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The Same Forever. The Gross stands firm; no blast of time, No hurricane of earth's rude clime, Can shake its heavenly steadfastness Or lessen its high power to bless. I look and live!

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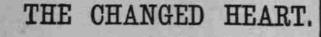
The tidings from that tree of love Are still God's message from above. Telling, each hour, of cleansing blood And pointing to the upward road. I hear and live!

Still does the Christ His face reveal, His well of living joy unseal, Still telling of His love and light. His meekness, majesty and might. I come and live!

Still waves life's tree its glorious wealth, Laden with everlasting health; With fruit and leaf Divinely fair,

And immortality still there. I eat and live!

Still from the rock the waters burst To quench the weary spirit's thirst; Who drinketh once will drink again, Who drinketh shall not drink in vain. I drink and live! -[Bonar.



"But how can I help being neglected and miserable, Ned? You scarcely look at me when Miss Lovel is near, and she is your preferred partner in all things now. You walk with her, you sing with her, you drive with her, you dance with her, and it makes me very the world gives no higher aim than to wretched !"

"Now. Mollie, if you're going to be icalous !"

"I'm not jealous, Ned. If I thought you didn't care most for me; if I fancied you cared at all for any one else, I stands me. I may seem a trifler; but

by, joining the waltzers, he followed them | an interview with me of lates It is not so with Miss Lovel. "A rather pronounced flirtation," Lee laughed, later, when he and Mollie stood on the hotel terrace, watching the moonlight on the sea and strand, and ring.

one solitary couple pacing slowly along Then, although a choking sensation beside the waters. Both knew who was in her throat, she penned a brief they were, for a few minutes before note to Lee: they had seen Ned Tremaine place that "I shall be pleased to go with you," pale pink scarf about the shoulders of

that was all; and in the starlight-the Miss Laura Lovel as he led her across moon rose late-she went with him out the terrace, too much engrossed in his over the beach and far along the country. Was it strange that he noticed she task, it would seem, to notice Mollie or her companion.

no longer wore Ned's ring? Was it "Oh, everybody flirts more or less strange that he told her of his love, and a seaside hotel; one has nothing else to that she listened silently, believingly, do, you know." Mollie answered Lee with a strange flutter at her heart? Was with a little ripple of laughter, and he it strange that when they drove back, looked on the pretty face to which the lingering beside the sobbing ocean, moonlight was so tender, his voice sinkanother ring should deck her finger and ing almost to a whisper as he spoke to another bond should lie upon her life

"It is a cowardly pastime for a man," he said softly, "and for a woman it is a cruel one." Again she laughed, while arranging

her.

the bracelet on her arm; a touch of mockery was in the rippling voice.

"And you-is it pleasant to know that you are cruel and cowardly?" she questioned. "One is tempted to become personal when such remarks come from one who is said to count his conquests with cruel pride, and to whom fascinate-and remain careless. Am I

too plain? Forgive me." "I forgive you freely-as I would

MAIL ODDITIES. long since you could not spare a moment for me from Miss Loyel, Do I wish our engage-ment broken? Perhaps we both wish it. Ned; at least let us break it, dince I so displease you. I cond you your letters and the Postal Pouch.

the Postal Pouch.

Animate Objects That Come Under Postoffice Ban.

Many queer things pass through the mails. Some of them afford amusement for the clerks, and others for time cause them to forget their religious training. Every conceivable thing that comes under the rules of mailable matter, and many others besides, is daily received at every large postoffice in the land. Many packages are stopped because of violation of the law and are confiscated, while occasionally an unmailable article slips through under the guise of something else. Speaking of the matter to a Herald reporter, a Baltimore postoffice official said The mailing of merchandise, samples and other things has reached such an extent that I wouldn't be surprised at any time to see a man come in and ask if he can mail a ton of coal to San Francisco. A great many things are sent by would-be jokers. A short time ago a fashionable up-town lady received a neatly-done-up and perfumed package from a point in Virginia. On opening it a garter snake jumped out and ran across the

floor. The lady screamed, and when Among the problems with which it some of the other members of the famselves was one which bears in an in- ily went to her rescue she was standing on a centre table and the snake was coiled up on a sofa. A few days ag when a mail pouch was opened a small diamond-back terrapin crawled out. The little reptile was carried to Mr. Gus Warfield, who placed it on his desk. It crawled about quite actively for a while, and then pulled in its head and feet and went to sleep. Mr. Warfield placed it on the desk of one of the when Achilles had traversed this vard clerks who had gone out for lunch. When the clerk returned he noticed the the tortoise was still 100th part of ajyard terrapin and thought it was a paper weight, and went on working. In a few minutes the terrapin awoke. stretched out its head and crawled over on the clerk's paper as if to see what he was writing. The young man had never seen a live terrapin before, and, still thinking that it was a new-fangled paper weight, he picked it up to make a closer inspection. Somehow his right thumb got caught in the terrapin's mouth, and a part of it staved there. He now knows what a terrapin is, but is very careful about inspecting new de-Therefore, Achilles will and will not signs in paper weights. On a recent -[Globe-Democrat. occasion a box full of lizards was found in one of the pouches. They were thrown out. Very frequently commission men receive samples of all kinds of grain and other farm products, with inquiries consays the sophist, "will attempt to eat cerning their value. Often in the spring samples of strawberries are sent this way, but on their arrival they are generally smashed into pulp. Handsome bouquets frequently make their way through the mails, but on arriving at their destination, they are usually crushed and worthless. A watermelon came from Florida a few days ago addressed to a man on Pratt street. The carrier who took it down had the misfortune to drop it just as he entered the There- owner's door, but it made no difference. as it was green anyway. Small orders Thereof all kinds of goods are sent in every Therefore the Cretans are liars. Therefore direction all over the country. The meanest tricks ever played in this direction was when the envelopes for hospital lem in a more simple form, thus: "When day were collected. Many of them were not stamped, and as the department had been requested not to stamp worthless ones, they were opened and found to contain peanut hulls, bugs, of from him. sand, pieces of matches, potato parings, scraps of paper, pieces of bacon rind. Bad news weakens the action of the horn buttons, tin. etc. One of the most annoving things to appetite, stops the digestion, and par- the officials was candy, and recently a tially suspends the functions of the sys- line was drawn there. That is, a rule anwinna). At present she is living with tem. An emotion of shame flushes the was adopted that candy should be put her sixty-five-year-old grandson. She face; fear blanches, joy illuminates it, up in such a manner that it could not claims to have been about six years old and an instant thrill electrifies a mil- get loose among the other matter. For- when the Revolutionary war broke out,

Surveyors who are examining the route proposed for a railroad from Dem-According to the naturalists wasps ing, in New Mexico, to Janos, in the member the locality of their nests just state of Chihushus, and from there to ninety-six hours. some point on the Pacific coast, have In a gallon of sea water there are gone already as far as the old Spanish presidio of Janos, which is in the midst nesia, iodine, and bromine. of the wild Sierra Madre of Mexico, one Sleep impairs the action of drugs and of the least known districts of North poisons. Persons in a state of "melan-America, but evidently the seat of an cholia" are less susceptible to the action ancient civilization of which no authenof poisons than others. tic record has come down to the present Spiders rarely cause any trouble with day. In a canvon which was passed through by the surveying party a sucbees. Strong colonies are fully able to cession of dwellings were encountered repel them should they enter the hive. stretching along for miles, and All webs about the entrance should be brushed away, or bees will be caught being built up in terrace form, one above the other, with solid and devoured. masonry unlike the crude and pigmy. The heads of the Cambridge students like cliff-dwellers of Arizona and have been measured, showing that the New Mexico. These dwellings had average brain capacity of a first-class more the appearance of regular streets, man is 244.56 cubic inches. The capabeing built above each other on the city of the ordinary pass man's . head shelving declivity of the canyon, and measures 237, 33 cubic inches. being difficult of access, as if it had Electric rifles are the latest. Instead been done for purposes of defense of the ordinary percussion firing de-

- Mighty Ruins in Mexico.

against powerful enemies. The buildings have their front walls constructed of hewn stones carefully cemented, while the rear portions are built into the sides of the canyon. All of these ruins are in a remarkable state of preservation, so much so that they deserve more the name of abandoned dwellings than of ruins. After this canyon is passed and the

electrical clock can be set to any given open country reached an isolated mountfive minutes of each hour, and the bell ain of symmetrical proportions is will ring at that time, and will ring reached, on the summit of which the until the switch is turned to cut off the ruins of a gigantic stone structure are electric current. encountered, the appearance of which indicates that it was either a temple or the palace of a king. A portion of these ruins consist of a very hard concrete. At the foot of this mountain are substantially constructed terracad structures, plainly showing the existence in former times of an extensive system of irrigation and storage of water. The country for many miles in all directions contains some relics, such as melates or stone tables, with appropriate pestles for the grinding of maize. stone hammers, various household utensils, and in some instances, bronze tools of such extraordinary hardness aud temper that they are equal to modern steel tools. Wherever the ground is turned up these relics are found in unfailing abundance. The neighboring Indians know of these evidences of a former civilization. The belief is that the king of all the Montezumas lived on the ton of that mountain, but at what time and what his name was they did not know.

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Batyushka. From yonder gilded minaret Beside the steel blue Neva set, I faintly catch from time to time, The sweet, aerial midnight chime-"God save the Tsar!"

Above the ravelings and the moats 1890 grains of salt, besides some mag- Of the grim citadel it floats; And men in dungeons far beneath Listen, and pray, and gnash their teeth-"God save the Tsar!"

> The soft reiterations sweep Across the horror of their sleep, As if some demon in his glee Were mocking at his misery---"God save the Tsar!"

In his red palace over there. Wakeful, he needs must hear the prayer. How can it down the broken cries Wrung from his children's agonies!-"God save the Tsar!"-

Father they called him from of old---Batyushka !.... How his heart is cold! Wait till a million scourged men . Rise in their awful might, and then-"God save the Tsar!" -[T. Bailey Aldrich in Harper.

HUMOROUS.

General training-Railroading. Suited to a tea-The cup and saucer. The book agent should wear a canvas suit.

Is it all day with a chess-player when both knights are gone?

A fountain head may very naturally have water on the brain.

The girl who uses violet ink, wants her correspondence to be inviolet.

A counter-irritant --- A woman who prices everything and buys nothing. "I passed some queer'' and here I am in prison all on accounterfeit, "he sighed. If you're to scribble what you hear. Then keep your pen behind your ear; If you write what you know of men, Then keep your ear behind your pen. "I will now take de sense ob de meetin'," said the "free lecturer;" but his audience had wild visions of a penny collection and bolted for the door. Other countries may spend more money for guns than the United States, but they fall behind the American nation in the high prices paid for batteries of the base ball sort.

Well, two others walked upon the strand, two whom the gossips called lovers; and yet when it was told that Mollie Annes was to place her happiness in the keeping of the "flirt of the beach." one man who heard it turned as white as death and shrank from the sight of the beautiful woman beside

him, although men called her fair, and many said she had won him from his faith: vet Mollie was too happy to regret, although she sometimes remembers. - [Toledo Blade.

Pet Problems to the Ancients.

pleased the ancients to perplex themforgive you all things, Miss Anness: but neither you nor the world fully understructive manner on the doctrine of imits. It may be thus stated: Th swift footed Achilles started in pursuit of a tortoise which was 10,000 yards from him, Achilles running 100 times faster than the tortoise. Now, when Achilles had traversed the 10,000 yards. the tortoise had traveled 100 yards when Achilles had traveled these 100 yards the tortoise had traveled one ward ;

don't think I'd remonstrate with you at all. I would just take off this," touching the diamond on her hand, "and hand it back to you. I'm not jealous, but you are not very kind to me. Ned."

"My little pet, you do not see things forth, back and forth in the moonlight as I see them. One owes something to now she lifted her sweet young face society, especially when one is at the seaside. If you would only remember

that I love you too well to find fault with anything you can do, and if you would become a little more of a society character yourself, I should be perfectly you love?" happy. Why, you scarcely take the least attention from any one but me, and so many are willing to offer attentions to you. Now, dear, kiss me once; I must be off; I am to drive on the beach with Miss Lovel; not jealous, my pet?"

"Not jealous, Ned, no;" and she turned from him, but without giving the kiss he had asked for.

fellow thought, smiling as he watched the pretty, straight figure going away from the nook in which he had found her, out to the stretch of sand, against which the waves were rolling, reciding, leaving now a mass of seaweed on it, now returning and bearing it awaya very coquette of an ocean, now kind and now cold, and always fair in the sunlight.

Ned Tremaine hurried over the beach, whistling as he went, and he presently caught up with his affianced, who, in her pretty dress of cream and black, with the wide sun hat ushed a little back on her blonde head, was looking very beautiful and animatedand smiling in the face of Lee Stone, the most incorrigible male flirt at the beach.

"Where now, Tremaine?" the latter called out, as with a nod he pursued thrilled as he read, and new, strange his way.

you later," and Ned had gone by, resuming his whistle.

Mr. Stone smiled a little and spoke a few words to Mollie. She colored slightly, followed the tall form of her lover a moment with her eyes, then gave a gracious answer, and half an hour later, when Ned and Miss Lovel met the pretty light carriage on the beach in which Lee Stone took his daily drive, they received a pleasant nod from pretty Mollie, who was his companion, and who looked as though she was thoroughly enjoying his society.

"She certainly lost no time in following my suggestions," Ned told himself half in surprise, "and she had evidently found the society of Stone anything put boring."

were the woman I love to love me in return no smile would be to so sweet as hers, no presence half so dear."

Mollie had been watching the couple on the sands going slowly back and

and looked at him with a sort of wondering pity. "Do we all wrong you, then?" she

asked, gently. "Have you failed in your wooing? Can you not win where

His face flushed a little at her words. and she, watching it, was struck by its strength and beauty. How did it chance that she had never noticed it before?

"I am not left the chance to woo or win her." he said, slowly; "she is another's promised wife."

"Ah," she said, pityingly; and she gave him her hand in a sweet, womanly "She is jealous, though!" the young sympathy, never for an instant connecting his words with herself. He lifted the small hand reverently to his lips, and drawing it through his arm turned towards the beach. As he did so he found himself facing Ned Tremaine and Laura Lovel, who were coming in from the moonlight, and he noticed that the young man's face was quite white, while there was a half scornful smile on the lips of the fair belle of the seaside. But the two couples passed each other in silence, the one going down to the

stretch of the glittering sand, the other going in to the dancers. A week later, and Mollie had just come in from a long hour, peaceful and

calm, spent with Lee in a quiet nook among the rocks that overhung the ocean. He had been reading to her there some of the sweetest poems given to the world by genius. Her heart had feelings had stirred it. When he closed "For a drive on the beach; will see the book he had looked up and found her eyes filled with tears. And now in her own room she was asking herself how it was that what she had com-

menced but for the purpose of annoving Ned had in one brief week slain all her old resentment against Miss Lovel and made her thoughts turn constantly. not to Ned Tremaine, who was her affianced husband, but to Lee Stone, who was termed the greatest flirt at the beach. What was changing in her life? When she now met Ned and Laura it did not pain her as it used. Was it because a handsomer face, a stronger and a nobler face than Ned's was constantly near, ready to turn to her with devo- lion of nerves. Surprise spurs the merly, nearly every pouch contained tion, ready to light if she smiled? A servant broke her ponderings by bringing her two messages - one a hundreds of muscles spring to excite. boquet of white flowers with a few Powerful emotions often kill the body feathery sprays of fern among their whiteness and one crimson rose gleaming red from their centre, and in it was a note from Lee asking her to go for a drive with him by moonlight; the other was a few angry lines from Ned, asking if she remembered that she was betrothed to him while she allowed every gossip at the hotel to chatter of her flirtation with Lee Stone. "I have been patient, waiting an op- in the midst of an impassioned burst of portunity of speaking to you," he wrote, "but you will not give me one, so write to ask you if you wish our engagement broken; to all it would seem

in advance; when Achilles had traversed this 100th part of a yard the tortoise was the 10,000th part of a yard in advance, and so on

forever-the tortoise being at each stage in advance of Achilles by one hundredth part of the distance Achilles had traversed in the preceding stage. The tortoise then remains always in advance of Achilles by some distance however minute; and therefore Achilles can never overtake the tortoise. But we know that Achilles traveling faster than the tortoise will overtake it. overtake the tortoise; which is absurd.

The ancients were strangely fond of problems of this sort. Thus there was

the famous problem about the ass between two exactly equal bundles of hay, at exactly equal distance. "This ass," neither bundle; for, by whatever line of reasoning it could, be shown that he would turn first to one bundle. by a line of reason precisely similar it may be shown that he would turn first to the other. But he cannot turn first to both. Therefore, he will turn to neither." Another of these problems

was thus worded; "Epimenides, the Cretan, says that the Cretans are liars. Now Epimenides is himself a Cretan, therefore Epimenides is a liar. fore the Cretans are not liars. fore Epimenides is not a liar. Epimenides is a liar. Therefore," etc., ad infinitum. Others stated the proba man savs I lie, does he lie or does he not lie? If he lies he speaks the truth, if he speaks the truth he lies." --- [Commercial Advertiser.

Good and Bad News.

heart, oppresses the lungs, destroys the

From Left to Right. Dr. Delaunay, a French scientist, asserts that centrifugal movements of the

hands-that is, from left to right-are characteristic of intelligence and higher development: centripetal, or the reverse, are indicative of incomplete evolution. He suggests this as a scientific test in employing servants and others. To ascertain the qualities of an applicant cook give her a place to clean or a sauce to make, and watch how she moves her hand in either act. If sho moves it from left to right, or in the direction of the hands of a watch, you may trust her: if in the other way, she is certain to be stupid and incapable. The intelligence of people may also be gauged by asking them to make a circle on paper with a pencil, and noting in which direction the hand is moved. The good students in a matematical class draw circles from left to right. "Down East" a similar test of "faculty" has existed from the earliest day. No Yankee farmer would hire a "hand." or "storekeeper" employ clerk who should whittle to him instead

Eighteen Years Over the Century. There is living six miles northwest of Flandreau County, Dakota, an Indian woman by name Hannah Weston (Cotwhich would make her about 118 years

The Champion Butterfly Story.

-[Northwestern,

One of the human footprints found in volcanic rock in Nicaragua several years ago is described by Dr. D. G. Brinton as being 9 1-2 inches long, three inches wide at the heel and 4 1-2 at the toe. The apparent length of the foot itself is eight inches. Dr. Brinton considers the footprints genuine, but is uncertain whether they are so ancient as has been supposed.

vice, a dry chloride of silver battery and

a primary coil will, so it was lately

stated before the American Institute,

fire the rifle 35,000 times without re-

Alarm clocks are now made with

small electric battery, which obviates

the necessity of winding up the spring

alarm the night before it is used. The

charging.

SCIENTIFIC SCRAPS.

Dr. Paulinis mentions an epidemic of diphtheria, in 1884, which followed the arrival of a flock of turkeys in Skiatos, one of the Grecian isles, where no case of the disease had previously been known for thirty years. Some of the turkeys were sick, and it is believed that the diphtheretic germs were conveyed from them through the air to the first human victim.

Plants are injured by parasitic fung: in various ways. They are deprived of nourishment, growth is abnormally accelerated or retarded, causing distortion; not only are green parts affected, but roots, stems, buds, flowers and fruit; leaves and fruit fall prematurely; decay is produced in ripe fruits before and after removal from the plant, and valuable plants receive injury from those of less value by ordinary infec tion.

A new artificial silk is said to have been prepared at Lyons, France, by M. de Chardonnet. The process consists in adding to an etherized solution of nitrated cellulose (the base of gun-cotton) a solution of perchloride of iron, and to this mixture a little of a solution of tannic acid in alcohol, when the whole is poured in a fine jet into water acidulated with nitric acid. The fluid thread becomes consistent, and is drawn off, dried and wound. The substance is supple, transparent, silky in

appearance, and very strong. The

color is gray or black, but may be changed to suit. A petroleum engine now being exhibited in England is attracting much attention. In a tank in the bed of the engine is placed the petroleum, which used by the Indians as a medicine, and is forced through a pipe into a compart- is said to be the basis for several blood ment where the oil is converted into a fine spray by means of a blast of air. names. A plentiful supply of the plant The spray passes into a chamber, and, coming in contact with an electric spark log which projects well out into the obtained from a small battery in the water, and getting astride of it dips it rear, motive power is at once supplied. in and alternately beats it with a stick In construction it is said to be compara- or paddle. After every good beating it tively simple, and the engine works is shaken about in the water and the with admirable regularity. The piston supply replenished, and this continued requires no oiling, the petroleum vapor until the pond is thoroughly impregsupplying the necessary lubrication

Judge --- The witness swears you stole his coat, and have it on. I must, therefore, find you guilty. Tramp--- Oh, well, your honor, if you're going to judge a man by the clothes he wears I s'pose I'll have to give in.

A Useful Piece of Furniture. -Lady (looking at a city flat): And this is the ice box? Agent: Yes. ma'am. Lady (putting her hand in it): It seems very warm. Agent: That's because it is set against the range in the adjoining flat. You will find it very useful, ma'am, for drying kindling wood and that sort of thing. 1-1-1 · · · · ·

"I think," said the minister, who was visiting a parishioner, "that it is easier to coax children than to drive them. Gentle words are more effective than harsh ones." "I think so too." said the lady, tenderly. Then she raised her window and suddenly shouted to her boy: "Johnnie, if you don't come in out of that mudpuddle I'll break your back."

A Queer Mode of Catching Fish. A lazy but unlawful method of obtaining fish from the ponds was once quite common. This was stupefying or drugging the fish by means of some narcotic plants. The favorite growth for this purpose was the devil's shoe-string, a small plant with extremely long, tough, and slender roots. This queer plant, with its uncanny name, was much purifiers with long and alliterative being obtained the individual finds a nated with the singular properties of the weed. The fish soon commence rising to the surface and gasping as if for breath. A few faint struggles follow and then the fish lie helpless and inert upon the surface only to be gathered in and serve as a meal. It is said that the meat is not at all affected by the treatment the fish have undergone, but it is with considerable squeamishness and trepidation that a person for the first time dines upon poisoned or narcotized fish. - [Atlanta Constitution.

"What a handsome couple they make," Miss Lovel said, with a certain gleam in her steady, gray eye. Ned colored suddenly, but didn't quite know why.

"Perhaps you didn't know that Miss Annes is my promised wife," he said, a a trifle coldly.

"Oh, but so many engagements are broken in a summer at the seaside; one never minds that very much," the languid belle said indifferently.

That night there was a hop at the hotel, and Ned had made up his mind while dressing to be a little more attentive to Mollie; but to his surprise he didn't find Moilie Annes shrinking under her mother's wing as had been her custom. A number of old friends had arrived while they were at dinner, and they were about her, and while she gave him (Ned) a smile from the distance he found it quite difficult to get near her. Then a slight tap on his arm informed him that Miss Lovel was asking him why he was so preoccupied, and, as Mollie and Stone went circling acter." Why should I fancy that you wish [Judge.

She trembled a little as she read, and her sweet face changed color; but she went to her desk, drew from it every letter he had ever sent her, formed

them and his ring in a package, and wrote him the following note: Phillips. It was I who first taught patience while my existence was forgotten for one who was what you bade me become-"a society char-

at a stroke. Chilo, Liagoras and Sophocles died of joy at the Grecian games. The news of defeat killed Philip V. One of the popes died of an emotion of the ludicrous on seeing his pet monkey robed in pontificals, occu-

pying the chair of state. The doorkeeper of Congress expired on hearing of the surrender of Cornwallis. Eminent public speakers have often dicd eloquence, or when the deep emotion that produced it had subsided. Lagrave, the young Parisian, died when

> he heard that the musical prize for which he had competed was adjudged to another.

> > In an Old Boston House.

Mr. Phlatterly (trying to make himself solid) --- What a remarkably strong, manly face your grandfather had, Miss

Mr.

Miss Phillips--Pardon me, Phlatterly, but that's

pulse into a gallop. Delirium infuses broken box of candy and a lot of sticky of age. She tells that her father was a great energy. Volition commands, and letters. chief, and fought with the English at

A Few Statistics.

Interesting facts concerning ancient cities: Nineveh was 15 miles long, 8 wide and 40 miles around, with a wall 100 feet high, and thick enough for three chariots abreast. Babylon was 50 miles within the walls, which were 87 feet thick and 350 high, with 100 brazen gates. The Temple of Diana, at Ephesus, was 420 feet to the support of the roof. It was 100 years in building. The largest of the pyramids is 461 feet high, and 653 on the sides; its base covers 11 acres. The stones are about 30 feet in length, and the layers are 380. It employed 33,000 men in buildcine, Wis., has a rare curiosity in the ing. The labyrinth in Egypt contains shape of a live butterfly, and she be-

300 chambers and 250 halls. Thebes, in Egypt, presents ruins 27 miles around. Athens was 25 miles around, and contained 250, 000 citizens and 400,-000 slaves. The Temple of Delphos was so rich in donations that it was plundered of \$500,000, and Nero carried away from it 200 statues. The

grandma .-- walls of Rome were 13 miles around, --[Commercial Advertiser.

A Queer Superstition.

Officer Mercer of Alleghany, Penn., that time. She wears a silver medal, noticed a woman go into the middle which is three inches in diameter, and Main street and dig a hole with nearly one-fourth of an inch in thickhatchet. She placed an object in the ness; on one side of the medal is a porhole and carefully covered it up. The trait of King George III. The medal officer unearthed the object and found was presented to her father by the a small hand mirror, with writing on it King's agents at that time, and she which he could not decipher. Taking it prizes it very highly; money cannot buy to the woman's house she explained that it. She is totally blind, and has been the writing on the glass was "Father, so for a number of years, is considerably Son and Holy Ghost," and that it was emaciated, and the wrinkles on her a charm to drive away an ailment in her face are finger deep. Otherwise she enhead. It was a Swiss custom and she joys good health, and is a hearty eater. wanted to keep it buried for three days.

She was allowed to reinter the glass .--[Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette, One of the young lady clerks of Ra-

Pineapples.

The pineapple season has begun in came possessed of it in a singular man-New York. Merchants there are rener. She was walking upon the lake ceiving 3800 barrels a week, and when shore drive last Sunday. Returning the season is at its height, the quantity home the butterfly was found upon her will reach 10,000 barrels a week. The hat. Close inspection of the fly rebarrels contain from twenty-five vealed upon its wings in various colors thirty extra large "pines," or forty to the figures 1889. It is indeed a singular freak of nature, and probably the sixty small ones. The season lasts only curiosity of the kind in existence. until August, and about 5,000,000 pineapples are imported each year. - white tuft .- [Times-Democrat.

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The Tuft of White Hair,

The Duke of Simonetta, an Italian nobleman, who is making a name as a musical composer, is the descendant of a long line of dukes who have a strange peculiarity. They have jet-black hair. and just above the forehead a white tuft. This they had for a long series of years, until the father of the present duke was born some 60 years ago. He had a thick, curly head of brown hair, without a particle of white, and with him it was supposed there was an end of the special mark. But his son is a tall, handsome man, with a head of black hair, and he has exactly the same