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An Address to Winter. Ha! here you come to make us wheeze;

I see your fingers on the trees, And hear you shouting on the breeze, The storm clan's slogan You'll soon be here to nip my toes, And point my cheeks with sunset glows,

And fresco this old chin and nose With blue and purple. I hear you've been, you raving fellow, Among the Australasians yellow, And scaring with your blatant bellow

The Polynesians. You're getting rough; I fear you pass Your time too much with Boreas, And that star-mentled gypsy lase,

The dark-eyed Solstice. Old friend, together many a year We've journeyed on through foul and clear, And now, old comrade, lend an ear To my petition,

This year, I pray thee, leave thy snows In cold Arcturus with thy blows; Oh! Winter, gently come to those Who have no shelter.

Touch them kindly. Kindly deal With those who most thy rigors feel, In trembling suppliance they kneel And crave thy mercy.

Blister around the rich man's door; Make him unlock his golden store, Each year increasing more and more His deeds of kindness.

Nip him and strip him till he sh kes; Freeze him and squeeze him till he ma A big donation.

And in the cause of Science, pray Keep out the ice from Baffln's Bay, So that Polar "savants" win their way To frezen glory.

Let those we love, though they abide Far from us now, come to our side Happy and well at Christmastide,

And we will bless thee. -{Guy H. Avery.

MARIAN'S VOW.

blue-jays durting in and out of the settle vet." cedar-trees, the river rippling along under the willows, whose branches al- ing whether to be glad or sorry. ready began to be veiled with soft, green mist, and the floor of Sath Calit- prettiest girl in the neighborhood; but coulish are annually caught on the per's kitchen had the pattern of the who would marry her, weighted as shores of Newfoundland. But even two small-paned windows printed on she was with old folks and the old that quantity seems small when it is its surface in type of sunshine, when | house? Marian came in from her morning task of hanging out the clothes.

tatoes she was paring for the noon din- onf like that, it was too ridiculou !

the matter? Got the toothache again?" "It isn't the toothache, mother," said | wife. Marian, depositing the clothes-basket on the floor with something of a bang. "It's-everything!"

opened wide. "Child, what do you mean?" said

Marian's lip quivered. The vivid roses mounted to her cheeks.

"Mother," said she, "I've suspected something all along, but sometimes these things come over you sudden-like, you know. And when I was hanging out the kitcher towels, behind the smoke house wall, Squire Vanderbruggen drove by with a man, and they sort always be-be friends!" o' slacked up when they came opposite our gate and the squire pointed with the heart. has whip-handle and I heard him say to

the other one: 'That old place is all "He's a sullen, rough sort of fellow, going to ruin. Look at the chimney, toppling over; look at the gates, hanging on one hinge; look at the shingle; rotting on the roof; and the stone wall tumbling down. Things can't go on that way long. It'll be in the market pres- to put the place in order; and he will

ently and I'll buy it in. But twenty let me live here with you, dear, and years ago,' says he, mother, 'Sath Cal- father. What else could I hope for?' liper was the smartest man and the best farmer going. But he won a hundreddollar prize in the lottery, and that un- made. settled him. Every cent he made after that went into the gift enterprise. Nothing prospered with him. All he could sell, he sold, and all he could

his brain gave way and-" "Hush, Marian!' said Mrs. C. lliper, with a quick glance at the room beyond, where a prematurely white-haired man sat rocking aimlessly to and fro, with an unread newspaper in his lap. "He's deaf, but sometimes he hears was a true chip of the old block. things when we least expect it."

"Mother, is it true? You've kept me at Aunt Alma's until the elder girls were married. I know scarcely any- ding, however, poor old Mr. Calliper it true, mother?"

Mrs. Calliper burst into tears.

"Yes, child, it's true," she admitted. "We are very poor; we can't keep up the interest on the old mort rage; and how can folks blame us when the season for summer boarders was so bad and poor father can't do a stroke o' work to

and left you and father to bear all this "It's human natur', child. What

else can you expect?" Marian was silent a moment or two;

then she spoke with a choked voice. "I won't go and leave you, mother!" said she, giving Mrs. Calliper such a hug that the good soul dropped her potato-knife into the parings. 'T'll never murny any one until the mortgage is p id up, and the fences built over, and the roof re-shingled, and the old said she. "I must wait until I have mated cost is \$2,200,000. - [Times-Dem. and the roof re-shingled, and the out sale again. earned some more money."

No, not if the President himself came | And then she told him the story of to ask m : !" Mrs. Calliper smiled through her 'Mother says," she added smiling,

"You are excited, dear," said she, than kept; but I don't feel so. It's very

'You don't mean what you say," "Yes, I do!" persisted Marian. "I "And you are right," said Gilbert. Out of the silence wake me a hymn,

mother? It's a pity to miss even an | What I can save shall be added to your hour of this bright sunshine." So the farmer's daughter returned to | ing for you." the homely details of her everyday life; The tears came into Marian's eyes. but in her heart she carried the vow How thank ul she was that she had not

about it. Phobe had left her and Gilbert came to the old farm-house Louisa had left her, and so, she roa- with a radiant face. soned, Marion would also, when the 'I can claim you now, Marian," said

if you'll accept me, you shan't have no | sheltered her so long, I know. reason to complain."

the last child at home."

"And besides," went on Marian, "I'll marry no man until the old farm is out as it once dil. No, Simon-many produce so many eggs, if vast numbers It was a bright March morning, the thanks to you, but I'm in no hurry to of the latter and of the fish themselves

Mrs. Calliper looked up from the po- enough; but as for loving a stupil roe of a single col. Were the 60 000,- fulfilment of an election bet?"

home for you, Marian. And the rich- A herring weighing six or seven ounces humorousness of the conception.

you more than I do." ter of tube-roses which she had gath- three years a single pair of herrings nese jacans, which is a water bird in ered from the straggling garden.

"I can wait, Marian," pleaded he. would not go for toward the object she equal in bulk to the globe on which we had at heart. "But I hope we shall live.

And poor Gilbert withdrew, cut to

The next day she accepted John Vanderbruggen, the rich squire's son.

daughter," said Mrs. Colliper, wistfully. "Are you sure you love him?" "He has promised to cancel the mort-

gage," said Mirian, exultantly, "And Young Vanderbruggen went home and

told his father of the bargain he had "Humph!" grunted the squire. "Couldn't you have done better than

"She's got a face like a rose," said mortgage, he mortgaged, until finally John. "I want her; and I'd have her, a love y tint of old gold. The bleach if it cost twice as much!"

Well, promises are cheap. And as and white, nobody is bound!"

"D) you s' pose I didn't know that?"

The week before the proposed wedwent over to the squire's house.

been thinking it over-and I can't should love her husband. It was the money I was thinking of-not you. "And yet Louisa and Phobe married, Here is the ring and the presents you have given me. And now good-by!' with rage.

> marry!" said he, in a choked voice. "Yes," said Marian, valiantly, "it is.

For I love him, and I don't love you!' So she repulsed the temptation that had so nearly overpowered her better nature, and followed the dictates of her own heart.

she had made in that first hour of her | married John Vanderbruggen, when wounded pride and filial tenderness. Gilbert Weston loved her like this! As for Mrs. Calliper, she forgot all Scarcely s week hal elapted, when Cold as a snowfake, low as a moan.

fateful moment came. It was only nat- he, 'Sweetheart, I have sold my firm ural. Girls would marry, and the old to a company who are manufacturing folks must expect to be left to them- silex. They have found a ledge of the very quartz they needed up in the sheep Simon Garry was the first suitor that pasture, and the old Ricket Falls will came-a well-to-do young clerk in the supply the water power. Ten thousand dollers is to be the price. That will "I've some money of my own," said take up the mortgage and fit up this he, 'and I get thirty-five dollars a place neater than any pink and leave us month at the store; and father and a nice sum to begin housekeeping with. mother'il let me have the south wing And we will live here. To a young of the farm house to keep house in | man like me it don't matter much where without rent. And I've always loved I am, so that my heart's dearest is with you, Marian, since that first Sunday you me; but your mother will like to live came home from your Aunt Alma's an I under the shalow of the roof that has

The Vinderbruggens were not "I can't leave father and mother," pleased. Paebe and Louisa declared said Marian, calmly, "Father's helpless, that the whole thing from beginning to ahead of his ticket does not get there and mother is growing old, and I'm end was ridiculous and fantastic, es- first. p cially since their mother had made a "A man ain't generally expected to will, leaving the place to Merian alone. liest women always make the best marry the whole family," stammered But Marian was happy. Hal she not kept her vow?-[S.tur-lay Night.

The Fecundity of Fish. of debt, and the house fitted up to look | It has been calculated that, as fish were not continually destroyed and And Simon went away, scarcely know- taken they would soon fill up every available space in the seas. For in-Marian Calliper was, by all odds, the stance, from 60,000 000 to 70,000,000 000 cod taken on the coa to! Newfound-Mrs. Calliper's faded blue eyes est man in all the world couldn't love is provided with about 30,000 eggs. After making all reasonable allowane s Curious Feet of the Chinese Jacana, "I-I don't feel prepared to be mar- for the destruction of eggs and the

Blenched Moustaches.

"The latest fad is bleaching moustaches," said a barber. "B roors don't do it. Men buy the bleach and apply it at home. It is done mostly by young men. You can see lots of young men today with dark brown hair who have levely bland moustaches. The bleach makes the moustache streaked in lines of gold and light brown. The girls like blond moustaches. Black mous- condition is attained, and it can pass taches, even of the simon-pure sort, securely over a carpet of floating weeds have lost favor.

"Men with firry red moustaches use bleach nowadays. Not all men with red moustaches, but a great many. You won't see near so many red moustaches now as you could have seen a year ago. You'll see a man with a head of red hair, while his moustache will be coming up. And even then it does not is just as injurious as the black hair "Humph!' again uttered the squire, dye, A gool many men with red beards use the bleach too. A bload long as nothing is put down in black | beard is very fashionable nowadays. The ordinary every-day observer isn't John Vanderbruggen chuckled. He likely to ditect a bogu: bload beard or moustache, but a burber who knows his business can tell them every time."

Monster Mississippi Bridge. Work on the great brilge which is to pleted the greatest undertaking of the thing of what has happened at home. Is died, quietly sitting in his rocking- span the Mississippi river at Manphia, kind on the European continent, the chair, and the ceremony was postponed. Tenn., has been commenced. The canal of Languedoc, or the Canal du And one day Marian took courage and | bridge proper is on the cantilever plan, | Mili, to connect the Atlantic with the and will consist of a channel span 770 | Mediterranear. Its length is 148 miles, "John," said she, "I'm sorry if it's feet in length. This is said to be the it has more than 100 locks and about any disappointment to you; but I've longest single span of the kind in the fifty aqueducts, and its highest part is world, and its construction is a difficult no less than 600 feet above the sea, marry you. I don't love you as a wife piece of engineering. The bridge will while it is navigable for vessels of upalso have two spans, each 620 feet in ward of 100 tons. The largest ship length. The bridge will be 34 feet in canal in Europe is the great North Holwitth, and while only one railroad land canal, completed in 1825. It is track will be used at present, the 125 feet wide at the water surface, 81 John Vanderbruggen turned purple strength of the bridge will be such that feet wide at the bottom, and has a Corner Ninth and Main Streets, two tracks can be lail. The plans al. depth of 20 feet, and extends from "It's Gil Weston you are going to ready contemplate a wagon road for ve- Amsterdam to the Helder, 51 miles. hicles. The bridge will be approached The Caledonian Canal, in Scotland, has from the west over an iron treatle 5200 a total length of 60 miles, including feet in length and an embankment of three lakes. The Suez Canal is 88 miles 1800 feet in length. It will be ap- long, of which 66 miles are actual proached from the east over an iron trestle 1000 feet long and over an embankment. The bridge will be 75 feet "But I can't marry you yet, Gilbert," above high-water mark. The esti-

Sing to Me.

Out of the silence wake me a song Beautiful, sad, soft and low; Let the leveliest music sound along, 'that a foolish promise is better broken And wing each note with a wall of woa. Dim and drear,

As hope's last tear, mean it! Are the calicoes ready, But we will work together. Marian. Whose sounds are like shadows soft and

> store, and all the while I shall be work. Out of the stillness of your heart-A thousand songs are sleeping there-Wake me a song, thou child of art! The song of a hope in a last despair Dark and low, A chant of woe,

Out of the stillness, tone by tone, Out of the darkness flash me a song, Brightly dark and darkly bright;

Let it sweep as a lone star sweeps along

The mystical shadows of the night. Sing it sweet, Where nothing is drear or dark or dim, And earth song soars into heavenly hymx

HUMOROUS.

-[Father Ryan

A counter-statement: "It will wash." The purchase of a drama is mure buy-

How to make money-Get a situation A military post is something to which

an army muie may be tied. When a man slips on a banana skin he is thrown upon his own resources.

When all are left a man running

Looks are not everything; the home-

pickles and preserves. A Chicago man under the domination of kleptomaniac proclivities actually

took the pledge and kept it.

gan, looking up from the paper; "I suppose they are what naval officers eat George-After Miss D: Pink, eh?

"Armor plates," said Mrs. McGilli-

Are you sold I with her father? Gus -Solid? Every time I am with her father "Ah, I see," said an equestrian, meet-

considered that each cod yields about ing a one-legged man in the road, "you Neither was Marian herself much dis- 4,500 000 eggs every season, and that have had one of your limbs sawed off turbed. She liked honest Simon well even 8,000,000 have been found in the and are hopping about on one leg in The next Royal Academy Exhibition

She felt quite differently, however, land left to breed, the 30,000,000 fe- will have a fine pair of sketches by a "Why, Marlan," said she, "what's when Gilbert Weston asked her, males producing 5,000,000 eggs prominent English humorist, one of one soft September twilight, to be his every year, it would give a yearly ad- which will represent a critic playing on dition of 150 000,000,000,000 young a harp and the other of which will "I don't pretend to be rich," said he; codfish. Other fish, though not equal- show the same individual harping on a " ut I can make a nice, cosy little ling the col, are wonderfully prolific. play. England is convulsed over the

> One of the most striking modifications ried yet," said Marian, intent on a clus- young it has been estimated that in of a bird foot is found in the little Chiwould produce 154 000,000. Buff in its haunts and habits and yet is not so calculated that if a pair of herrings in appearance. Its food is found for "Oh, it isn't worth while for you to could be left to breed and multiply un- the most part on the leaves of the wait," said she, hurriedly-for she disturbed for a period of twenty years, aquatic weeds which rise above the surknew that Gilbert's slender income they would yield an amount of fish face of the water, and consists of the tiny insect life always so abundant there. Many of these aquatic plants, notably the lily, cover the surface of the water with a rank but unstable growth. No one or two of the leaves would afford a sufficient resting place for even a bird; but distribute the weight of a small bird over several of the leaves, and it could wander over the undulating surface with perfect safety. The toes of the jucana are so disproportionately elongated that the desired where a lighter bird, lacking the clongated toes, would sink at once into the water. The jacana endures the water well enough, but it is on the surface and not in the water that it finds its food, When alarmed, it dives at once into the water and swims some distance before come fairly to the surface, but merely thrusts its long bill out of water until the nostrils are exposed, and so hid len it remains until danger is past, - [Scientific American.

> > Long Canals.

An English newspaper gives the following list of long canals: The Imperial canal of China is over 1000 miles long. In the year of 1881 was comcanal. The Eric Canal is 350 1-2 miles long; the Ohio Canal, Cleveland to Portsmouth, 332; the Miami and Erie, Cincinnati to Toledo, 201; and the Wabash and Erie, Evansville to the Ohio line, 374. - [Brooklyn Citizen.

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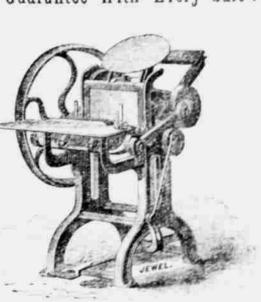
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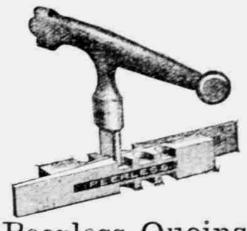
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