

When Carolyn Came Home.

By NELLIE E. C. SCOTT.

"It seems funny to think of you as married and settled in a home of your own, Kate, after mothering the brood of her sister. She bent over a vase—"

"I was wondering if there wasn't anything from father," replied Carolyn. Her voice faltered slightly over the last word.

"Oh, that was it, was it? Well, my dear, you may save your eyesight. There is nothing from father."

"I'm so sorry," said Carolyn. "I didn't like to write and ask you, and I had hoped you forgot to mention it."

After Inland Recruits' NAVAL TRAINING STATION TO BE ESTABLISHED ON GREAT LAKES.

Best Men from the Interior—To Be Given a Regular Schooling Before Being Assigned to a Berth on the Salty Ocean—May Cost a Quarter of a Million.

The United States government is preparing to spend a quarter of a million dollars on the establishment of a training school on the Great Lakes, announces the Philadelphia Record.

A shifting footstep heralded the approach of the householder. He came round the house from the back, and viewed the pair without apparent emotion. He nodded a stiff "Good even-"

"The chickens came timidly toward her, and she could see in their varied hues traces of their descent from favorites of her time. A pair of fiery eyes surveyed her from a dark corner of the wood-shed, and in a delightfully unexpected answer to her tentative call, old Margery Daw, the cat, came purring and rubbing about her knees.

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A SERMON FOR SUNDAY AN ELOQUENT DISCOURSE ENTITLED "DOES GOD CARE?"

The Rev. Robert MacDonald Declares That the Greatest Discovery of the Twentieth Century Will Be the Discovery of God.

"Does God care?" "Does God care?" "Does God care?" "Does God care?" "Does God care?"

How It Has Made Blue Grass Meadows Out of 'No 'Count' Lands.

"Many counties in southwestern Missouri are rapidly changing from largely brush wastes into good grazing lands, and if I am not badly mistaken a few years more will see the last of the 'no 'count' lands of that part of the state," says G. A. Keener, who recently made a comprehensive trip through the different counties of the southwestern part of Missouri.

Of an Exclusive Design to Be Seen on None but the Royal Head.

Before leaving England the king gave an order for about a score of different kinds of hats and caps to be prepared for His Majesty's use during the forthcoming season.

THE ANGORA IN MISSOURI.

Why do I speak as though God were antagonistic to human discovery? Because, unless we have discovered something, we are considering the only lack to the discovery of God to be the present paucity of scientific means, both of which will be remedied, he is sure, before the present century closes.

"The style of silk hat chosen this year by the king will be seen on none but the royal head. The hat will have a broader brim with a well accentuated curl, a deeper crown and a little more bell than the hats which even His Majesty's best dressed subjects will wear.

Three minutes talk between Paris and London by telephone, costs \$2.

A natural curiosity of Japan is the "insect bill." It is a black beetle, which emits harmonious sounds like those of a little silver bell.

Only 24 white elephants have been captured since the beginning of the Christian era. This is the declaration of a noted elephant catcher of India.

Yerkesville, England, has a farm on which moths and butterflies are reared for sale. It is planted with trees and shrubs for the purpose. Forty thousand caterpillars are always on hand and orders can be filled at any time of the year.

THE OLD GIG.

Beyond the crumbling stable wall. Here in this sunny afternoon, When weaving spiders rise and fall And crickets chirp their ceaseless tune.

She-Does your employer ever tell the clerk funny stories? He-No, but we don't dare unbecome him.—Town Topics.

He-I was thinking of having my fortune told. She-You needn't go to me, papa. As you have proposed to me, papa will see all about that.—Judge.

"With your daughter as my wife, sir, I can conquer the world." "But that isn't the question. Can you make enough money to keep yourself in clothes?"—LIFE.

Phyllis—A poor woman was found hanging in a back yard this morning. Penn—Did she commit suicide? Phyllis—No, she was a washerwoman.—Philadelphia Times.

JUST FOR FUN.

Tom—I'm glad I'm not the czar's valent. Dick—Why? Tom—Look what a job he has to keep the Japanese cannon balls coming out of the czar's fur overcoats.—Cincinnati Tribune.

Elderly Party (who fancies herself young)—Ab, Mildred, you and I must one day lose our youth and beauty. Mildred—Oh, you mustn't be downhearted. You have worn so wonderfully well.—Puck.

Ernie—Papa asked him if he was aware of the seriousness in sitting in a dark parlor. Ida—What did he say? Ernie—He said: "You bet! It's leap year and I don't know when that girl might propose."—Chicago News.

"The train is on this morning," said Little Ebbie's papa, "struck a poor cow and cut her head right off." "My gracious!" exclaimed the little girl, "I suppose the milk poured right all over the ground!"—Philadelphia Star.

"What do you think of that actor who undertook to pronounce a dramatic critic who had ridiculed him?" "I think," answered the man who never has a good word for anyone, that in all probability they were both right!"—Washington Star.

Queen Sells Butter.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland has gone into the dairy business, and is now making money by selling milk butter. Her first step in this direction was when she induced her husband, Prince Henry, to buy several cows, which were placed on the rich lands surrounding the castle of Loo.

The cows prospered exceedingly, and the Queen was so well pleased with the success of her experiment that she instructed the managers of her estates to make a tour of the stock farms and purchase the best animals that could be obtained in Holland. This they did, and sent the herd to the castle at Loo. A dairy was established in connection with the royal estate, and now butter and milk are sold in large quantities from the Queen's establishment.

Bells and Thunderstorms. An instance of the absurdity of some of the notions held by our ancestors was the notion that the ringing of the church bells had a counteracting effect in a thunderstorm. It was supposed that the vibration of the bells resulted in the dispersion of the electric fluid in the air. The bells were rung as soon as signs of an approaching thunderstorm were seen. Science now holds a contrary opinion. Not only does the sound have a possible effect on the air, but the vibration caused by the sound of a bell upon a cloud charged with electricity may cause it to discharge its contents upon the finger of the bell in the church tower.

China's Smallest Monarchy. The sovereign who reigns over the smallest monarchy in the world is King of Cocco, a group of islands near Sumatra. These islands were discovered about 300 years ago by the captain of the Keeling, but were nominally little known till 1824. The King of Cocco, an Englishman, visited the islands by their beauty, and took up his abode there. It is his custom, as King of Cocco, to wear the crown of his own design, and the crown is made of the same material as the crown of the Chinese emperors.

Prof. Lounsbury takes up another question of English in Harper's Magazine, treating it in the same scholarly and entertaining manner as his passage of the split infinitive. Now, in the story of an idiom, he carefully outlines the beginning and growth of the use of would better for had better, a practice of recent invention, but which still fails to increase, if not checked by a knowledge of the real facts in the case. Would better, says Professor Lounsbury, "is an ungrammatical as it is unidiomatic" statement which will challenge the attention of a number of people who have been conscientiously if thoughtlessly training themselves to the use of would better.