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Miranda.

They had "a small and early," at "the Elms" across the way, Where the season's budding beauties blushed in summer-time array; A galaxy of loveliness rose beaming on the view. And only tresses harbored gloom, and only eyes were blue; But in all that starry gathering the fairest spot to me Was where the sweet Miranda poured the coffee and the tea. Oh, her face was like the lily when the sunshine follows shower, And the men around her hovered like the

bees around a flower. How they hungered for her glances when her lids were lifted up! If she smiled on one 't was sweeter than the sugar in his cup; And her little trills of laughter seemed celestial melody To the swains who watched Miranda pour

the coffee and the tea. Skilful sculptor never molded who could re-

produce the turn Of the arm of sweet Miranda as she tips the steaming urn. Yellow blooms will be the fashion when the news is spread abroad ; Each gallant of the country-side will woo the

jealous god; For before the season 's over, tete-a-tete, for

happy me, Will Miranda's dainty fingers pour the coffee and the tea.

-Clinton Scollard, in The Century.

KATE'S COMPANY.

BY MRS. M. L. RAYNE.

back, so was not crystalized into a ing in a new atmosphere of tresh night pillar of warning. She put down the Magazine containing the revolutionary story, and took up another one, and ran over its contents. The title of one story-Miss

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Weatherby was fond of light reading-struck her favorably, and she found it quite interesting. The heroine of the occasion was a young matron who was left alone for an evening-like herself-in a large

house, but, unlike her, was very much afraid. She had known that her husband would be absent, and had invited different ones among her young friends to spend the evening with her, but they all declined on some pretext or other. Then a thunderstorm came up and as she was very much alarmed at the lightning, she closed up the house, and sought refuge in a feather bed which a nervous old aunt

had donated to her as a patent lightning protector. "A great knocking at her door pen-

etrated above the sound of the storm, and the timid woman looked out to see a long file of sheeted ghosts, their fleshless faces hidden in the folds of their shrouds, making as much noise with their bloodless fists on the door panels as if they were still in the flesh. The frightened woman moved back to her feather bed, and her husband "It's true, nevertheless. If a yelfound her there, half dead with terror and suffocation. The ghostly episode was given a single item in the social columns of the vilage paper in

"What's the matter, Kate?" they inquired in concert. "Nothing," answered Kate; "do I

look ill? I feel a little faint, that's all."

"Pah!" said Mr. Weatherby, "who has been smoking vile tobacco here?" "He's in the coal cellar," said Kate and fainted dead away.

There they found him-burglar, tramp, murderer, too, if occasion had demanded it, for he acknowledged before he was sent up that if Kate had put her head in the coal-cellar to which he had retreated at her approach, he stood ready to strike her down with the bludgeon he carried.

Miss Weatherby often speculates upon the possibilities entailed upon her on that memorable evening, when she so unconsciously trifled with an unseen and terrible agent of evil, but the family always refer to him in a jocular way as "Kate's company."-[Detroit Free Press.

### A Superstition About Yellow.

"Did you ever know that actors and circus people have a superstitious dread of anything yellow,"asked Billy Thompson, a member of the profession, of the corridor man at the Lindell. low dog should run across a field where a circus was erecting its tent it would consider it an omen of bad luck and would at once change its locality. I remember one incident that occurred down in Tennessee a few years ago that particularly bears out my statement. I was then a member of a travelling variety troupe, and we had been doing an exceptionally good business, until one day one of the boys bought a yellow clarinet. From that day business began to fall off, and finally got so bad that we were playing to almost empty houses. Of course we all agreed that the new yellow instrument was the cause of our hard luck and besought its owner to dispose of it. He finally sold it to a fellow who was a member of a local band in the town, and just to show you how misfortune travelled with it, the very night he bought it, while on his way home with the clarinet under his arm, he fell down and broke his leg. After we got the yellow thing out of the company business commenced to pick up again, and we did a good business the rest of the season.-[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

# CULTURED SAVAGES. This Paradox of Races Exists in

Africa.

Tribes of Natives as White as Europeans.

"Most people think of the natives of tropical Africa as naked savages, without any of the resources of civilization." said an ex-missionary to a Washington Star reporter. "But the fact is that many of the tribes are acquainted with not a few of the mechanical arts.

"You are probably aware that the mining and working of iron have been understood by the natives of that part of the world ever since prehistoric times. In Liberia the Mande are smelters of iron and workers in gold and silver. They are also tanners of leather and weavers of cloth, and they make an infinite variety of "domestic articles. The Makolos are excellent wood carvers, the Djours are skilful iron workers and the Bechuanas are good metal workers, fur dressers and architects.

"The Baganidas of Victoria Nyanza do beautiful work in brass, copper and ivory. On the slave coast the people of Dahomey, who otherwise possess an unenviable reputation, are accorded a very respectable position in industrial artisanship. Glass making is not unknown among them. They make cloths of cotton and many other textiles, and their dyes of blue, red and yellow, owe their peculiar richness to native coloring substances. Tanning they also understand, and they obtain salt from sea water by evaporation. "Among the tributaries of the White Nile, at Sakara and Benghieh, are tribes of natives as white as Europeans, having oval faces and silky hair. Lord Beaconsfield said of the Zulus: 'They have outwitted our diplomats, outmaneuvered our generals, and converted our missionaries, and yet we call them savages." "The Mandegnas have attained a considerable degree of cultivation and knowledge of the common arts. Their musical instruments are the flute, zither, harp, bell and drum. The Veis of Liberia, having obtained an acquaintance with letters from contact with Arabs, have invented an alphabetical primer of their own language, original and independent both of the Arabic and English characters. This is the greatest effort ever made by an African tribe toward the advancement of culture. The Vies make pens of reeds and use indigo for ink. "Africa is destined before long to become the great gold-producing continent of the world. In 1889 it yielded \$8,600,000 worth of that metal. Last year it produced about \$25,000,000 worth of gold. During 1894 the output of its gold mines is likely to equal the \$36,000,000 produced by the United States. "The total exportation of diamonds from the Cape of Good Hope, from the date of their discovery to the present, has probably exceeded \$350, 000,000. The annual expenditure in digging for the gems is now \$5,000, 000, and the export is limited to four and a half millions of carats annually, to prevent a depreciation in price. The Orange Free State has recently given to the world the largest known diamond, weighing in the rough 970 carats, and likely to weigh when cut 500 carats. "The rum of "the white man is curse to the natives of Africa. It is estimated that 10,000,000 gallons of

relieved, and thus is cardiac energy conserved. Of almost equal importance, at any rate in Great Britain, is the question of atmospheric pressure and moisture to aged persons. Situations which are at once low-lying and damp, give of course, a maximum of atmospheric pressure. Such pressure weighs down at a single stroke body, mind and life. The difference

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to aged persons between living at the sea level and living 500 feet above it, between living in a moist atmosphere and living in a dry one, is sometimes quite incalculable. Not seldom life may be lengthened by five or even ten years by living in an atmosphere which is both light and dry. These physiological considerations are commended to the aged and to the physicians of

the aged .- [London Hospital.

An Anecdote of Hetty Green. A characteristic anecdote of eccentrie Mrs. Hetty Green. the wealthiest woman in the country, is told by a prominent hotel man of this city. Many years ago Mrs. Green's son Edward, who was then a child, sustained a fracture of the leg. The broken limb was badly set by a New York surgeon, and the boy was threatened with permanent lameness. Mrs. Green brought her son to this city to be treated by a specialist, and put up at a Broad street hotel. She explained to the proprietor that she was a poor woman, who had come here to secure for her little

## THE LABOR WORLD.

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THE K. of L. claims 300,000 members. Bosrow has 60,000 unemployed women. New ESGLAND appears to be the strike centre.

Tax American Bailway Union has 154 branches.

TEE Omaha Electrical Workers' Union in-Itation fee is \$25.

CLEVELAND (Ohio) molders have been granted \$2.25 a day.

Tux Woman's Industrial Legion is a Colorado organization.

BUFFALO (N. Y.) plumbers want the num-ber of apprentices reduced.

PITTERUSS and vicinity has 5500 carponters and three-fourths of them are idle.

Twe largest railroad shops in the world are those of the Big Four at Bellefo Ohio,

Tax average reduction of wages in Michi-gan during the last six months has been 5% per cent.

Two British laborer spends more for food than the worker elsewhere, except in the United States.

Tun streets of Paris are swept every morning by 2600 male and 600 female scavengers, divided into 149 brigades.

EIGHT HUNDRED defiant unemployed men were overpowered in Oakland, Cal., and shipped to Sacramento in box cars.

NOTICEARLY large increases in the number of small strikes weekly have taken the place of resumptions of industrial establish ments.

Australia's unemployed are becoming desporate. Burgiaries are common, and twenty-four burgiars have been shot by householders.

Ix Allegheny, Penn., policemen have or-ganized a union. Its delegates were admitted to the Central Labor Union of Western Pennsylvania.

CONTRACT labor has been abolished by the municipal authorities of Ottawa, Cana and all work for the city will now be done by laborers hired by the day.

JAMES CARSON, of Philadelphia, says the wages of textile workers have lately been reduced twenty-two per cent. and seventy per cent, of the craft is Anour 100,000 signatures have been seured for the petition of the International Typographical Union demanding Government ownernment of the telegrap Ar Covington, Ky., the municipal authorities appointed unemployed members of trades unions to take the census of the unemployed. They were paid at the rate of \$5 per week. NEW JERSET has 182 silk factories with a capital of \$16,000,000, while in the 185 slik Inctories of New York but \$11,000,000 is invested. In all the rest of the United States are only 168 silk establishments Tun French President travels free on the railways during his official tour in France. but when the return journey is concluded his Secretary calculates what it would have cest if paid for at regular rates, and this sum is handed over to be distributed among the poorest paid of the railway men, and comes in helpful. Av the annual meeting of the London So-ciety of Goldsmiths and Jewelers it was reorted that there are in the trade in London 140 shops, with 1426 males engaged in the manufacture of jeweiry. These divided into various branches give goldsmiths, 569; dia-mond mounters, 322; setters, 117; polish-ers, 115; chain makers, 63; apprentices, 250.

Miss Weatherby was alone at home, the family being absent at a social function where they would be detained until midnight. The two domestics were with them, assisting at the refreshment tables, and Kate, like the brave girl she was, elected to keep house and take care of herself during her absence. She quite enjoyed the prospect, for she had several new magazines to read and was lazily inclined to "loafe and invite her soul." Such a chance had not come to her for many days and she would not have been alone now had not her young friends supposed they should meet her at the entertainment.

As the members of the family and the two girls filed out of the front door, Kate quickly closed it and, in obedience to her mother's command, put up the clanking burglar-chain which secured it within. Then she went into the pleasant sitting room, turned up the gas to make a warm cheery light, and seated herself close to the table, on which lay the pile of magazines.

> "Now this is comfort," she said to herself, with whom she was on very good terms. "Afraid? I should like to know what there is to make me afraid. Thank goodness, I don't believe in ghosts, and-what's that?"

It was a rustling sound, but it lasted only a moment and Miss Weatherby told herself that it was some piece of furniture unlimbering its joints. She had read an essay on "How the House Behaved When the Family Went Away," and she attributed several other vague, distracting sounds she heard to the same cause-the furniture.

"Now if I were nervous," she thought, "I would be calling on the neighbors for protection against imaginary burglars. I'm not nervous, and if the chairs walk about the room they will not disturb me."

So she took up a magazine and began to read. Strangely enough, the first thing that attracted her was the description of a phantom battle which had been seen in Pennsylvania on the banks of the Delaware. Several persons of undoubted veracity had witnessed the phenomenon, and given a detailed account of it. They had even heard the clank of ghostly armor and seen the fall of a headless horseman before the cutof a ghostly bayonet. The troops were described as wearing the revolutionary uniforms, and they were led by a gigantic ghost of George Washington. They wheeled and fought all night, but as the sun rose they dispersed in mist, and the appearance was supposed to be a premonition of disaster. Kate, who had the blood of patriots in her veins, was thrilled and chilled by the ghostly recital, but afraid? oh, no; why should she be? If there was anything she was thankful for it was that she was not superstitions.

this fashion:

"'The sheet and pillow-case party which was to come off on Wednesday night at the residence of Mrs. Bwas a failure. The young people materialized, but the hostess wouldn't let them in.""

Crack-creak-swish-but Kate never turned her head. She wasn't going to humor the furniture by watching its capers, and she knew she was alone in the house; she could tell that by her average number of senses. But at that moment something did strike her as odd.

"Perhaps," she said to her Ego, "I am developing an extra sense of smell, but it really does seem to me that there is an odor of tobacco about." There was nobody in the family who smoked, and tobacco was an unknwn quantity in Kate's social algebra. "Pshaw! I'm tired sitting still. Eleven o'clock. In another hour the folks will be home. I'm going all over the house, into every room, just to prove I'm not afraid."

And she did, finding, as she believed, everything just as it had been left. She did not miss her sealskin jacket from the rack in the hall, nor did she see how empty her jewelry case was, nor miss the basket of silverware from the sideboard in the diningroom, where she took a candle and lighted it to see her way to the furnace room in the basement. Could shehave seen herself as she descended the stairs, she would not have been recognized. Her face was white and rigid, her eyes large and intense, and she had the nerveless step of a sleepwalker. When half way down stairs she heard a sound that startled her so that she nearly dropped her candle. Her heart beat and thumped and threatened to choke her. But she was not afraid, at least that is what she said to herself.

"Don," she called, "Don, where are you?"

Don was a big Maltese cat that slept in the furnace room. He did not run to meet her as usual, nor could she at first locate him, but she saw a pair of hot, shining eyes under a bench, and

A Pigeon With a Memory.

It seems really impossible to extinguish the homing instinct in a good pigeon. A story is told of a French carrier pigeon which was captured by the German soldiers during the siege of Paris in 1870. The bird was being carried in a balloon from Paris to some point in the country whence it was expected to return to Paris with a message. It was taken to the German headquarters and presented to the commander, Prince Frederick Charles, who sent it to his mother in Germany. Here it was placed in a splendid roomy aviary and carefully fed and nourished; but, although it was kept here, living in the lap of royal luxury for four years, the French pigeon did not forget its fatherland. At the end of that time the aviary door was left open one day. The pigeon flew out, mounted high in the air, flew about for a moment as if to find the points of the compass, and started in a straight line for Paris. Ten days afterwards it beat its wings against the entrance to its old loft in the Boulevard de Clichy. There it was recognized, and its case being brought boy proper surgical treatment. She was too poor to pay for her board and lodgings, she said, and asked if she could not be given a room very cheap. The proprietor, who was a charitable man, fixed her as comfortable as possible in the servants' quar-

ter. She had been in the house a week or so when a New York man, in looking over the register, saw the name. "I see that you have as your guest the richest woman in New York," said he to the proprietor. "Who's that?" asked mine host. "Mrs. Hetty Green," said the other. "Oh, no! you're mistaken. She's a poor woman whom I have taken in out of charity."

said the proprietor. But the New Yorker explained the true condition of things, and Mrs. Green found other quarters.-[Philadelphia Record.

His Grudge Against the Road. On a Michigan avenue car the other day a woman had a baby about a year old on her lap, and next on her side sat an oldish man, who was evidently fond of babies. The child looked at him, and he smiled and clucked in return. He was getting along finely, when all of a sudden the kid puckered his lips and began to howL

"There! there! Don't cry, my precious lamb!" said the mother in soothing tones.

"Seems to be afraid of me?" oberved the man.

"Yes, sir, he do, and I can't make it out. I had him out in the country last week and he saw hogs and horses and cows right along, and never seemed to care about 'em."

A giddy young woman across the aisle began to giggle, and a man standing up and hanging to a strap uttered a gruff "haw! haw!" and slapped his leg. The old man flushed up and looked hurt in his feelings, and seeing another giggle and another haw! haw! on the way, he rose up and went out on the platform and said to the conductor:

"This is about the tenth time I've been insulted on this road this year, and the next hyena who does it is going to get both eyes knocked into one !"

## Going to Bed by Compass.

And the same / 2 at

"I always sleep with my head to the north," said a well-known electrician. "Why? For the simple reason that I think that was the way in which nature intended us to sleep. If a human body

## PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Tux salary of the Arthbishop of Canterbury is \$75,000 a year.

Tuz late Elliott P. Shepard's personal property inventories at \$1,089,796.20.

LORD SALISSURT habitually dictates official papers into one of Edison's phonographs.

"Ban" Kino, the Michigan post and humor-ist, was found dead in bod, a few days ago, at Bowling Green, Ky.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has accepted an election to honorary membership in the Opi-onial Society of Massachusetts.

A Curxusz medical student, Lu Hong, in the University of Michigan, is said to be a direct descendant of Confucius.

Loars A. Tauasson, Minister to the United States from Hawall, was married to Miss Harriet Potter of St. Joseph, Mish.

M. Coquenze is declared to be the richest actor in the world, with Henry Irving a slose second. Bernhardt is the wealthiest actress.

JULES SINCH, the eminent Frenchman, who is nearly eighty years of age, will shortly undergo an operation to prevent total blind-

BICRARD WISTAR, who had lived in Philadelphia like a pauper, though worth jointly with his brother \$5,000,000, died at Atlantic City, N. J.

Tux Duke of Veraçua has been appointed President of the Spanish Senatorial Committee on Treatles of Commerce with Germany, Austria and Italy.

Cocknaw and Payne, the two New York, Congressmen, have the largest heads in the House of Representatives. Each of them wears a No. 8 hat.

BERLINE, the composer, never learned to play any instrument save the guilar, and played that so badly that no one would will-ingly listen to him.

RUDTARD KIPLING is by no means dependent upon the fruits of his pen for an in He has estates in Vancouver which bring him in a handsome amount yearly.

Loan Rosszar, the Brilleh Fremier, a school was so girlish that he was nicknamed "Mus Primrose," but former schoolmates do not venture to address him now as they then

Facu his Supreme Court practice alone if

If she had turned her head at that moment, she would have seen a vision incomparably more terrible than that of any ghostly regiment, but fortunately for herself, she did not look

in the second second

tried to call him out. He would not come, and when she attempted to seize him, he spat at her and bristled up with fury.

She said to herself that the cat was bewitched, like the furniture, and looking around saw that the door of the coal cellar was open. From some undefined impulse she decided to close it. First she thought she would put her head in and look around, but the blackness repelled her. It was her one supreme hour of destiny, but she did not know it. As if swiftly impelled by some invisible force, she drew the door to, and turned the key in the strong iron lock. Then running up

stairs she sank in the first chair she could reach, and trembled from head to foot. There she remained until the doorbell rang, and she admitted the family, all talking at once, and bring- Cunard Line employs 10,000.

a patriot returned from foreign captivity. It remained at the Paris Jardin d'Acclimation until it died, in 1878 .- New York Witness.

### A Gentle Reminder.

to public attention it was honored as

Clarence-How this soft, balmy air of returning spring revivifies and restores one! And then the promise of the radiant flowers, the budding trees, the velvety grasses! Ah! the joy of spring! Do you love it Angeline? Without it, would not life lose for you its sweetest flavor.

Angeline-Nay, Clarence! Do you forget that mine's vanilla !- [Browning's Monthly.

Some of the steamship companies employ more men than are enlisted in the second-class navies of Europe. The spirits are annually imported into the dark continent."

### Aids to Longevity.

There are two sorts of pressure which tend to shorten life, blood pressure within and atmospheric pressure without. The latter is a specially important factor in a humid climate. In advancing age the circulation of the blood and lymph tends to become slow, and the enfeebled heart finds its embarrassments increased by this condition. Especially do the more vascular organs, such as the lungs, the liver and the kidneys put skids on the wheels of the blood circulation. Plainly, then, an important condition of had to place the bed diagonally across cardiac easement, and therefore of life the room. When I travel I always prolongation, is the maintenance of carry a compass to go to bed by. To an uncongested state of lung, liver and me it is just as important as a watch. kidney. Thus are internal pressures | - [Pittsburg Dispatch.

could be suspended in the sir hung like a magnetic needle, you would find that it would act like one. The head of the body will eventually point toward the north. It might take time, but it will surely get there. Now, taking this into consideration, I believe that every person should sleep with the head to the north to get the benefits of the magnetic currents that come from that source. Yes it is rather inconvenient sometimes. In many hotels where I have stopped I have

is estimated that ex-Senator Edmunds de-rives an income of not less than \$50,000 per annum. His regular office practice and his fees as a consulting attorney yield him perbaps \$15,000 more. GROBOR PRABODY WETHORE, of Rhode

Island, who will probably succeed Senator Dixon in the United States Senate, was born in London, Eng., in 1866, while his parents were traveling abroad, but he has lived in Newport, R. L., since he was four years of age. He was graduated from Yale in the Class of 1867, and from the Columbia Law School in 1869. He was elected Governor 24 1885, and go-elected in 1886.

Carner Justice Barcanna, of Alasanna, has been chosen three times for that high office. He was first elected by the votes of his brother judges, then by the votes of the people, and now, he has been appointed Chief Justice by the Governor.

Twn Secretary of the Treasury has awarded a silver medial of honor to Demn's F. Ward, a New York City polloeman, for rescuing a boy named Willis Swain from drowning in the Hariem Hiver on March 26, 1892.

Two failure at Evaluate of New, France & Garrards, batkers, for \$1,500,000 has thrown the middle counties of England into a panis