

And joyous chirps and trills ; And all the day from dawn fill night For warbling birds and flowers bright. Dark hours for the whippoor will. Light for the robin's voice : And all the time For lilting rhyme That makes the woods rejoice : d all the time and all the hours

For song of birds and bloom of flowers. -[St. Nicholas,

> BOB'S WAGER. BY MADGE ROBERTSON.

He had often tried to propose to her, but she was such a very flippant young person that he found it herealean to reduce her to a sufficiently serious frame of mind. Then, too, he was by no means certain as to her feelings towards himself. Some definite assurance either way would, he felt. have been grateful, although it is safe to affirm that had such assurance been unfavorable to his hopes he would none the less have been anxious for further information.

However, he was denied the satisfacof even well-grounded suspicion. She had such a baffling sort of manner. Never had he heen able to surprise her into an admission of anything, however triffing, which might be taken as

Suddenly, in the midst of his pon-

dering, an idea came to him-a heaven sent inspiration, so beautiful, so clever, that the cunning little god himself must have been hiding in a bluebell along his path. Bob gave an emphatic clap to his leg, and the listening Cupid might have heard a short chuckle, followed by a delighted exelamation.

"Gosh! But that'll do it !" as the wooer sped along the path. Minna him a chair outside beneath a fragrant into tears. honeysuckle. She sat down dear him on the doorstep and leaned her head against the casement. She looked for it now. It's all got to go-farm very pretty, her black eyes darkening an' all." the lids and her face pale in the dusky twilight, her hair curling in moist . will marry you = I will !" little ends around her small face. Bob looked at her, and his heart failed him. But he remembered a certain Thomas

Anderson, who report said had loitered beneath the honeysuckle for the last few nights, and this brought back his oozing courage.

"They wuz talking about you last night down at the pump," he remarked, with assumed cheerfulness.

"Talkin' about me?" said Minna angrily. "How dared they?"

"Oh, laws!" gasped Bob to himself. "If she gets mad before I begin !"

"Oh, don't , don't, don't, Bobl

down the tears. "Fll-I'll"-

Bob waited a moment. Then went on:

"Poor sister can't go to school or nothin'," rocking himself to and fro in apparent deep grief, "an' there's weave, which is strictly new and spe- mises. She has several strict rules no wood got for the winter"-here he wept alood, and seeing this, Minna, too, wept alond.

""Oh, Bob," she cried, "how could herself met Bob at the door and gave you be so-so? and she burst again

"Dunno, Minna," he said in a choking voice; "but there ain't no. help "Never !!" said Minna hystericall "Taint right to ask you," Bob said

care nothin' about me." fully and shamed-faced, "but that was an awful lot of money to bet on me. more frank. They are all over the I like you for it. Bob. I do!"

"An' you will marry me?" She nodded.

"Thank you, Minna." Bob said, mournfully. It's awfully good in you." A moment elapsed before he started on the real business of courtship-he had to proceed carefully-and in that damsel or two, while the American

An entirely new fabric is chrysanwhemum crepe, in which narrow rib can't bear it !" gasped Minna, choking like cords wave crosswise of half-inch grooves made by an almost impercepset out to be a florist on a capital" Hile crimping. Like the waved chifthe coloring is perfect, all the varied chrysanthemum shades, and many herself from this indebtednes in one more, being shown. The peculiar sensor, and at once enlarged her pl cially suited to thin texture, helps to for her own guidance, and by sticking make these goods remarkably attract-

> ive. The wayed ribs have a grained. artnura effect, and, looking scross the Then there is Mme. Henry Barroiliwidth, the crimps bear a curious re- het out in California, who owns 140 semblance to the crimped chrysanthe acres of highlycultivated land. Twenty mum petals -- [San Francisco Ex- acres of this is covered by her vialet aminer, all a mod) r

AMEBICAN AND ENGLISH GIRLS. Rev: Dr. Haweis, of England, who florists are charging a dollar a dozen is in this country, writing home tor the fragrant, purple, blossoms about his observations on shipboard, Isn't it enough to make us all want to sadly and hypocritically. "You don't says: "The girls generally sit shout on deck chairs till, imperceptibly, "I didn't afore," said Minns, tear- | congenial associates gravitate toward them. The American girls are much one of the largest randhes in th place and spend whole mornings at the less frequented end of the ship

Christi, Texas, and is said to contain with the men, not who select them, but 700,000 acres. Probably it is liver whom they seem to select. It is dangerous to draw national distinction, but were I askel I should say that huge tract, but, in any case, no doubt the English rule was to every man a the returns are in proportion to the

SHE IS STATION AGENT.

"Passengers over the Rumford Kalls

THE SKIRT OF THE DAY.

The skirt with gored front and sides

be cut from goods of any width,

neither too full nor too scant, and

By any one with the least knack, i

the seams are sewed it should be laid

on a table large enough to support its

full width, or on the floor, and trim

only mistake likely to be made in

fashioning this skirt, is in trimming

too little off of the gored seam at the

side of the back. This has a tendency

to sag, and if not carefully shaped

with reference to the back, will hang

longer than the straight breadths. Of

course the seams should be begun a

gover uge together, there alway

must be a difference in length. - [New

SELF-SUPPORTING WOMEN.

It has been remarked that while

English women have been slower than

the top, as in placing

York World.

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the best "all round" skirt in use

off around the bottom by eye.

can be cut without a pattern.

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STUTTOANT, Germany iffteen cents and with a debt. of \$100 By perseverance and energy she freed

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bourg Glais Works, its works. Allebs are now rus

Tris Blatucket editors

" In Holland women and persons sex under the age of sixteen are udden to begin we continue at work, after 7 p. m., I min their work anceed eleven hours a day A Busyrunit's (England) dressmaker, who was fixed for overworking ber a mitted that two girls in her ent can work at A 30 to, Turnelay morning and Worked continuously until 6.50 on Wednes-day night, thirty-four himms with an hour and a half for rest. Jubar Stowns, of the Circuit Court of Kan as City, More doubled that bart ar goi into the sourts, through the a State law perilipartar the labor on the Sab Tax Baidwin Lophereffve Works, Philadel -one ofigines from This is on a series and the series of t Forty-two of the engines are to be built im-mediately, and the remaining twenty-nine during 1894. ha wellot add

an indication that he aroused within her emotions of any kind whatever. It was certainly very difficult to know what to do.

Many times had he almost taken advantage of a momentary silence on tain-like and flighty-like." her part. Times without number had he nearly clasped her in his arms as she pirouetted past him, but she was too quick for him. The boldest effort Bob. on his part had been made one evening after he had brought a friend to call on her. Minna, Bob and the friend had all sat-in the kitchen and pulled taffy. Next evening Bob said sheepishly:

"Do you know, Minna, what Ikey | comfortably silent. was telling me last night?" "How could I know without you told me?" returned Minna, with spirit. She was washing dishes, and she clattered them in the pan.

He was asking me if I was going to marry you."

"And what did you tell him?" "I told him I didn't know."

"That was right," said Minna, swirling the dishcloth around.

"And he-he said I was a big fool if I didn't."

Minna went off into peals of laughter. Then she sobered up. "Didn't what?"

"Didn't marry you."

"So you would be if you got the chance !" was the prompt reply.

chance," dejectedly. 2112 "What right had you to tell him you couldn't get the chance?"

"'Cause you ain't ever give it to me." "No, an' I never will," returned

Minna with emphasis.

"Jes' what I thought," said Bob dismally. "Guess I'd better go." "Guess ye had,", remarked his hostess hospitably. . As she spoke she wiped out the dishpan and hung it upon a neil behind. If. I was you, I'd learn a few things before I came courtin'."

"But you're a big sight clever'n me," answered Bob meekly.

"That's so," said Minnalaconically as Bob passed dejectedly out of the

"They wuz sayin'-sayin' "yin'?'

They wuz sayin' how as you'd never arry any one-you wuz that, uncer-

"Who said that?" said Minna, turning wrathful eyes upon him.

"I don't exactly remember," faltered

"Most likely yourself," disdainfully. Bob could not truthfully disown the remark, as he had made it frequently, in confidence, to his near companions in the village. So, after this unexpected home-thrust, he remained un-

Minna pursued her advantage. "Nice doings them, fur a man!" she went on, contemptuously. "Talking about girls when they can't talk back for themselves!"

If the reported conversation had not been wholly imaginary, Bob would have been stricken with remorse. As it was, however, although inwardly trembling, he saw an opening and took it.

"But I spoke back for you, Minna, I did."

"Oh, you did, did you?" was the discouraging comment. "Since it wuz you said the worst, seems to me it wuz all you could do."

"They said a lot more'n I did." Bob continued, with fictitious courage, "That's what I told him-if I got "They said as how I needn't be hangthe' chance, but I can't get the in' around here, fur ye'd allus scorn me till the jedgment and not marry me at all."

> "There wuz some truth in their remarks," remarked Minna snubbingly.

"But there's wusser nor that," he said, with well forced gloominess. " said as how I knowed you would marry me"--

"Who made you so wise?" interrupted Minna sarcastically.

"An' a man bet me you wouldn't. an'-an'-I bet him you would." "Beasts!" ejaculated the much incensed Minna.

"An' I bet a fearful lot, Minna. Gosh !-I'm scared to think of it. I got to give him all that money the farm ull have to go sure." Minna looked frightened. "How much?" she asked faintly. "Wonder how much she'll stand?" Bob asked himself perplexedly. Then he looked at her tentatively.

moment Bob looked up at a very jester - system seemed to be to every damsel "Well?" sharply, "what wuz they of a twinkling star and silently ex-"a man or two."

changed with it a knowing and prodigious wink .- [Chicago Inter Ocean.

Genius and Training.

and Buckfield road," says the Lewis The training of men for work which ton. (Me.) Journal, "always motice requires the highest possible nicety of upon the platform at East Peru a plump hand is not really training. It is far and pretty girl who wears the regalia more the selection, by experiment, of of the station agents. She wears a men born with the true touch. For esp with gold lace and a brass shield, example, we doubt whether the very and on the shield is 'Station Agents greatest surgeons-the men whose This is Miss Lillie' Howard, and she success depends upon their ability to has had charge of the station at Easmake sharp steel as sensitive as a fin-Peru for some time. She is attentive ger tip-perform their hundredth opto her duties, the trainmen always eration better than their first. They have a smile and a pleasant word for have more confidence, no doubt, but ber, and many a drummer vainly atthe sleight of hand is inborn. Nobody tempts to appropriate a share of her can train a medical student into a smile as the train whisks past. 'Tis great oculist. It is only the ordinary needless to comment on the neatness man of whom it can be said that pracof East Peru's station." tice makes perfect. But genius is only the mental side of this gift, apart, and if the people whose business is with the mind were as honest and as unsoand full back breadths has proved one. phisticated as those who deal with of the most satisfactory patterns for horse-racing or bricklaying, we should the medium-class gowns, such as the not hear anything more about genius average woman depends upon being merely the capacity for hard largely. Home dressmakers find this work. To say that the bricklayer with skirt easy to make. It hangs well, can

the "knack" is only a bricklayer who takes pains, would be a patent absurdity. It is not less an absurdity, though a less obvious one, to say that a man with a genius for style and literary form is only a man who knows how to take pains. The poet, no doubt, must take pains, but no amount of taking pains will give him the genius of verse.-[London Spectator.

## The Parent Apple Tree.

The most valuable fruit tree in the temperate zones is the apple. Pyrus malus, the parent tree, of the thousands of varieties that are known in orchards, was probably a native of the northwest Himalayas, and the genus is represented in North America by five small trees and two shrubs. first of the species described is the fumiliar wild crabapple (pyrus coronaria), a tree of elegant habit, with large and fragrant flowers which do not appear until after the blossoms of other apples have fallen. The fruit is still more fragrant, and it hangs on long stems and remains on the branches until after the leaves have dropped. The southern crab (pyrus- augustifola) is still more beautiful, indeed it is not surpassed in beanty by any of the smaller North American trees when in early spring it lights up the gloom of the pine forests with its bright flowers. The Oregon crab (pyrus rivularis) resembles the first named, and its fruit has a pleasant sub-acid flavor.

size of the property. And, it so, Mrs. King must have a very envisible income.- New York World. 3 M. HOALKIN C. out about

success of her undertaking, like Mrs.

Campbell Wilson of Cleveland, who

to them has managed to keep clear of

debt and to become quite prosperous.

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daily sends to market 8,000 bunches.

Think what that means, when city

raise rather than water the flowers?

On's much larger scale than these

ventures is the enterprise of Mrrs

Richard King, who is the owner of

world It is situated near Corpus

stock and grain, rather than fruit and

flowers, which are the products of this

## FASHION NOTES.

Felt is especially desirable for decorative purposes 14.49

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Oscille-a rich shade of sorrel green +-is an effective and novel evening dress shade. 11

A bracelet set with American tor quoises graduating from the centre is nest ornament lat id

Loie Fuller, or waved velvet ribbon, is used for dress trimmings of silk, satin or fine wool. 1000

A pretty penwiper is made of leaves of gray chamois, held together with a beech leaf of oxidised silver.

Sleeves are enormous, but falling on the shoulders to the huge puff at the elbow. These are called the chatelaine shoves ming + bl devis hard

It is said that creps, except for widows, is to go quite out of fashion. Veiling, greasdine and the like are to supersede itel ei has noit me alla

The novel Frenchswallow tail basque has two very long pleats in the back, while in the front it has a round zonave

jacket shape. Tes gowns of Chinasilk are trimmed with velvet ribbon and ecru lace, the ribbon partly covered with jetted Persian or beaded gimps.

There is new storm serge in green, an olive shade which will be welcome to those ladies who are fond of this material. It is as durable as the blue.

The liking among fashionable women continues for short jacket waists, were many with disuble breasted ternts, and in revers and immense A11.0 sleeves.

A new all silk gamiture is a heanth fully-shaded galloon in diagonal cords : and heaty silk lace worked with jet or indescent beads forms another attractive trimming and w in immede

R Heavy corded bengalines, powdered with small flower and foliage patterns

-PROMINENT PEOPLE.

CARL SCRUEZ is agod sizty-four years. OLIVER WESTERLE HOLERS'IS eighty-four

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CLARRENCE IL GREATHOUSE, formerir an atformertis San Francisco, has been a gazetted Postmacor-General, or He Pane, of the Isl-

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Gevrason McEnview, of Ohio, has and to the Cinstenant' Zoo the bald a sent to him frith Indian Ferritory, as it was os to pet and too tough for home consers pelos:

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WILLIAM TO BHITH, for many years St intendent of the BotackesPGanfeds ington, has, it is said, personally the planting of there than \$,000,000 different parts of the United States.

A POLI-LENGTH Portrait of the late Care fers of the American Equ in the Executive Munsion.

Carrain, Isaan Panerreemplated on the opening day of Congress his year of continuous and the bar of the United States Scinits, where he beguns a page, appointed on Daniel Webster's

Dr. MARRA. Schasture: an Smitrican wo main who is married to a second gentio-mus, has been flootseed by the flovernment to practice medicine in Samuel I. She is the first woman physician ever licensed for that gurpose in Sepan. Torx first Governor of sin Storping Peter H. Highietti feleforated his eighty-sixth birthday recordly at his house in San Francesco. He went to California sevenal years hefore the pold fever froks out, when his Prancisco was a little rown lot a 50 10 in Manhants, and soon afterward becaus Judge of the Terri-tokial Scheme Court. at live heat an the boil it.

kitchen door.

On thinking over the interview on the way home Bob thought that on the whole he had not made much progress, A few days later hope returned, bright-eyed and smiling, and Bob determined to make another attempt to secure the elusive Minna. ' In the soft dusk of the early summer evenings he went thoughtfully across the field. towards her father's cottage, now softened of its daytime angularities, and, to Bob's imagination, nestling confidingly in the trees.

"House ain't much like Minna," he reflected sadly. "Wisht I could think on some way to cotch her."

As he walked, crushing down the moist grass, he revolved a dozen schemes in his mind, all of which had sooner or later to be dismissed as imracticable in view of the uncertain sture of the damsel in question. If

14,000

"I'm most afeared to tell you. It's -it's-gosh! Minna-it's \$100, "Oh, my !" ejaculated Minna. "You never did." 1. 1 E. 8

"A hundred dollars !" repeated Bob chokingly, and overcome by the feelings he had aroused he buried his head in his hands. From this safe retreat he continued disjointed remarks

million and and

broken by emotion. "Don't care for myself. (Sigh). I don't want to live anyway, but the sneered Hicks. "That's the only refarm ull have to go sure, and poor mother and father." (Sob). failure." "Oh, no, no," said Minna tearfully. "They're old now to start over agin (a protracted sigh), but I kin work for you got me, but I-I only got you.-'em. I'll do it''--and Bob's shoulders [Harper's Bazar, en all for all in the set of a set is

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One on Hicks.

"Some people are much more fortunate in their marriages than others," son why I don't consider matrimony a "You are very right there," said Mrs. Hicks. "Here in your own family

their American sisters to throw off the are used upon stylish tailor gowns as shackles of old-fogy conventionalisms. waistcoats, deeve puffs, piping and and to venture into self-supporting linings to velvet or satin capes. paths, they seem, once started, more While black is unquestionably the original in some ways than our workfirst choige for useful dresses and orers this side of the Atlantic. dinary wear, the fanny in colors runs For instance, no fewer than 5,000 to blue, olive, shades of gray and purof them in the British Isles have beplish tones for more dressy occacome gardeners and are quite success-

ful in this calling. Probably this is sions. Serpentine velvets are imported for artly due to the excessive fondness open-air, out-of-door life, which use in combination costumes, for as inherent in the English nature ; capes, Valkyrie coats and Spanish nd again it may be somewhat owing jackets. These are choice and beautiful, with the stripe apparently sunk to the encouragement of Lady Carlisle who thoroughly believes in the equal- beneath the rich pile.

the start that the long the

Rich russet brown hopsacking with ity of the sexes, and proves this by putting her Yorkshire place into the brown vely of sleeve puffs and collarette charge of a corps of female gardeners, is a favorite material for bride's travelwhom she, herself, trained in their ing dresses; and chestnut brown camel's hair is used for girls' school duties.

In this country it is only here and dresses, with double brevsted jackat to there we learn of a woman who makes | match.

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In This presents received by The Russian ad-stated Arekins shi hts different while in France recently are estimated to be wreth \$600,000. Angoing the offerings were failed randles. Among the offerings were tailer random, welthing all, told 30 pounds rithemands of bottles of champager, fine wines of various brands, liquoral country, samp, performery, light and bries, but for the brush of J. Maillart to bringalize the chapel of the Admital a remail about on that

Two Colorado Irrigating Company has pro-jected a canal to irrigate 1,200,000 acres of land in the Salton Desert. Should the tract in question be irrigated its value would be from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000. The total length of the canal will be about \$39 mlies, and the estimated cost is nearly \$5,000.000