approach, they were off as quick as rabbits to their holes, and now and then I could catch them watching me with large, black, wondering eyes from behind a boat, a tree stump, or a halfclosed door.

Babies appeared to be plentiful, and, unlike those in other places, they seemed to be both healthy and well nourished. Their lungs were certainly of the strongest, and their appetites were truly prodigious. An Indian baby will yell at the slightest provocation-and, for the matter of that, without provocation at all. It is also equally remarkable that a 'papoose" will eat, or endeavor to do so, anything he can lay his hands on. Once, whilst I was endeavoring to make myself understood to a wrinkled squaw, a velvet eyed youngster, with deft fingers, snatched a cigarette out of my handand proceeded to devour it. At first he seemed to like it, but he did not go on long with the job, for with a mighty yell, which would have startled anybody except an Indian out of his boots, and

Confiding Detectives.

With regard to forgers, we learn that

classes of criminals, is small, only about two dozen men being recognized as an plying their talents as penmen and en-"Did you ever hear of plowing a chan- gravers to the fabrication of spurious nel in the Alabama River for a steamer to documents. Photography is largely really talk as he he does? He can just get through?" asked an old river en- employed by them; and, by the irony of say everything he wants to; can't you, fate, the same art is now used for their | you own dear little darling precious ?" The reporter had heard many a tough identification. Their methods do not yarn from the fresh-water salts who draw differ from those which have been dethe long bow on Front street between tailed so often in our own courts of justrips, but this was brand-new, and he tice, so that we need not dwell upon them. We may, however, refer to the have him so phenomenally bright. These senting him with an ebonized optic. "Well, last July the Carrier grounded clever manner in which one gang of foron Yellowjacket Bar on a falling river. gers made the English criminal investi-The crew pulled away on the capstan gation department play into their hands, without moving the old boat an inch, This gang had prepared an elaborate when the mate, seeing we would be high scheme for defrauding the English and dry in a few hours, got out a lot of banks by means of counterfeit circular hoes that were in the freight and part of notes. Shortly after they left New York as to second marriages. The correspondthe crew were set to digging alongside by steamer en route for Britain, the ent adds: the bottom of the boat, so as to wet her scheme was discovered, and the English sides, while the rest were hauling away. police was furnished by Atlantic cable Old Dr. Harris, who lives about two with all its details. The forgers were, of miles from the bar, and who has a turn course, ignorant of this. Their audafor civil engineering, asked Captain cious leader, upon arriving in London, Newmaster if there wasn't a plow in thought it would be as well to make the freight. There was, and in a minute himself acquainted with the faces of the a big deck hand was up to his waist in chief detectives, and, in the character of the channel above the bar holding the an American tourist, he paid them a visit. plow handle, which was hitched to the They were so taken off their guard by capstan rope, and the plow was hauled the pleasant manner of their visitor, that to the boat a half-dozen times or so. one of the officers not only told him of Then the rope was tied to a tree on the the impending Iraud, but actually bank above and the old Carrier went showed them the New York telegram, over that bar like butter through a tin which happened to be lying on a desk. horn. There's a heap of science in navi- It need hard y be said that the forger, thus warned, did not tarry long in the metropolis; he and his gang left London

> Often one may learn more from a man' errors than from his virtues.

WOMAN'S WORLD.

PLEASANT LITERATURE FOR FEMININE READERS.

Dressed All in Lace. An amusing and interesting incident was draped with \$5,000 worth of the lace. | in the case of a second marriage. -New York Sun.

A Costly Cloak. rs. Mackay, the wife of the rich American, is, says the Sydney Mail, determined to possess a cloak made from the breasts of the birds of paradise. These birds are sold at thirty shillings each. The breast is about four inches broad and about six long at greatest length, and nearly heart shape; the upper portion is about an inch and a half deep and is like the finest plush, in color a seal brown; the color shades off below to are very stylish still for street wear in a pinky terra cotta. About 500 birds glace kid and Belge pig's skin. seal brown; the color shades off below to will be necessary to furnish enough for the cloak, and to secure them Mrs. Mackay has despatched two skillful marksmen direct to New Guinea, and they are now engaged in the wholesale slaughter. The mantle will be costly, but the work of destruction will be so great that it is to be hoped few imitators will be found.

Dogs' Wardrobes.

The insanity of ladies who keep pampered curs as pets has reached such a clusively. The unhappy creatures are now dressed and decked out in fancy stuffs, and have their costumes been opened in Paris to supply the shown for gowns. stuffs, and have their costumes for the house and the promenade, besides their toilet baskets and their sleeping baskets. But in the autumn all Paris escapes to the seaside, and so, if you please, these little wretches must have their dust cloaks for traveling, with a pocket for the wearer's ticket at the side. Another part of the outfit is a waterproof mantle, with a hood to be worn in wet weather to keep the darling from getting its coat selves and to all who come in contact nating rows of light and dark cloth. with them if their only voyage were half an hour out to sea and their only costume | not cost much to cover them, and it will a brickbat fastened around their throats be de rigeur next spring that the parasol by a necklace of stout cord .- London | shall be of the same stuff as the gown.

Taking Care of Herself. An incident displaying the value of

calisthenics to the fair sex was witnessed | it.

at Highbury station about 11 P. M. one night last week. A young lady, the ing her way up the stairs to the train, when she was rudely accosted by a half- trimmed. drunken man, who made several impertinent remarks, and finally attempted to if clumsy dre smakers do not spoil them. kiss her. This was too much for the They fit to perfection, yet show soft fallyouthful British matron, whose training ing draperies and do not look as if cut had been of a kind to prompt reliance out of tin. upon the muscles of the arm rather than | Moire with flowered stripes is one of those of the throat. Sweeping off her the most elegant and stylish of the new glove, she turned round, and dealt the fabrics and will be very generally used fairly knocked the offender off his feet, bridemaids. and reeling backward he rolled from the top to the bottom of the stairs in a frocks for little girls are made very series of somersaults painful enough to effective with black braid put on in small convince him that caution in his amatory advances might be worth observa- Greek keys. tion in the future. A curious feature in connection with this incident is that the an unfortunate tramp, till she could run! dealt with a scoundrel who laid hands pure blues and reds for their street dresses on her in Richmond. We understand and general wear; white and pale shades that all these young ladies were practi- of color for dressy wear. cal gymnasts; and the value to women Pall Mall Gazette.

How Baby First Began to Talk. "Oh, George!" cried young Mrs. Merry, running to meet her husband at the door, "I've something the best to

tell you.' "No !" said George, "what is it?"

sively, "talk some for papa. Say 'How do you do, papa ?' " "Goo, goo, goo, goo," says baby.
"Hear him!" shrieks mamma, eestatically. "Wasn't that just as plain as plain can be?"

"Now, baby," said mamma, persua-

George says it is, and tries to think so, "Now say, 'I'm glad to see you,

"Da, da, boo, bee, boo." "Did you ever ?" cries mamma. "He precious little honey bunny, boy, say, landlord).

'Are you well, papa?" "Boo, ba, de, goo, goo." hand is ur churning). ever know a child of his age who could

"Goo, goo, dee, dee, di, goo." "Hear that? He says, 'Of course I can,' just as plainly as anybody could say very brilliant babies nearly always die It is bad luck to call a man a liar on young .- Tid-Bits.

Second Marriages in France. A correspondent of the Boston Transcript says the French have decided views

There are certain rules of good taste and etiquette with regard to second marriages in France which are usually observed by the educated classes. The whole ceremonial must be quiet and unostentations. The festive preparations

and she would be passing a slight upo from the wedding party, but must be present at the ceremony. They are not expected to look joyful; but their absence would give rise to scandal. The religious service must be very simple-without floral decorations or singing. occurred on the steamship Aller on Fri- The widow at her second marriage must day. The steamship was nearing port not wear gray or mauve, for such colors and one of the women cabin passengers would be suggestive of half-mourning, appeared in the dining saloon dressed in which her second husband might not the costliest lace. She confided to her take to be a delicate allusion to himself. female friends that every article of dress Rose color is also forbidden, on the she wore was of lace, even to the gloves ground that it is too gay. The head and hose, and added that she would dress should be a black or white manwear lace boots if it wasn't so chilly. She tilla, with a few flowers scattered over explained that one of her daughters is it-certainly not orange flowers, which shortly to be married, that the lace was can only be worn once on such occasions, for her trousseau, and that inasmuch as nor chrysanthemums and scabiouses, she personally wore it the customs regu-which are termed "widows' flowers." A lations could not take it from her. It is breakfast or a dinner follows the reestimated that the fair and matronly one ligious ceremony, but no ball is given

> Fashion Notes. The new stylish gloves have lapped eams for street wear.

In evening dress the slippers are made of the same undressed kid as the gloves. Sleeves of rare lace are seen on bridal dresses and are made in two loose puffs. Velvet and moire silk combinations

are seen in some rich costumes for calling and receptions. The whole wristed mousquetaire gloves

Pink and white effects are sought for by this season's bridemaids rather than the yellow and white of last season. Neckties of velvet ribbon fastened with

tiny bow or a small hook or clasp are worn with light-colored evening toilets. Henrietta cloth is the best material for mourning costumes, though cashmeres, serges, bombazines and camel's hair are also worn.

Checks of indistinct colors harmoniously blended, crossbars and zigzagi pitch of absurdity that a lerge shop has stripes are features of the rough cloths

into the dress waist. The Masaniello cap, set in a firm band, with the tasselled point falling at the

side, makes a pretty head covering for children of either sex. Although passementeries and silk cord applique ornaments are not novelties. the never before possessed the importance they have now attained.

Pinked edges are seen upon imported wet. In the majority of cases it would cloth dresses. They form side bands, be a great relief to the pet dogs them- yokes, borders and vests, made of alter-Be careful of your parasols. It does

> The revival of short waists and full round skirts does not meet with universal favor by any means. In fact, a very determined fight is being made against

There are two distinct varieties of the

turban hat, the English, which is lowwife of a well-known athlete, was mak- crowned and simply trimmed, and the French, which is large and elaborately Draped bodices will be in great favor.

offender a blow between the eyes which | with tulle or other gossamer fabrics by Scarlet cashmere or diagonal wooli

spail-shell patterns, or in diminutive There is a tendency this season to; lady in question is the third sister who bring up black sllk costumes with plaid has performed the feat of knocking the case of its being worn strictly by down an insulter. One of the family, a mere girl, was pursued on Blackheath by young persons, it is a welcome fashion. Little girls, winter frocks are made of no further, when she promptly floored light cloths, the darker Gobelin blues, her pursuer; and the other similarly acajous, old rose, tapestry greens, and

The plaided stuffs, silk, velvet, plus of such training could not be better ex- or wool, that are used for combination emplified than by the foregoing facts .- | with plain fabrics, are not at all like the plaids of former years. The colors are new, and are finely shaded one into another to produce the most artistic effect

imaginable. Two colors in marked contrast will be the rule for dressy cloth costumes. The lighter color will be used for the skirt and vest, the darker for the basque and "Why, don't you think—the baby can drapery. The skirt and vest will be talk! Yes, sir, actually talk! He's said braided with color used for the upper ever and ever so many things. Come part of the dress. When a jacket is added it should be of the darker color.

Some of the new round trimmed hats have brims which protrude considerably in front and taper to almost no brim at the back. These have low trimmed with high clusters of and a twist of faille or velvet placed inside the front of the brit

makes them very generally becoming. Signs and Omens. It is unlucky to be discharged from a

good situation on Friday. It is unlucky to leave a house on Satcan just say everything! Now you urday without paying the rent (for the To pass a churn and not give a helping

> hand is unlucky (to the person who is If the palm of the hand itches it is a sign of cutaneous irritation,

A broken nose is a sign of language, It indicates that its owner has had "words" with some one. A black eye is a sign of discontent, it. Oh, George, it really worries me to for it is difficult to satisfy a man in pre-

> Wednesday, especially if the callee be bigger than the caller. To knock over the salt-cellar at the dinner-table is a sign of awkwardness.

> If a man with gray hair falls in love with a young girl he will dye. A man's name on an umbrella is a sign it belongs to him (the name, not the um-

brella) .- Tid-Bits. The Zither.

The zither, that pretty little flat harp must be on a modest scale. It is not which is now taught in our cities, and considered becoming for the bridegroom | which so many young ladies are learning. and bride to appear very happy. They originated in the Alpine countries, and must be sedate and calm, with an expression of resignation in their faces. used by traveling Tyrolese singers as ac-Something is due to the memory of the companiment to their songs and yodels. dear departed. This is especially the Even to-day, when one sees the graceful case if a lady is a widow. She does not | young girl seated at the table, practicing take from her finger the ring placed her zither, and hears those wild chords. there by her first husband. Her second an Alpine scene rises before the eyes and spouse would be considered a man of transfers the modest esthetic interior, in had feeling and bad taste if he objected charming, dreamlike transformation, to to this mark of respect paid to his predecessor. Moreover, if the lady has children the first ring must be retained out Tyrol and Switzerland which is of all of regard for the memory of their father, thing most levely .- Musical Record,