### DUSK.

Day is done, and low in the West The sun's last ray has sunk to rest; Sweet songbirds cease their joyous lay, And chirrup softly on their way To find a quiet nest. Now insects strike their nocturn hymn, Through woods and meadow fast grown dim;

And high above in darkened dome A twinkling star has early come, And nature welcomes him. Y, And nature welcomes him. The silver moon, with queenly grace. In soft light floods earth's restful face. No twitter now from sleeping bird; The insect host is all that's heard. Dusk gives to night her place.
-I. Newton Greene, in Recreation.

# RESTORING SELF-RESPECT

provement Company, which adver- gry." tised to clear land, set trees, care for groves and do all work necessary for in answer to the delisive smile on non-residents, was about to go out John's face, he went on, apologeticalof existence. John Green, its head, ly. "I've never regarded old Highad already accepted a position as gins in quite the same light as the purser on a Clyde steamer running rest of you. He is worthless enough, between New York and Jacksonville; granted; but it seems to me we are and Abner Green, the rest of the company, was going back to Wisconsin to resume his former occupation has been here; all the men, even the of teller in a village bank. The fifteen or twenty discharged employes derided him. Call a thing a dog, and had scattered in various directions it's pretty apt to be one. Higgins in search of work, generally toward seems to have been born without that the North, for Florida was just now spur to ambition, a backbone; and, prostrate, with an army of idle men and no employment.

For almost the first time in the three days since the great freeze, the brothers were together in their office. John, usually so energetic and busy, now tapped idly upon his desk with a pencil; Abner stood by a window and and neglected an important trust, I want is a good, trustworthy man to believe. During the six years he has want is a good, trustworthy man to squares and parallelograms of orange trees, some not more than two or three feet high, and others melancholy with their first crop of fruit frozen. Here and there were the scattered unpainted houses of residents; and just below, on the same street, the half dozen stores of enterprising merchants, who were already advertising their goods below cost preparatory to closing out and going away. Less than a mile distant was the dark, irregular line of fully, "it is a queer world, very full the pine forest, driven back during of queer people-I can shake hands the past few years, but now waiting grim and motionless.

He and his brother had been very dow and then rising hastily and movsuccessful in their Florida venture; ing toward the door. "We must but their success was represented in make some arrangement with him tosome of those blackened parallelo- day." grams, now worth less than the wild land they had purchased seven years and wagons, I suppose?" before.

During the past three days they had made a careful, unprejudiced charge, I will feel as safe as though study of the situation, and had de- I were here myself. Besides, he is cided that it would be best for them only a boy and will not expect much to go away. They could earn more salary. We can hardly afford to pay and re-establish themselves sooner than by staying here. Later, perhaps, when the natural elasticity of the State should cause it to rebound. they might return. Of the hundred the boy is about his father. If old or more orange groves they had had Higgins moves away, Dave is going charge of, not one was likely to remain. None of the owners would may be to the world in general, he care to throw good money after bad. is everything to the boy."

upon the desk and rose to his feet. Dave as a sure thing." "No use wasting more time on the

The Green Orange Grove and Im- | shiftless toper would often go hun-

"I know it-poor fellow!" Then, more eager to hold him down than to help him rise. You know how it negroes, have scoffed at and openly besides, he still prides himself on having been a gentleman in some faroff stage of his life. These two things alone are enough to destroy an ordinary man; but in addition to them, Higgins is still twitted of some obscure disgrace which has followed him down from Georgia. Got drunk now; besides, we may come back at and neglected an important trust, I shake hands with him or offer him any consideration whatever. Sometimes I have wondered how he would act if he were treated courteously, and Dave will be a prime hand to asas an equal; or, better still, if he were given a position that implied confidence and respect."

John still looked derisive, but the smile had left his face.

"Who knows," he said thoughtwith an honest negro and greet him heartily, but I draw the line at a man like Higgins. Hello! yonder comes Abner turned away with a shiver. Dave now," glancing from the win-

"About taking care of the mules

"Yes, he is the best person we can get for the work. With Dave in out much just now."

Abner looked doubtful.

"All very good if Dave would agree to it," he said, "but you know how to move, too. Whatever the old man pocket and frayed coat edge, now

"Yes," irritably, "but what are we Suddenly John tossed his pencil to do? We have been counting on

"Can't do anything without count- wavering eyes of Dave's father. past," he said, decisively. "What we ing the old man in." Then he

he can be talked around. Is he coming, did you say?" 'Yes, sir: he'll be here in a few

minutes. He's on the way." Abner looked at John, who grim-

maced, then nodded a good natured assent. "Come, Dave," he said. "Suppose we leave Abner to talk with your

father, while we go out to the stables and look around. I want to show you about the work and explain more fully what we desire. The mules must have plenty of exercise; you can use them in breaking ground, clearing land, or anything you like. You understand. Just take care of everything the best you know how, as though they were your own."

The boy followed him slowly, the resentment not wholly gone from his eyes. At the door he turned.

"Don't you go for to say nothin" bad to my father," he warned. Then he disappeared.

#### A few minutes later old Higgins entered. Abner was seated at his desk writing.

"I've come," began the visitor. Abner turned in his chair. "Oh, it's you," he interrupted. "Glad to see you. Take a seat." Then as the man stared at him, wonderingly, without offering to sit down, he went on: "We were talking about you just now. You see, the thing is just here: we want to go away, but we don't want to sell out. Mules and wagons would bring very little just the end of a year or so. What we been here I have never seen a man take charge of everything while we are gone; somebody we can depend upon, you know. You have been here long enough to understand our ways, sist. Now why can't we engage you permanently to look after the outfit? The pay will not be large, of course; but you can use the mules and wagons as much as you like. It will do them good. Take it all around, you can make a very nice thing out of it. What do you say?"

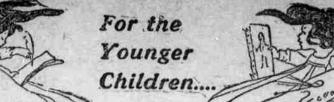
> The man shifted uneasily and glanced about the room with a depreciating, half-foolish grin. Evidently he considered it a huge joke.

> "I've come to say," he began again, when he was interrupted with: "Come, come, Mr. Higgins; give me a direct answer, if you please. I'd rather have you and Dave than anybody I know; but if you can't accept, why, of course, I must look somewhere else."

The man's eyes shifted from the floor to his face.

"You don't mean, Mr. Abner-"Yes, I do mean," with a pre-tence of impatience. "Will you take charge of our affairs or not? Remember, I want a straightforward man on whom I can depend. Will you be the one?"

A tremulous hand which had been shifting uneasily between trousers went up to the forehead in a pitiful, wondering way. Then the slouching figure began to straighten, and for the first time in his memory, Abner Green looked straight into the un



shines.

Graphic.

authorities do not refuse it.

Not only in this way is much care

polecate and weasels, and for the

raptorial birds, horseflesh is some-

what too coarse and pungent, so they

are fed for the most part on the

heads and necks of chickens. These

parts are selected also because of

the bone in them .-- London Daily

DEATH OF FAMILY PET.

abstracter of the city, appeared last

night at police headquarters with a

fine old Irish setter dog which has

been the family pet for over ten

years. "Poor old Don has been suf-

explained Henry. "We are afraid he

might freeze to death this winter,

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J. Howard Henry, a well-known

A SLEEPY BOY.

"Up! Up, my boy, it's time to dress," Calls father in the morning; And then, a second afterward, There comes another warning, "What! not up yet, you lazy boy,"

Says father quite severely, It's fifteen minutes since I called, And breakfast's nearly ready.' Now what I really want to know,

Is where those fifteen minutes go? -Aiden Arthur Knipe, in St. Nicholas.

#### HOUSE IN THE GARDEN.

Ethel had a July birthday. She had celebrated nine birthdays in her short life, to the accompaniment of birthday cakes and candles, and flowers, and candles, and dolls, and doll carriages. Indeed, so many good things had come to her that even mamma and papa began to rack their brains to find some sort of surprise for the tenth anniversary of their only little girl.

Aunt May put the idea into Mrs. Gordon's head.

"Why don't you build her a playhouse, Sister Fan?" "Ethel is too big to play with

dolls." "Never! I love mine now-in secret; but I don't mean a doll's house. I mean a playhouse big enough inside to hold her and her friends; and

outside finished off like a genuine house, gables, turrets, windows and all."

"What an imagination you have?" laughed Mrs. Gordon.

"If you'll give me leave to carry it out, I'll show you what can be done. I've seen the dearest little houses, but they cost money.

"Very well, go ahead," said Mrs. Gordon. "As long as Ethel is pleased I'm not counting the cost." So Aunt May went to work, as she

always did, with her whole heart and fering of late with the rheumatism," soul. But no one knew what she had done in the two months' time before the birthday.

so we decided to bring him down and Ethel opened her eyes on a clear, have him shot."



NUT COOKIES. These may be made with any nuts preferred, but hickory nuts are specially good. Rub together one kept for some little previous to being slaughtered. Disease cannot be de-

cup lard or butter and two cups of light brown sugar. Add two welltected so easily in the carcass as in beaten eggs, one cupfal sour milk, the live animal, and were carcasses a teaspoonful soda dissolved in a very little of the milk, one cupful bought the possibility of the carnivora becoming infected would not chopped nuts and flour added little be nearly so remote as it is now. by little until the dough is the right The only case in which the Zoo reconsistency for rolling thin. 'Cut in ceives a carcass is where a horse. round or fancy shapes, place on greased pans and bake in quick oven having met with an accident in the street, has to be slaughtered at once. for five or six minutes .--- Washington If it has a healthy record the Zoo Star.

## FAIRY GINGEREREAD.

exercised in the choice of horseflesh, One cup of butter, two of sugar. but when a carcass is cut up it is divided in such a way to insure that one of milk, four of flour, threein each piece given to the animals quarters of a teaspoonful of soda, there is a bone. Otherwise the lions, one tablespoonful of ginger. Beat tigers and other big carnivora would the butter to a cream, add the sugar swallow the piece whole, which would gradually, and, when very light, the ginger and milk, in which the soda be bad even for their iron digestions. The presence of the bone comhas been dissolved, and finally the flour. Turn your baking pans uppels them to take bites at the flesh, side down and wipe the bottoms very which they pick from the bone with clean. Butter them and spread the their claws and teeth, licking the bone afterward with their sandcake mixture very thin on them. Bake papery tongues until the surface in moderate oven till brown. While still hot cut into squares or shapes, For the smaller carnivora, such as -New York World.

#### SIMPLE WEDDING CAKE.

The following ingredients will make a medium-sized cake: Threequarters of a pound of best flour, half a pound of castor sugar, quarter of a pound each of ground almonds, glace cherries, sultanas, currants, citron, orange and lemon neel; one teaspoonful of baking powder, five eggs and a little milk.

Method: Beat butter and sugar to a cream, add eggs, well beaten; then beat all together until the mixture looks like a stiff froth. Bift flour and baking powder and add to mixture; beat well. Then add all the fruitcherries should be cut in halves-and the milk. Mix all together, pour into a well-larded, paper-lined tin, and bake in a very moderate oven for three and a half to four hours. It is well to make the cake quite six weeks before required-longer, if possibleand store in an airtight tin; it will get much richer.

Icing For Bride's Cake .--- Threequarters of a pound of sweet almonds, half an ounce of butter, one pound of icing sugar, a teaspoonful of orange-flower water and two whites of eggs. Pound almonds to a fine dust, with the orange-flower water, mix in the sugar-sifted-and enough white of egg for a stiff paste, pounding it all together till quite smooth, and spread evenly over cake.

White Icing For Top of Cake .--One and a half pounds of icing sugar -sifted-juice of one lemon and two whites of eggs. Mix well all together till quite smooth with a wooden spoon, spread on cake-after almond icing has set-and use a large knife dipped in boiling water to make icing even. Decorate according to taste with little white candies, silver pills and fondants.

Household Affairs.

have to do with now is the future."

"and I've been thinking you'll have for now a brisk step was heard comif you wish to reach your boat in time for her next trip. As for me, there isn't quite so much hurry."

pocket and unlocked his desk, taking idea." therefrom a package of letters.

"I suppose it will be just as well for one of us to remain until everything is rounded off smoothly," he swer to a low tap. said. "I've already written to our corespondents about the loss; but there's another thing," hesitatingly, entered. "don't you think it rather hard on them, after they have paid out so John and Mr. Abner," he said, with much on their groves and lost it, to evident regret in his voice. "I've have to pay us for work that does brought up the saw an' hammer Pap them no good? Suppose we write to borrowed, an' Pap he's going to them all that we are willing to call bring up the other things in a few the thing square."

John shook his head.

"Won't do at all, he declared. "Most of them are well-to-do, and can afford their loss better than we torted Abner, good-naturedly, "we're can to give away our work. Besides, making different arrangements for we have bills here and need the you. Somebody's needed to look after money to square them. I don't quite like the idea of selling our mules and wagons and tools just now. We dering, almost incredulous, ecstasy; could only get a fraction of their value; and, besides, I am looking the hard reality. forward to coming back after a year or two. The country will have recovered from the shock by then, and to keep his voice steady, "but Pap's feit his hand grasped warmly. business confidence will be restored. Only we won't intrust all our profits staid here a right long spell now." to orange groves again, but divide them so as avoid another catastrophe like this." He paused, and then ad- sharply. "You're better off here. ded as though in concession to Abwoman who pays us in small month- clear it and set out trees. Your was gone. ly installments, and the clerk in Cincinnati, and the two school teachers -I don't suppose they have much money to spare. You might send account to sell their lands."

"Why not?" asked Abner with novin' on." some surprise.

"Because they would get very little and when we return with money enough to make a new start. we can reset their groves and charge them the bare cost to us. This freeze is only going to be a temporary check to the orange industry. But have you seen Dave this morning?"

of moving away in search of work."

John laughed skeptically.

most. If it wasn't for Dave, the poor . "And about your father now & think erous trees.

stepped forward quickly and placed "Yes," agreed Abner, promptly, a hand upon his brother's shoulder, to start for Jacksonville to-morrow ing up the sidewalk toward the door. at the thought, "won't Dave be "Leave this to me, John," he urged, lowering his voice, "I believe I can bring it round all right. Any-

"All right. Come in, Dave," in an-

The door opened and a strong, well-built boy of sixteen or seventeen

"I've come to say good-bye, Mr. minutes. He was just startin' when I left. Then we're goin' to pack our goods an' back 'em to Orlando."

"Oh, no, I guess not, Dave," reour mules and wagons and things."

The boy's face lightened with wonthen drooped with the recollection of

"I'm ter'blo sorry, Mr. Abner, an' 'lowin' we must be movin' on. We've

you off to Orlando," broke in John You've got five acres of land almost father-

The boy straightened sudderly. "Pap knows best," he said, his voice growing steady and his gaze dithem receipts, and advise them on no rect. "he 'lows folks are gettin' down sudden glow, and went on to the on him here, an' it's time he was

John shrugged his shoulders. "Let him move on then," he advised, "and you stay here. See how quick he will be coming back after something to eat."

The boy's eyes flashed.

what you've done for me," he said, the supply comes from the vicinity of the forced caimness of his words be-"Yes; said his father was thinking lying the resentful sparkle in his There it occurs on the lower oligo- summer days. eyes. "That's what I walked up to cene, and appears to have deposited say. Now I'll be going."

"In search of a dram-shop, more ed Abner, "you mustn't feel put out action and the amber distributed, likely. We've offered him work time with what John says. Remember it though much of it is taken from beds out of mind and when he hasn't made was he who sent your father medi- in which it was originally deposited. some excuse for not accepting it, he cine when he was sick. There, that's Amber is simply fossilized resin, dehas only worked a day or two at right," as the boy's face softened. rived apparently from certain conif- ner of the gardens an inclosed space to withstand the fiercest storms, even

"Why, if you-if you really me it that way, I'll be awful glad," the old man said, still in a dazed sort of s'prised-pleased, I mean."

He took a bunch of keys from his how, give me a chance to try my though the interview were ended, then stopped suddenly and took a bottle from his pocket, handing it to Abner.

> "Some whisky one of the men got for me this mornin'." he explained, still looking Abner in the face, "I 'lowed on havin' a time, but I don't reckin your head man ought to drink. I'll give it up. S'pose you break the bottle, an' say nothin' to Dave."

> "I will, and thank you." Then he rose suddenly to his feet and held out his hand to this man who had made such a long stride toward his own level. He felt a strange, almost explosive elation over the success of his idea, but he only said:

> "We have not known each other as well as we ought to, Mr. Higgins. I hope we will get better acquainted in the future. But sit down, while I explain the business more in detail."

That evening, as Abner Green was returning from a visit to the stables, Mr. John," he said, striving in vain he heard rapid footsteps, and then

thanked you, Mr. Abner," Dave's "But he's no call to be dragging voice said rapidly. I-I can't tell you how I feel, but I'd rather a thousand times for Pap to have the place than me. "We'll never forget it. I-

And Abner Green, looking up into the still starry depths of the sky, even with all the desolation of the great freeze around him, felt a warm office to make preparations for another start in the world .- The Craftsman.

#### Facts About Amber.

Santo Domingo is one of the few places in the world where amber oc-"I'm much obliged to you all for curs in any quantity. The bulk of Konigsberg, on the Baltic seacoast. children play there now in the long originally in glauconite beds of clay, "Pshaw, pshaw, Dave," expostulat- which was afterwards eroded by wave

Boy climbed How many robins were hatched to see! FOR SALE! Some wool Mr. Finch can spare. Good to line nests! Also some hair! To let on shares (at easy terms), A lot-just full of angleworms! WANTED! By Mr. and Mrs. Cuckoo, 'A nest to hatch an egg or two! Watch next week's issue ('twon't be dry) For "HOW SWALLOWS CATCH FOOD AS THEY FLY."

A FEARFUL SCARE!

A word from the publishers-if they're wise-ALL BIRDS IN THE "NEWS" WILL ADVERTISE. -Youth's Co.apanion.

beautiful morning to the music of "I wouldn't shoot that dog for Aunt May's knock on her door. fifty dollars if he was mine," growled "Get up, little girl, get up!" she a big policeman. "I'd about as soon

cried, almost as excited as Ethel her- shoot my brother as a dog like that,

self.

gate.

Ethel found dressing easy, with long. He wouldn't freeze, for I'd some one to button her shoes and take him in the house where it was warm and make him up a pallet on comb her hair and fasten her dress. Then mamma and papa came, also the floor behind the parlor stove." very much excited, and Ethel was But old Don was led away, not by hurried down the shady avenue, past a string, but by a command from the hothouses and geranium beds, to his master to the killing post. His the further end of the lawn, on which neck was fastened to the post by a she had not been allowed to play wire and Police Officer Leasure was told to kill him. The officer walked for many weeks.

behind the dog, so he could not see der she suddenly stood quite still and its eyes and fired. Poor old Don "I couldn't sleep till I come and uttered a little shriek. There before, fell. The officer spoke to him and her rose a miniature of her own dear as life passed away the faithful old home. It was a perfect little house, fellow wagged his tail to show he understood. Leasure turned away in fascinating flower beds. There and there were tears in his eyes as was a pretty fence around it, just he walked back to the office, carryner's proposal: "There's the old paid for, and another year you can I ----- " and then with a quick sob he like the home fence, and a little iron ing his smoking revolver.-- Des

TEN LITTLE INDIANS.

which had been in the family so

piazza, and Ethel went wonderingly How would you like to go to school forward, pushed on by Aunt Mary. where the roll-call is like this: She looked through the front door "Sophia Little Bar, Annie Red Crane, into a perfect little sitting room, with Lizzie Spider, Kis-toe, Gray Cloud, rattan furniture and lace curtains in the windows and a cunning tea Laughing Face, Delay Ankle, Joseph stove with a plpe going out through White Plume, Frank Yellow Bird,

All these are the real names taken from the catalogue of a very famous school for Indians at Hampton, Va. am told that sometimes the little redmen become dissatisfied with there for many years, and Ethel's own their picturesque titles and try to "Americanize" their names. And it is on record that one Shawnee lad, who entered the institute as Tommy Wildcat, appeared afterward in the catalogue as "Thomas W. Catt."-Philadelphia Record.

where horses are examined, and often | on the sea-coast.



To clean silver a little kerosene added to the cloth that is dry whitened will help wonderfully.

Boil your clothes lines and pins occasionally and you will be able to make them serve a longer term.

Stoves may look nice for some time by rubbing them thoroughly, with a newspaper every morning.

Scalding hot milk is more effective in removing stains from linen or cotton fabrics than boiling water. Put a pinch of salt into coal oil lamps for a more brilliant light. For a polish, rub the chimneys with fine salt.

Wring a cloth from vinegar and wrap it several thicknesses around cheese to keep it from moulding or drying.

Use adhesive plaster to fasten labels to cans or bottles. It is dangerous to leave either without being plainly labeled.

An onion breath may be got rid of by swallowing a mouthful of vinegar or drinking a half cup of hot water in which a pinch of baking soda has been dissolved.

In using linen doilies on the highly polished table cut asbestos pieces to place beneath the mats, especially if there is any danger of the hot dishes marking the table top.

To prevent colored cotton garments from fading soak three or four hours in cold water, to every gallon of which has been added one tablespoonful of strong turpentine.

Add half a teaspoonful of salt to two quarts of water, or in that proportion to the lower compartment of a double boiler; less time will be required to cook the contents of the lower one.

Chopped beef or pork cracklings are good to use in Indian bread, which is usually served warm, or they may be mixed with bread and mashed potato seasoned and fried like sausage.

Save all the ends of candles, put them in a jar and melt them on the stove, mix them with enough turpentine to make a soft paste, and you will have an excellent polishing material for oll cloth, linoleum, etc., which will cost you hardly nothing.

The cocoanut tree is so elastic as

the real roof, just like the one in their | Porcupine Creek?" big, old fashioned home kitchen. Ethel was speechless with delight. No little girl over had a present more

calculated to make her happy. The House in the Garden stood

There were gay rockers on a dear

FEEDING ZOO ANIMALS.

There is a part of the Zoo that the public is not allowed to visit. It may surprise many to know that there exists in an out-of-the-way cor-

As she reached the geranium borset back in a lovely garden, laid out