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The Lost Child, I've lost a child-O, tell me, did you meet

My little darling in the sunny street, With wind blown har, bright eyes and flying Like swift winged birds;

"How large was she?" Why, just a tiny

T s such a short time since I used to sing Low, sleepy songs, and feel her soft arms cling

About my neck.

'How old is she?' Why, really I forget; Just old enough to love and kiss and pet Only a merry little maid, and yet Not quite a child.

Lealing her playmates in a laughing row; If you had met her you would surely know Her smiling face.

You thought ler older, more than twelve That cannot be until another May

Opens the buds and brings the happy day

That gave her life. "Is that the chill! Almost a woman grown Capt. W. H. Kitchin will appear with. She helds her gullsh head high as your own; 2.3-1y. Some one will find her though she goes alone;

> You need not fear." Why don't he go and play with other boys,

I'dlike to know? Tis five years since her twelfth birthday

With tearler leaves, and all the months be-Have slipped away till she is seventeen-

The child is lost!

"Please let me assist you?" There was no response to my request, but I know that in this case silence

Binghampton one morning, Her satchel had slipped from her hand while she was waiting to be helped up the car steps by the attending porter. Its overcrowded condition caused its clasps to give way and out rolled a half dozen articles, combs, brush, drinking cup and such things as ladies invariably carry with them when traveling, and Practices in the Courts of Halifax and | which no unmarried man will attempt

She scrambled after the things herself, and I did my share in a race after a round box of tooth powder that rolled along the platform like a steam unievele. It did not get away, however, and I got back with it in time to pick up a gilt-edged volume of Whittier, which, with the somewhat soiled box of tooth polish, I presented to the fair lady with my most graceful bow. Of course she said, "Thank you!" I can see her now-a handsome brunette, in plain but tasteful attire. She did not shoot me with that cold, heartless, abbreviated and expressionless expression, "Thanks!" Her reward was a modest look of the eyes, a faint blush on the cheeks, and in a sweet voice, "Thank

She packed the riotous articles back into her satchel, and I relieved the small hands that endeavored to bring the two sides together, grappling the bag with sufficient mu cle to close it and fasten

"Won't you let me carry it into the car for you? It is very heavy."

the clasps firmly.

There was another modest look, blush! "Thank you." When dees a man feel happier that when contributing to the comfort of an appreciative woman? If it is right in his way to be of assistance, and the woman is young and more than ordinarily attractive, so much the happier is he. Have you not seen a man carry a woman's weighty satchel a half dozen blocks when if it had been his own an expressman would have received a quarter for the service? There is a deal of importance in the ownership of a satchel. The bag in my hand seemed then as light as a toy balloon, but now in my thoughtful moments I am sure Coal, Molasses, Salt, that there were in it several changes of attire in addition to the traveling out-

fit already mentioned. I confess that I was pleased to find the car well occupied and only one seat entirely vacant. The experiences had made acquaintance easy, and after giving her the place next to the window and depositing the bulky satchel at her feet, I made inquiry if I would be intruding if I took the remainder of the

"Oh, no sir. I am all alone. I shall not need it at all. You have been very

"How beautiful the September mornings are!' I said by way of opening a

"Aren't they lovely! After the sun has swept away the fog the Susquehanna valley is as picturesque as one could wish to have it. I do dislike fogs. I think when I find a place where there are no fogs I shall engage a building lot. How far is it from Elmira to Buffa-

lo?" she added. "A hundred and forty-six miles," I replied with the celerity of a schoolboy who had learned it in his lesson, "Are

you going so far?" "Yes," she replied, "I am going to

visit a friend. And you?" "To Buffalo also. Do you think you can endure my company for so long a distance?"

"Oh, yes, but do you not think young ladies are stupid traveling companions ?"

I expressed myself much hurt by the entered my mind. I talked till my throat became dry, then rested and repeated the experience. In the course of the conversation she had gathered A the names of my ancestors as far back as the third and fourth generations unthe principal streets of the village.

Bath. The refined manners and unusu- according to the law to imprisonment al knowledge of the country possessed | therein." That's Harry with her making all this noise; Why don't he go and play with other boys. The looked many times into her dark and ter, all possible liberty is allowed the diet is the army ration current material. I know she's tall and cares no more for toys- by the young lady impressed me. I had lovely eyes, and if any one had told me convicts. The "silent system" is not they were not honest ones I should have in vogue except in working hours, laughed at his idiocy. We are all physiognomists, but there are people whom criticise. A skilful physiognomist would have been baffled in this case, I think. If anything in her appearance had mystified me, her ready conversation and frank manners dispelled unfavorable thoughts. Sometimes she young woman, with a taste for the re- | ed quantity of clean clothing. This The words were addressed to a pre- fined Whittier, who talked knowingly possessing young woman as I was about of poetry and poets, and was familiar | tinctive marks being a large red numto get aboard a west bound train at with the events of the day - who ber placed on the back. would have suspected that there were

two sides to her life? pity as the train whirled by them, and her heart went out toward the poor people that were compelled to live in the mud-surrounded and uncomfortable looking dwellings in the eastern suburbs of Buffalo. Her name she gave me on a delicate card - Ella Thorpe. Of course my name and address.

In the city after a six-hour ride, I helped her to a street car, and at Niagara street regretfully left her to walk to my office, promising to call on her the next day if time would possibly al-

"Hello, Sam," shouted my friend, Detective Langspine, next morning as he came across the street to walk down town with me. "Have you got your watch with you yet?"

"I guess so (feeling for left vest pocket). Why?"

"Well, you ran a rather big risk yesterday with that pretty girl I saw get off the train with you?" "How so?"

"What? Didn't you know her? I thought perhaps she was a client of yours. That was Sally Fitz Williams, the shoplifter and jewelry thief of Baltimore. I'll bet that the satchel you carried for her contained some of her

'earnings.' " "Aren't you mistaken about that?" "I may be mistaken about the satchel's contents, but not about the girl. Come over to my office and I'll show you her photograph. She knows better than to try to work Buffalo, but we keep an eye on her while she is here. She usually works large villages in the

I was thunderstruck, but concluded to keep my counsel. I was positive that the detective was wrong. I found that afternoon, however, that the Main street number my friend had given me was a church. I recalled the name of a friend who lived in Midlletown and wrote him. The reply was that Ella Thorpe was a name quite unknown there. Could it be true that I had been so easily deceived?

I met my detective friend a few days afterwards and referred to the young woman. I did not tell him that I had lost three \$10 bills that were folded to gether in my left vest pocket, and which I supposed, I had pulled out accidentally with my watch on the day that I rode from Binghampton to Buffalo with the coy damsel. I walked with the detective to his office, and there, sure enough, in the toughest possible company, was the very face that I had been so enchanted with. What did you say about studying physiognomy? I have never seen my fair friend since, nor am I anxious to meet her. - [Inter-Ocean.

Land in India.

The results of the survey and last Peninsula of Hindostan is 1, 382, 624 square miles, and the population 253,. 891,821. Although immense tracts of country are annually cultivated, accord- skin shoes \$2.72. ing to the most recent survey 10,000,000 have not as yet been plowed. At the saddles, wagon saddles, and incidentals turned as waste land. - [Public Opinion. | plates, cups and all the ware needed by astonishment. - [Providence Journal,

CAPTIVE SOLDIERS.

Desertion and Other Crimes. Freedom for the Prisoners,

doubtedly, and I had not been wanting | Situated on the highest point in Fort in respectful inquisitiveness concerning Leavenworth, Kan., and overlookher own home and family. I learned ling the Missouri river is the United from her modest and enchanting lips States military prison—the bottom to about the prison and post. In the tailor that her home was in Middletown, and | which the dregs of the army settle. The | shop is made the prison clothing. that she was the daughter of an old law says the prison is "for the confineresident of the place who had been a ment and reformation of offenders their labor the prisoners quarry rock, banker. Having amassed a satisfactory against the rules, regulations and laws burn lime, erect the prison building, fortune, he had retired from active for the government of the army of the and are loaned to the depot quarterbusiness life, living with his family in a United States, in which shall be securely master for work on the roads, being spacious old-fashioned house on one of contined and employed at laber and charged up to that department at so governed in the manner hereinafter di- much per day. We ate together with the familiarity rected, all offenders convicted before procured during the five-minute stop at sion in the United States and sentenced style machinery. The dining room will near freezing point, the dreps from a of brother and sister the luncheon I had any court martial or military commis-

Unlike institutions of similar characand even then speech is allowed between the men on matters pertaining we meet closely and forget to study or to their tasks. The use of newspapers and books is not denied at times when prisoners are not employed and unofficial visitors are admitted to the prison two days a week. The prisoner may outside by letter and receive mail subhad spoken with slight hesitation, but | ject to inspection by the chaplain. seemingly it was for a choice of Once a week the convicts must bathe, words rather than of thoughts. A and they are supplied with an unlimitclothing is a uniform of gray, the dis

is treated much in the way usual to A sheep that had its head fast in the such institutions. His face is shaved visage, he sat pensively eyeing the disfence and a bony horse laboring with a and hair cut; he is bathed and given a tant, snow-capped mountains. Apparload of heavy stones were objects of her | number, which, while he is confided, is his only cognomen. Henceforward he is no longer Smith or Jones, but (say) "No. 360." The prison physician then minute personalities are noted.

Once in the prison the convict is in charge of the provost guard, a party of I reciprocated and presented her both men assigned by the secretary of war or poor Piute's birthright, en'isted under his direction, and semen who have seen years of hard service. the only ones, excepting the chaplain, surgeon and commandant. The latter

is Captain James W. Pope. few escapes from the prison. Perhaps out: "Who are you anyhow?" the law has something to do with the vigilance of the guards, as it makes the escape of the prisoner a penal offense for Indian, area't you?"

Although there are 496 prisoners confined, there are but thirty-six cells, two of these being dark. These dark cells are the only punishment inflicted on the prisoners, further than the cutting off of "good time."

New men are first placed in the cells, If, after a while they merit the favor, they are sent to the dormitories, where greater freedom is allowed them. Prisoners are divided into three classes, each class being designated by a distinctive badge attached to some conspicuous part of the outer garment of the prison dress. On being assigned to a class the prisoner is made acquainted with the rules relating to the conduct and treatment of prisoners. Prisoners of the third class whose conduct may warrant it are promoted after ten days to the second class. Prisoners of the first class are those whose quiet, orderly habits and general good conduct in class second has gained them the confidence of the officers. Promotions are made by the com

The dormitories differ little from the quarters of common soldiers. A row of iron cots, around which a broad sisle | prise runs, and separated from each other by a space of two feet, constitutes the turniture. During the day the beds are made up. Each prisoner is allowed to keep a box, provided by himself, in which he places such mementoes from the outer world as he chooses, besides some articles of apparel other than those furnished by the prison. A grating cuts off the guard room from the sleepers, and at the same time furnishes an easy view of the whole sleeping room.

During the day the prisoners are employed as the commandant may elect, but the greatest number at one employment are in the shoe shop. This is in a long room in the third story of a building two hundred feet long. There is made all the footwear for an army of fifteen thousand men. The enormous number of shoes consumed may be seen from the number made last year, when census of India are that the area of the | 11,700 pairs of boots and 65,421 pairs of shoes were turned out. A pair of cavalry boots costs the government about \$3.70, and a pair of brass screwed calf-

Next in order comes the harness shop, acres of land, suitable for cultivation, where Uncle Sam's ambulances, riding same time, 120,000,000 of acres are re- are made. The tin shop turns out tin man threw up his hands in the utmost

the army, including copper boilers and kettles. It is all hand work, except a power cutting and stamping machine. intimation that such a thought had ever How They Are Punished For The broom shop manufactures these useful articles, and no less than 93,000 brooms are turned out per annum. The prison carpenters manufacture barrack Prison With Considerable chairs, mess tables, benches, company desks, cart saddles, supporting sticks and battens of sparejos. The blacksmith shop irons the wood work from the carpenters, makes bolts and such other iron work as may be necessary

Besides these modes of disposing of

Prisoners do the cooking, baking and washing, all done with special and new time and everything moves like clockwork. At a signal the prisoners seat by the prison farm products - more than two-thirds of the vegetables consumed of the London Entomological Society coming from this source. The time allowed for each meal is twenty-five minutes, and the prison records show that the alimentation of prisoners is adequate to main in them in their normal status | species. throughout their imprisonment. Workcommunicate with his friends on the ing hours range from seven and a half to nine hours per day, varying with the season, and there seems to be no especial tendency on the part of the men to shirk their tasks .- [Globe-Democrat,

The Tutored and Philosophic Piute.

A prematurely old and shrivelled Pinte was sunning himself on a rock When a convict enters the prison he near his wickiup, below the Ophir dump. With motionless form and grim, sober thinking of the many glorious feats of valor he had long ago performed by wood and stream among those same takes him in hand, and even the most lofty hills, and of how different a good many things are now from what they were then, before the tricky pale face had sneaked in and gobbled up the

A San Francisco lady and gentleman lected with a special eye to their fitness | were walking by the campoodie on their for the duty. Few of them are under way to inspect the California mill. Afsix feet in height and a majority are | ter they had passed about a rod beyond the dusky old muser he suddenly re-These are the subordinate officers, and called himself, and vociferated a hearty, rousing "Good morning, madam!"

The startled lady turned around and said: "Why, how do you do, sir?" and Despite the easy discipline there are evidently much astonished, then blurted "I am Lo," said the indian,

"Low-Mr. Low? Why, you are an "Yes, madam, a man of 'untutored

"You astonish me! What are you do-"Here-seated here. I see God in the

cloud and hear Him in the wind," "And, looking as you do, you quote

"Aye, looking as I do," said the old years. Piute, and he turned and walked away, leaving the lady to stare after him and

The old Piute was one who was sent East about thirty years ago to be educated, and who spent three or four years in Oberlin College, Ohio. When he came back to Nevada he at once settled down again into the shiftless ways of his people. His home is at or near Wadsworth, but he occasionally strays up this way for a change of cold grub. The incident related above was witnessed by two or three employes of the Con. Cal. and Virginia, who greatly enjoyed the surprise of the lady from the Bay. She will doubtless return to San Francisco with high notions of the mental acquirements of our rugged "Children of the Deserts."-[Virginia City Enter-

The First Phonograph.

A gentleman recently repeated to me an account given him by Thomas Edison of the making of the first phonograph. Busily engaged in innumerable things, Mr. Edison carried in his mind for a long time the idea of the phonograph, turning it over and over, and from time to time jotting down sketches and memoranda concerning its construction. At length he said to an old German machinist, who made models for him, that he wanted a machine constructed in a certain manner, but for the use of it he gave no hint. Now and then, as the work went on without seeing the model, Mr. Edison ordered certain changes, which, of course, were

Finally the German was told to bring the machine for examination. Mr. Edison fitted into it the sheet of tinfoil, and turning the crank spoke into the funnel the somewhat familiar voice about Mary and her little lamb. The German regarded him as if he thought he had gone mad; but when Mr. Edison reversed the motion and the phonograph pipingly repeated his stanza, the old SCIENTIFIC SCRAPS.

The old idea that sufferers from beart disease should avoid physical exertion has been dispelled.

A thread has been produced from the common nettle so fine that a length of sixty miles weighs only two and one half pounds. Paper containing ligneous substances,

such as straw, wood, and jute, is rap idly discolored by electric light. The yellowing is due to the phenomenon of The force exerted during storms by waves has been found to be three tons per square foot. At Zetland, blocks of

quarried out of their beds by wave When the dawn looked gray our the misty action, although eighty feet above high A curious phenomenon is reported by its sole observer. In an atmosphere reached the ground in a liquid state,

while those from the upper branches,

stone weighing us tons have been

ten feet higher froze during the fall. The insect world is vast almost beyoud our conception. President Sharp states that while Linniers knew only 3000 species of insects 120 years ago, the collections of the world probably include at present 200,000 or 250,000

That able physiologist, Platesu, of Belgium, is continuing his studies on the powers of sight in the lower animals. As the result of ingenious experiments on vision in centipedes and other myriopods he proves that their simple eyes enable them merely to distinguish light from darkness.

It is well known that under the microscope steel is found to be an agglom- | for bad orthography said he was spelleration of crystals, and that upon the bound, difference in these crystals the quality of the steel can be more or less determined. M. Wedding, to make the ob servation more complete, heated steel to whiteness, and as the use of the mi croscope under such circumstances was impossible, he photographed the metal and subjected the negative to microscopic examination.

The influence of the moon upon vegetation is an interesting problem awaiting solution. A recent writer upon the subject mentions that woodcutters in Cape Colony and in India insist that timber is full of sap and untit to cut at full moon. Another observation of lunar influence in Cape Colony is the rapid spoiling of meats and other provisions when exposed to moonlight, though this may be due to the fact that the light serves as a guide to insects.

Sedentary occupations are reputed to be attended by maladies too numerous to mention, but even the out-door work of the long-lived farmer is not a perfect guaranty of freedom from all ailments. A potato-diggers' disease, which has been investigated in Prussis, results from a strained position of the legs in gathering potatoes. It affects the nerves of the feet and legs, producing coldness, numbness and pain, with a clumsy and limping gait. It may continue for

A curious incident is reported by Mr. William Burgess, proprietor of the Midland Counties Fish Culture establish. ment. He states that a pond construct. like, we will continue it to a finish." ed by him, measuring 50 feet by 30 feet, which is entirely isolated from other similar ponds, was shortly after A child was more fond of candy than its formation found to be populated her mother thought good for her. with trout fry in their alevin stage. No | What was thought a proper share was fish of any kind has been placed in the doted out to her one day, and the rest pond and none could have entered it, put away on the high shelf of a cupthe inlet and outlet being blocked with | board beyond the child's reach. Her perforated zinc of a very flue mesh.

Daniel Boone's Death,

from old copies of the Paris Citizer child could not see her, and surveyed dated in 1815 and 1818, a notice of the scene. There stood the child, her Daniel Boone's death, as follows:

in his hand. We are informed by a grasping the caudy, which she had gentleman direct from Boone's settle- reached to her lips. There it pansed ment on the Missouri, that early las; for a moment, the little face bent in month Colonel Boone rode to a deer earnest thought. Suddenly the candy raised to conceal him from the game, again as the child leaped from the shelf That, while sitting thus concealed with on to the chair and thence to the floor, his trusty rifle in his hand, pointed where the struck an attitude and toward the lick, the muzzle shouted exultantly: "There, God! I resting on a log, his face to didn't eat it after all!"-[Boston the breech of his gun, his rifle cocked, Record. his fingers on the trigger, one eye shut, the other looking along the barrel through the sights-in this position, without a struggle or motion, and, of course, without pain, he breathed out his last so gently that when he was found next day by his friends, although stiff and cold, he looked as if alive, with his gan in his hand just in the act of firing. It is not altogether certain, if a buck had come into the range of the would-be robber gathered himself his gun, which had been death to thou- up from the dust, he felt of his body all sands, but it might have intuitively obeyed its old employe's mind and dis-

A Bad Scrape.

charged itself.

Barber (to customer): "Have you heard of the bad scrape young Brown has got into?"

Customer: "Why, no; when did you shave him last?"-[Epoch.

The Old Clock. "Oh" the old, old clock, of the household

Was the brightest thing and nestest; Its hands, though out had a fourth of gold, And its things rang still the sweetest

Yet they live, though nations altered, but the bourswangerest tills seine att but

When the voice of friendship fakerwi bok tick ! it said - quick quick tobbed, Fir ten I ve given a warming

propriately or else you know You'll never rise soon in the morning. A repeater votes was that old, old clock.

As it shost in the series smalling, And blessed the true with a merry chine, But a crossold voice was that taresome clock

As it called at daybreak boldly,

And the ently air blow coldis: Tick tick it said depictment of bed, For five I ve given warning.

of D never have benith; you'll never have Unless you're up soon in the morning."

Still hearly the sound goes round and round With a tone that ceases never While tears are shed for brught days fled, And the old friends lost forever Its heart bents on though hearts are gone,

Tick tick it said to the forchy and test The grave bath given warning. pluj and rise; as a look at the skies. And prepare for a heavenly morning

HUMOROUS.

The crack club-The policeman's

Song for the farm hand. The spring time has come, oh, hor! oh, hoe! Rifled cannon are considered great

bores by those who have to face them. The boy who was kept after school

Why are fishermen and shepherds like beggars? Because they live by hook Nice life a married man leads when

every time he asks his wile for a cup of ten he knows she'll make it hot for him. "Tommy, my son, what is longifude?" "A telegraph wire, papa," "Why so, my son?" "Because it

stretches from pole to pale."

Young Wife ... "John, mother says she wants to be cremated." Young Husband-"Tell her if she'll get on her things I'll take her down this morning." The reason why Englishmon are redfaced is due to the fact that the sun never sets on the British empire, and the Briton never gets a chance to re-

move the tan. "A foul tip?" was the exclamation of the base-bull-loving waiter, as he mournfully examined the counterfeit quarter given him a few minutes before by one of the restaurant's patrons,

Miss Gushington - Do you not find Dr. Smalltalk entertaining? He is such a mimit. Mr. Sheerington (who detests the doctor) -I have often noticed that the doctor takes people off very

Young Mr. Wabash (to Miss Waldo of Boston at a dancing party) - "Will you favor me with two or three rounds, Miss Waldor Miss Waldo (an admirer of John L, of course) - "Certainly, Mr. Wabash, with pleasure. Or, if you

A Child's Victory.

mother cautioned her not to attempt reaching it, then left the room.

Returning after a while, she looked The Bourbon (Ky.) News publishes into the room, standing where the feet on the first shelf, to which she had "As he lived, so he died, with his gur | climbed by aid of a chair, and her hand lick, seated himself within a blind flew from her lips and into the bag

He Was Full of Life.

"Your money or your life!" demanded a footpad of a pedestrian who at a late hour one night was threading his way along a dark and narrow street.

"I've more life than money," replied the pedestrian, and proceeded to demonstrate his possession of the former in such a manner that, an hour later, when over to assure himself that he was something more than a suit of cast-off clothing. - Harper's Bazar,

Friendship.

A friendship is a precious gift But friends are very rare, Who, when you chance to need a lift Have got a five to spare.

- Merchant Traveler