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The Indermort of Nathan. The Judgment of Nathan; Or, the Story of Jow He Selected the Right Worian For a Wife.

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"Set right down here, Nathan," sale | "I al Daniel. "T'll have to see what Jon Wickerson wants. He's always bothe ing aroun', like an aggravatin' What's catin' you; Joel?"

want a gallon of your best said Joel; "v hat's it worth today? "Fifteen cents," answered Deilel, bustling about as if the store were crowded with patrons, "Let's have your can."

'It's only 14 cents at the White Front," protested Joel, holding his an obstinately behind him. "Fifteen here to regular customers, replied Daniel, meaningly.

Joel sighed. "Well, then, give me a gallon, an' a dime's worth aroliny

prunes, an' put it on the bool "Californy prunes," amend, Daniel "Caroliny," insisted Joel. 11 reck-on I know what I want. How are you

"Ain't well " said Nathan risply, "Rheumatiz?" Nathan nodded his head, willing to

admit what was not alto ether true for the sake of discouraging conversa-

"Miss Wickerson allows that rheumatix is only another name for laziness. I ain't just prepared to agree with her an' yet I never heared of it keepin' a man from anything but work. Don't perate agin' goin' fishin' does eigh?" He chuckled his audience in

the side and leered knowingly. Nathan had little use for an observ tion that approached too closely to the truth, and Joel, being notorious for just such observations, there was nothing to do but retreat in as good order as possible, so he got on his feet and trolled carelessly toward the door. "You can look at that cow any time Daniel!" he called back, over his shoul

"Walt a moment, I'll go right now. Where's Dave?"

Playing dominoes for the cigars up to Andy Wiggins's," volunteered Johnny Henly in his cheerful treble. " see kim. "Pick ye out a handful of candy,

commanded Daniel, magnanimously "an' run an' tell him I want him-hustle now!"

Dave soon appeared at the back door and having dusted his shoes, parted his hair becomingly and adjusted his necktie, took his place behind the counter and assumed an attitude of careful attention to business. Dave was considered very stylish, wore broadhouldered clothes and high collars, ing in the church choir, and played B flat cornet the Millville and. fing

girls would walk several squares self beyond recall."

"I ain't but sixty-two," objected his

you're looking for."

ence say so-to me!"

make a man happy."

bust his head open. 1 would."

it's-a-goin' to be Abby.'

a benediction.

I've

shoulder-"as man to man, as the man

"As good as sixty-three. I know when your birthday is by reckonin from mine. Don't you remember, I had to lie about my age so's we could enlist in the same company?" "Weil, then, have it your own way then, do. Sixty-three ain't old."

"I'm not so sure. Now I am a great grandpa at that age an' you just a startin' in, but who's to be the happy Mrz. Freeman?"

Paniel blushed until his mottled face resembled a variegated pincush-lon. "There's two of them I'm a hesi tatin' between," he answered, looking vaguely at a flaming somach bush on the opposite shore.

"Well," prompted Nathan. "Two of 'em," repeated Daniel

bring his index finger down upon the board with a thwack and staring hard at it; "one is-one is"-he shifted his gaze to a thistle close at hand, and picking up a switch, threshed it vigor ously. Nathan whittled away without the least appearance of interest. "One is Abby Bell-" Nathan nodded his head in corro

boration,' somewhat disappointed at a revelation that was no revelation, because Millville had been daily expecting their marriage for thirty years.

"And the other is-confound that bee, he's agoin' to sting me yet.' "Well, for heaven's sake," ejaculated, Nathan, "say it-say it-is who?"

"Ann Elizabeth Tompkins," Daniel blinked his eyes, infinted his cheeks, until they resembled a bellows, and blew out the name as if it were a plug.

"The mischief!" gasped Nathan. "Now, what have you got agains! Ann Elizabeth?" demanded Danlel,

with an injured sir. "A widow an' a gozsip, an equal suf fragist an' a poclal purityite, a soulfeeder an' a sanctified person, an' to marry you! Lord! Lord! The saint and the sinner, the hawk an' the dove, the sheep an' the goat-yah, yah!" The old man grasped his knees in his

hands and rocked to and fro in an estacy of mirth. "Go on!" cried Daniel. "Pile it up. Insult your best friend if you will, but don't drag her in: don't you say nothing about her until she's present to de-

fend herself " "I wouldn't dare to then," said Nathan, earnestly. "Why, Dan'l, she's a match for any two men in Millville. an' you know it. Six feet tall an' two hundred-if a pound. Who-ee! Don't you sit there an' admit that you're con siderin' her. Back track Back track Climb a tree; swim a stream. Any way to spike the scent, my boy. I

ing the boys and was and much bone it ain't too late, comrade. I hope mired by the fair sex. A number of you haven't gone and committed your to 408 in London, and one to 458 in New York. acorn rattled from bough bough in a neighboring tree and struck the ground with a thud. Daniel dodged with a quick duck of the greatly increased. head and glanced apprehensively over his shoulder. "It ain't went that fur," he admitted. 'I'm only a-figurin', as a fellow says." "All right, but dont you figger too close, Looky here, Dan'l, I ain't got a thing against you marryin', but after having been so uncommon deliberate, let's not get in an all-fired hurry all at once. It's mighty easy to get mar- Valley in Nebraska began 200,000 trees ried. It's as easy as it is for a rat have been planted. to get into one of them patent traps and marriage has got its bars, too, as well as its balt. Now, to continue the argument, we will say, my boy, you're a-marryin' to better your conditionfor the purpose of becomin' more comfortable: an' I judge that's all a bachward I. elor thinks of when he's marryin'. It such be the case, an' I think I know you pretty well, don't you make the mistake of marryin' a widow of strong convictions and mature age. My brother married a widow. He was about your age when he did it, too, an' out of consideration for his feelin's than ten and seven-sixteenths inches an' in the hope of havin' a life of ease in length. the rest of his days he selected what he thought was a rich widow. Well, they hadn't hardly et their first meal together until he realized he was tied up to a whited sepulchre. Yes, sir, for a fact. She took all her money and put it into a costly monument to her first husband, an' George W, had to cut right out an' dig for a livin'. "He tells me it is a mighty handsome stone, with two angels carved on it, clasping hands, an' right below the words, 'Till we meet again.' 'Many's the night,' says George W., 'that I've laid awake calculatin' just where I'm supposed to be whilst they are a-meetin' an' claspin' hands.' "Dan'l, a widow either makes a club or a clog out of her first husband. You are either a whole lot-worse or you're He Paid His Debt Promptly. never quite so good as he was, an' the A train was just starting to leave longer he's burled the better he gets. suburban station, says the New York "Another thing, too, Dan'l, there is Tribune, when an elderly man rushed no such thing as romance in a second across the platform and jumped or marriage. Love's is a plant that don't one of the slowly moving cars. The bloom more than once for any one. rear-end brakeman, who was standing And when a widow decides she needs by reached up just as the man go another helpmeet she sizes up the canaboard, grabbed his coat tails and pull didates with a mighty cold, calculatin' him off. "There," he said, sternly eye first, while a widower acts as li "I saved your life! Don't ever try to he was afraid the supply would run board a train that way again." out before he got a chance to get one "Thank you," said the old man "To my mind, there's one time, and almly. "Thank you for your thought one time only, for marriage. It's when ful kindness. It is three hours till the you're young an' in love, so young an next train, isn't it?" so much in love that nothing else mat-"Three hours and a quarter," said e brakeman, "but it is better to ters at all. A second marriage is like a set of false teeth-a more or less passable substitute for the first accordwalt that length of time than to be killed. ing to fit, but dreadful hard to write The long train, meanwhile, had be poetry about." slowly gliding by, slowly gathering speed. Finally the last car appeared "You're powerful set against such This was the brakeman's car, the one for which he had been waiting, and

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ONE OF THE REMARKABLE ly proud that she had got a man, after THINGS SEEN AT THE NAVAL all, that she'd pamper you up like a young lord-an' that I judge is what OBSERVATORY.

the Importance of Absolutely Correct "Now, Nathan"-Daniel leaned forward and put his hand on his friend's Time on Shipboard-Tests Based on Purely Scientific Principles-Work in a light to a man in the darkness, Exceedingly Technical.

is it the thing-marriage? Can you, it One hundred ship's chronometers the face of your knowledge and experikept in cold storage is one of the Nathan cleared his throat huskily. many remarkable things to be seen at "Comrade, don't you gather from the United States naval observatory at what I've ever said to you that Zerelda Washington. To the layman it would hasn't been a good companion to me. appear that the authorities were ap talked mighty triff's' about my prehensive thr' the timepleces would wife, which is a thing no man ought 'spoil." One more experienced would reason that the process had something to do, but I've got the savin' grace to be ashamed of it. When she left her to do with regulating their time keephome to come out here with me it ing qualities. Neither surmise is corwas a sore trial to her. She thought a rect. The fact of the matter is the heap of her mother, an' she bid her chronometers are allowed to go tickgood-by realizin' that she could never ing merrily on in their own way and hope to see her again. She jest put time. No one hurries them, and no her hand in mine and set her face to one tries to diminish their speed.

the west, an' if she ever looked back Yet so important is absolutely corlike Lot's wife, ! never knowed it, We rect time on shipboard that a differdidn't have much to come to. Only a ence of four seconds means a mile in log cabin in a clearin' but love glori ongitude or latitude. And a mile in fied it into a shinin' palace, an' it was longitude may mean a warship on the not long until there was a curtain at rocks.

the window, a flower in the garden an' While no one corrects the "running" a babe in the cradle-three things to of these chronometers, a most accurate record is kept of their manner "We've raised four children an' bur of "running" under different temperaled two, Dan'l, an' if ever a woman ures. This why they are kept on ice. done her duty by her family it was her The regular annual chrnometer trial it's only lately that she's had any time begins on January 2 and ends June to devote to the cause of sufferin' hu-22, and during this period there is manity in general. A houseful of chilscarcely s minute of the day that the dren will keep a woman out of lots of time-k+ epers are not under the closest devilment. Dan'l, I use tobacco, fish observation of experts who can tell a good deal, an' play cards whenever their variations to a hair's breadth, all I get the chance; while Zerelda 'tends of which are carefully noted on a recchurch an' prayer meetin', feeds ord, and, at the completion of the preachers and delegates, wrestles with test, handed to the commander of the the demon rum, an' pretends to sanctiressel to which the instrument befication; an' now that I come to think

ongs of it, I reckon, after all, its simply dif The temperature varies at different ferent ways we have of enjoying ourimes of the test from 50 to 90 deselves, an' she's as much right to her grees and the losing or gaining way as I have to mine. An' I'll go malities of the chronometers under further, and remark right here, that hese conditions are accurately kept. if any other man would say the things Thus with a chart expressing in of my wife that I've said of her. I'd curves just what he may expect from his chronometer under different condi-"Nathan," said Daniel, hoarsely, "it's tions of climate, and, with his thermometer and barometer close at hand. The two old men clasped hands, and the sailing master may calculate to a ooked long and darkly into the waters nicety the correct time and get his of the race, that, like the stream of location to a certainty. life, could never turn backward.

The importance of a central station The two sycamores alike bound to where navy chronometers and other gether swayed and bent low in the navigating instruments may be standbreeze, appearing with outspread arms ardized is not appreciated outside of and rustling foliage to be whispering those directly interested, despite the fact that millions of dollars and thou-A golden leaf fluttered loose and sands of lives are wholly dependent turning over and over, fell gently into on the efficiency o fthe service in this the water, and the ripples spreading line of work. It is essentially necesin slowly widening concentric circles sary that chronometers should be reseemed at last, like life and love, to gulated by a common standard, and, reach from shore to shore.-Allen G. in order that this may be done suc-Garrigue in Indianapolis Journal. cessfully, the same person who transmits all over the country the standard time should have charge of them.

In other countries there are several The proportion of policemen to naval authorities that do the work population is one to 307 in Paris, one which the Washington observatory is practically doing alone. In France there is a great central observatory

DOG COULD NEVER FORGIVE. Always Attacked Trolley Men Be cause a Car Cut Off His Toes.

Because he could not forgive trolley employes after a car had cut off three of his toes, Bruno, a splendid St. Bernard dog, belonging to Mayor Charles A. Bookwaiter, of Indianap

olis, Ind., had to be chloroformed. His hostility to street car conductors and motormen was his only fault, but that phase of his character caused so many threats of damage suits that Mayor Bookwalter decided that he

could not afford to keep him. Several years ago while in the street in front of his master's house the dog was struck by a street car. His foot was caught under the wheel and he came out of the accident minus three toes. This was the beginning of his antipathy to street car men, and it grew upon him till no employe was safe if Bruno.saw him off his car.

Mayor Bookwalter lives on North Illinois street. Near his residence is a place where the conductors and motormen change cars, and as many of them reach the point before their cars arrive, there are always several in the street. Up to a few months ago Bruno contented himself with attacking his supposed enemies when they passed the mayor's house off their cars. But recently he began to lle around the relleving station and before his presence was suspected he would have one of the men by the leg. Complaints were made, and the mayor sent the dog to his farm, but Bruno wouldn't stay. No motormen nor conductods came that way, and he was lonesome. So he came back, and when sent away a second time, again returned. He was always found waiting around for an opportunity to get a street car man by the leg. So Bruno was sent on a journey from

which he will never return. "He was a great dog," said Mr. Bookwalter, "but he was made for an 80-acre field, and not for a town lot. I am satisfied that his only motive for attacking street car men was to get even for the loss of those toes. He felt the deformity keenly, and was never the same dog after he was injured. Any child could play with him, and I never knew him to attack a stranger, but the sight of a street car conductor or motorman seemed to awaken in him a spirit of revenge which was never manifested under

any other circumstances .- Philadelphia Record.

In the Other Pocket.

"I can't quite make your change," said the storekeeper, painfully recounting the pile of pennies in his hand. "It's a cent out of the way."

cent. The New York Press tella this story of a man who, early one moraing recently, came to the assistant treasurer of a church.

he, "and I made a mistake when you | took up the collection. I had a penny

A SERMON FOR SUNDAY

AN ELOQUENT DISCOURSE ENTITLED. "KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST."

The Rev. Winfield Scott Basr Tells Those Who Would Receive Light That They Must Exercise Self-Control and Sacri-fice Pleasure to the Work,

they could. Later, in a measure, they did. But the places are reserved for those to whom it is appointed, for those who are fitted for it. It is the inner prize of character, of holiness, of love, of truth, after the likeness of Jeaus Christ which entitles one to stand near Him in spiritual power and dominion. This is not alwars easy. Christ had His struggles. His ugony, His cross. The disciple is not above the Master. It may not mean the giving up of life. It does at times in mission hands. But to gain that Knowledge of Christ trill cost. Is rightcourses canced without ef-fort? Is forgiveness of one who has in-jured as a mere bagatelle? Do all the re-wards go to the housest and high princi-pled in politics? Is truth in business al-ways at a premium? In the presence of the pleasure and the business of the day is it a simple matter to keep one's head

Must Exercise SoliControl and Sarti-fice Pleasure to the Work. BROMELYS, N. Y.-The Rev. Winfield Scott Baer, rector of St. George's Church, preached Sunday morning on "Knowledge of Christ." He took his text from Philip-pians iii. 8: "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jeaus my Lord." Mr. Baer said smoog other things: A quarter of a century had passed since Fail on the way to Damascus saw a great light, since he who was the persecutor of the church bacame Aposite to the Gentiles. They were years of mental and spiritual growth, of missionary seal and activity, of unifering and privation, and beyond that of low and gladness which no man could tell. Now, looking back over his life from prison in Brome, he passed judgment upon the gain and loss. There was no tinge of despondency which might have come from age or weakness, no touch of bitterness and the fervor of a seeker after that the iron might have entered in different methods and ways, some comes through exercise of memory; some through careful observation of the past in different methods and ways, some torough careful observation of the past of nature; some by experiment in the past and wise judgment upon it; much for the careful observation of the past and wise judgment upon it; much for the careful value upon it; much for the careful study of our-elves. In varying degrees, these all are precious, and they are given only for a price. The school

those noble ones who have aide the moral uplift of the world through th. perconal living knowledge of Christ. They know truth and love, because they have lived truth and love. They paid the price. It truth and love. They paid the price. It might be poverty, persecution, martyrdom: struggles within and trials without. In the power of Christ's strengthening them to do the things which were right. in the suffering for others that they might be drawn unto God, they came into possession the knowledge of Christ, through exper-ience. With one accord that noble multi-tude. room the carrent whoy of our serves. In varying degrees, these all are precious, and they are given only for a price. The school system of which we are proud is coatly. The vast expenditure of money is but an item in the cost. Energy, time, thought of myriads interested in the work of knowlof myriads interested in the work of knowl-edge and in training those committed to their care harder far than hearing lessons from a book. The years of school, the hours of study and mractice, the physical confinement when children would rather be on the street or in the field, all these must be cougied in. We are almost disap-pointed when we do not read among the hours of collesses unmonents to me me. ience. With one accord that noble multi-tude which no man can number, of apos-tles, prophets, martyrs, known and un-known, giving thanks unto God for His goodness, ascribes to this knowledge pre-eminence and surpassing glory above all others, crying out with Paul, We count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord.

must be counted in. We are almost disap-pointed when we do not read among the honors of college commencement some men-tion of gifts of money 1. enable the col-lege to pursue truth, and give it out to those who seek it; and here also are time and fabor and research. So those who would receive the full benefit of the prof-fered knowledge must carcies self-control, ascrifice play and pleasure to the work. This is but the Beimning of knowledge. In every realm of life men seek if haply they may find. The horders of the un-known are being pushed back day by day, and the light of truth is seen and known over ever wider tructs. In scientific re-search, invention, exploration of the earth, knowledge of society, knowledge of mind, men are thinking, working, gaining knowledge. They pay the cost. The ice of the north, could it speak, would tell of those who sought the pole, mee's, that they migh know; the jungles of Asia and the forests of Africa are known to us from the traveler; missionary, scientist, soldier, recker after gold, with their different mo-tives impelling them, they bring forth knowledge for the world. Liberty. There is no sweeter word in human speech than liberty, no finer thought in human mind, no richer gift in human life. What is freedom? Independence of law? So many think. But they are mis-taken. He who imagines freedom con-sists in getting rid of law is totally and fa-tally wrong. We offer the Ten Commandments to a man for his moral code. He rejects the code, saying, "I will be bound by no ta-ble of laws. I am free." He is not free. He may as well reject the multiplication table or the law of gravitation. "I will be enslaved by no creed." En-slave; they are declarations of remanci-pation, affirmations of freedom. A creed is much like a political platform—a state-ment of opinions. No one platform ever-contained all the political opinions of the men who adopted it. No one creed ever contained all the religious opinions of its adherent. It is a thest only an alternut rever after gold, with their different mo-tives impelling them, they bring forth knowledge for the world. Human trials, privations and death have been paid for that knowledge. Few as they take it, think of the price at which it is purchased. There are degrees of worth in knowl-edge. That which has most of the human in it contains most interest for as Per-A contained all the religious opinions of its adherents. It is at best only an attempt to state the essential doctrines in which its makers agree. A bird is free in the air. The air is its element. A fish is free in the water. Wa-ter is its element. Man is free in ohedi-ence to the laws of his being. The Bible contains these laws. Moral judgment con-firms them. Conscience approves when we observe them, accuses us when we violate them. A man who persists in sin is as trally out of his element man is as trally out of his element and the arrow in water end is the same when any high cheature even of its element of of harmony contained all the religious opinions of its hand. "It's a cent out of the way." "Oh, never mind," returned the muni-ficent buyer. "But it's my cent," was the unmoving rejoinder. Sometimes it does happen to make a difference if we know who owns the cent. The New York Brees tolls the solution of the world, It is a more living story for us to know of the development of the world. It is a more living story for us to know of the develop-ment of mankind; hence, history, biogra-near in the solution of the world. It is a more living story for us to know of the develop-ment of mankind; hence, history, biograa difference if we know who owns the cent. The New York Press tells this story of a man who, early one mora-ing recently, came to the assistant treasurer of a church. "I attended service yesterday," said he, "and I made a mistake when you took up the collection. I had a penny took up the collection. I had a penny the air or a sparrow in way a characteristic and is the same when any high the structure gets out of its element, out of harmony with law-the penalty is death. But an intervening hand may restore the fish and the bird by their elements? Yes. And is there no hand to restore a sub-term to high demant? (Christ is God's

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WHAT'S IN A NAME.

morning he's a pirate, with a cut-ass and a gun; we tremble at the finables of bis And we lis name, as he informs us, is an awe-in spiring one ; "Lord Ferdinando Roderigo Guy !"

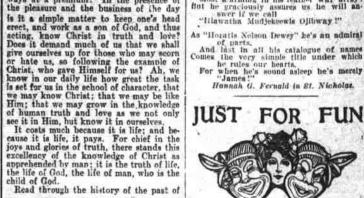
By ten g'clock our pirate has renounced his gory trade ; In armor pow, he has a lance and In armor pow, he has a lance and shield; He gullantly advances to defend a helpless maid, And we know that bold "Sir Launcelot" has the field.

And next, a skutking savage, he is lurking in the ball. Most s'arming in his feather war array: 50t he graciously assures us he will an-

ot he graciously assures us he will swer if we call "Hilawatha Mudjekeewis Ojibway !"

s "Horatis Nelson Dewey" he's an admiral

of parts. of parts. ones the very simple this under which he rules our hearts. For when he's sound askep he's merely "James." Hennah G. Fernald in St. Nicholas.



"So Mr. and Mrs. Jones have quar elled? Why doesn't she make up?" "She does, dreadfully, That's why hey quarrelled."-Judge,

"Oh, ho! I know what's the matter with you. You're seasick." The Girl -I'm-not seasick at all, Bobby Brown. I've felt like this on land lots of imes "-Puck.

Wife (quoting)-A man's work's fin shed with the setting sun; a woman's work is never done. Husband (brute) -Quite right, my dear. I've often renarked the omission .-- Punch.

Gaggsby-Jones is very wealthy, but he says his life is full of trials." Waggsby-"Yes, that's what makes him wealthy." "How so?" "He's a lawyer."--Cincinnati Commercial Trib-

Blinks-What did you say to your wife when you got home late last night? Jinks-My Dear, Binks-ls

that all? Jinks-Yes. She began talking then .-- Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. "Very well, sir," said Dr. Quack, after his quarrel with the undertaker,

"I'll make you sorry for this!" "What are you going to do?" asked the undertaker, "retire from practice?"-Philadelphia Press. Wife (who has been away)-You

just have liked that breakfast food, James dear. There isn't a single box left. James-Yes, darling. It was great (sotto voice) to start the fire with, mornings .- Judge.

Barber-Did Weaver give you any ecurity for the money he borrowed of you? Draper-No; he said it would be secure enough in his possession. Barber-Come to think about it. I gue toston Transcrit

rife-Do you believe that

is a lottery? Husband-No, Wife-Why not? Husband-Becat when a man draws a blank in a lottery he can tear it up and take another chance.-Chicago Daily News. "He's writing a novel." "I support he was out of his mind?" "He is and he thought it would be more successful if he wrote while in that condition. It's to be of the regular popular order, you know."-Cleveland Plain Dealer. Bertha-You don't mean to say you have refused Frederick?" Edith-"I had to. He told me he had never done anything he was ashamed of. I never could think of marrying a shameless man, you know."-Boston Transcript. "Say old man, I want to sell you a ticket for our social club's private theatricals." "Not me. I haven't time to go to those things. I----"Nobody asked you to go. I merely want to sell you a ticket."-Philadel phia Press. "A public official is the servant of the people," said Senator Sorghum. 'Yes," answered Miss Cayenne; "and ometimes he's the kind of servant that carries a market basket every time she goes home from her place of employment."-Washington Star. "See here, old man, what in thunder did you mean by advising my daughter to go abroad to study music? She's no phenomenon, and I can't afford it. You know all that." "But we're on the same flat aren't we? I know when I've had enough."-Detroit Free was: She-Did you send verses to the girl you were engaged to? He-Yes; that was the whole trouble. I see, she didn't like them? On the contrary she did like them. But she discovered that another fellow wrote 'em, and she married the other fellow!-Youkers Statesman. Barnes-Howes is a pretty good sort of a fellow. Shedd-Yes, but he hasn't got any tact. At the restaurant the other day he asked me if I was fond of cats, and I was eating rabbit stew at the time! The idea of asking such a question at such a time as that !----Boston Transcript.

at of their way after school to pass Freeman's store because Dave Marcus was sure to be out in front about that time, leaning gracefully against the awning post, swapping reminiscences with Elmer Jordan, who had but lately returned from Manila, and who still affected a military carriage, wore his leggins and army hat, and smoked with his cigarette drooping rakishiy from his lips.

"Come along, Nathan," said Daniel threading his way between Uncle Billy Harlow and the cannon stove, "We'li go out and look at the cow. Did you my you wanted a cheese sandwich? Here it is."

Jimmy Henly picked up a crumb cheese from the floor, wiped it on his sleeve, and ate it. Uncle Billy Harlow got up on his chair to reach for the Millville Weekly Clarion, and in doing so stumbted over his dog, who was always afraid he was about to be left behind. Rebecca Poulson came in to buy a pattern from Dave Marcus. in the general excitement Joel Wickerson managed to abstract a couple of dill pickles and a handful of crackers, and to make a triumphant exit with them and his groceries. "Let's go up the mill race," suggest-

edp Daniel.

It was not far to walk. Just across railroad bridge down the steep side of the grade, through a forest of nish needles, between the sagging fires of a fence and then you struck well beaten path that ran along the bank of the race to the mill. Two sycamore trees, as spotted as leopards, locked arms and leaned together far out over the listless current, and some one had rigged up a board between the trunks which made a very good seat nd a capital place for the nall boys to smoke cigars and play ards. Nathan picked up a stick and ed his knife with a click. Daniel allt his cigar, flipped the match in the water and settled his back luxsusiy against the tree.

It was a hazy day in mid-autumn e first frost had come and gone and forest had begun to don its Jo ph's coat of many colors.

A flock of crows flapped leisurely long overhead. A jay screamed harshly in the thicket. A red-head rapped officiously far up in the sycases and a squirrel whisked out to protest against the interruption. The ol bell rang for recess and the uts of the playing children came loud and soft by turns with the ebb and flow of the gentle breeze. The local freight arrived and stopped at the dripping water tank.

'Nathan," said Daniel, "I'm a going to get married." His companion's jaw dropped as sud-denly as if some concealed spring had

snapped. "Why-why, you can't mean it, Daniel," he stuttered. "I most certainly do," replied Daniel.

with an assumption of aonchalance that he was far from feeling. B-but at your age!"

"Never too late to mend," observed Daniel blithely. "I don't know if mend is the right,

sord for it," Nathan shook his head "and if it is it seems to hat if I'd a got alon. ripe old ed I'd a sort

things, it seems," complained Daniel. "Now, I want to know what you'd do in case you was left? Wouldn't you

math has a habit somatimes of a cut-tin' loose from everything an' flying plum is the face of Providence." "Do you think I ought to marry Abby Bell, then?" "Un-permun She alo't so old but

the might be old

Since the use of wire fences has be come so extensive, the number of cattle killed each year by lightning has

Norway's coast line-1700 miles in a straight line-becomes 12,000 miles if followed round the fjords. In these flords are over 150,000 islands.

In the last few weeks since the planting of trees on the Government forest reserve in the Diamond River

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

Lombard street in London took its ame from the Lombard merchants who, coming from the Italian republics of Genos, Lucca, Florence, and Venice, settled in London in the reign of Ed-

It is asserted by a sculptor that the human foot is becoming smaller. The masculine foot of 20 centuries ago was about 12 inches long. The average man's foot of tcday is easily fitted with a No. 8½ shoe, which is not more

Geographers tell us that in places th Pacific is more than 29,000 feet deep In other words, if the loftiest mountain on the globe, Mt. Everest, 29,063 feet high, were placed in the Pacific ocean at its greatest depth, the summit of the mountain would just about reach the surface of the ocean.

South Australia is said to be suffer ing with a great invasion of mice. The cause is the recent bad weather, which caused more cr less of a failure of the wheat crop, and the farmers allowed much grain to remain in the field This fell to the ground in time, and so furnished much food for the mice.

"One good turn deserves an

with the easy grace born of long prac-tice, he started to step majestically turn an' marry again?" "Maybe I would, Maybe I would, Dau'l," Nuthan wiched. "A man an' a But the old gentleman selzed him by the coat, and with a strong jerk pulle

too late.

said the old gentleman, with a sm 'You saved my life, I have not be older. An' she's proba-

tories at Toulon, Lorient, Cherbourg and Rochefort. The same method of dividing the work is adopted in other countries.

The policy of the Unlied States, however, is to combine all the energies and talent at the central observatory, for instance, between \$40,000 and \$50,000 worth of chronometers are ested during six months each year, and many others all the year round. The tests are made by the most experienced men in the government service, and the room was constructed after years of study and experience. There are a transit-house and a clockroom, which are considered the finest in the world. To establish duplicates of these arrangements in four or five different points along the coast would nearly quadruple the first cost of the plants, with a proportional increase for-maintenance, and at the same time would abolish that exact comparative test and standardizing of in-

struments which is today one of the strongest points of the present system in this country. It is recognized, however, that the eat area covered by the United Stats

s too vast a field to be attended to exclusively at one point. A small naval observatory has, therefore, been constructed at Mare Island, California, from which the naval vessels in the Pacific receive their supplies of navigating instruments-all of which are first standardized at Washingtonand receive the correct time. It is probable that before long another subdivision will be established at Tutuila. Samoa, to facilitate the work of navi-

C. 15. The test of chronometers is based on purely scientific principles. The temperature room is constructed so carefully that the thermometer does not vary one-half of a degree in a week. The room is 20 feet long by

10 feet wide and eight feet high. It has double walls, quadruple windows, and warm water pipes surround it. Below it is a big refrigerator holding 3000 pounds of ice. A perfectly adusted thermograph keeps a record of the temperature. If it becomes too warm the expansion of metal on a dellcate instrument serves to turn down the gas beating the water in the pipes surrounding the room, thus giving scope for the action of the cold storage plant. If, on the other hand, it ecomes too cool, the metal contracts and the gas is turned higher, heating the water and raising the temperati In this way the temperature of the room is kept an any degree desired. As aiready mentioned, the time of the chronometers is never changed here. Sometimes a chronometer is alowed to run for four years without

the slightest alternation being made in its time keeping qualities. Home-times it is fast and sometimes slow according to standard time, yet the fulling master knows the exact time. This he calculates from the cu-table, furnished to him by the na ervatory. The manner of m tests forms one of the to the

and a five-dollar gold piece in my pocket. I think-" Here he stopped to take breath, and

that complaint before. Somebody was always hunting a five-dollar gold plece. "I think you are mistaken," said he. "We had no five-dollar gold pieces in Sunday's collection."

"That's just what I am trying to get said the old gentleman. "You out to have had one. I meant to put

as to be handy for the rescue if her saddle slipred round, as it had done a few days before; in saying, "Keep that side, ma'am," gruffly to her at

year .-- London Chronicle.

The Japanese Instinct.

Some of the swellest apartments in New York are occupied by Japanese tenants who appear to be possessed of ample means. In one family is a boy of 4 1-2 years, a stocky little fellow, who has already developed the instinct that renders his nation great in war. He is a tireless worker. Instead of riding on the toy wagons of his white companions he insists upon doing all the heavy work, pulling the vehicles up hill, lifting them over ob-stacles, guarding them, seeing to it that not too many passengers get on for a coast down grade, etc. You nev er aaw such sturdiness in a youngster. He will fight at the drop of a hat, and all he is good-natured and likes fun.

est Car Company Party to Divorce

a judgment that was on Ross of \$2000 aga

eds may knows another perfectly, perhans we do not know ourselves. The mathematical table we know, but the knowledge of man-

the other man interrupted him with kind is higher, and more secret and

How bottler or the student in art to study the circomo when the masterpiece is before his eye! Why strive to read by light of largo when the glorious sun in the heaven floads the earth with light? Seek the noblest, and learn of him. It was this which Paul was doing. The desire of his heart, the end of his thought, the goal of his nurnose was that he might know his purpose was that he might kn Christ, and for that he would count

at," said the old gentleman. "You out to have had one. I meant to put mine in the basket, but I made a mis-take and dropped in the penny in-stead. Here is the gold plece." Not a "Dead-game Sportess." A notable sporting event came off at York 100 years ago. The wife of Colonel Thornton, a well-known cit-izen, had backed herself to race against Mr. Filnt for 500 guineas a side. The crowd was estimated at 100,000, ten times as many as had been present even to see Eclipse first and the rest nowhere. For three miles Mrs. Thornton led, but her horse had "much the shorter stake of the two," and Mr. Filnt then forged had "much the shorter stake of the two," and Mr. Filnt A few days later the York Herald contained a let ter from her accusing him of lack of gallantry in refusing to allow a gentleman to ride round with her, so as to be handy for the rescue if her two the and to many the her so

can be taught, and are willing to pay the price. This knowledge of Christ can be known but partially through reading of the skies above of the Scriptures beneath. Many through these come to a knowledge of God. Bat such study is too easy a school for claracter, as we strive to know the living, leving God. One has told of the search for the anow-white hird of truth. How, after weary journeyings, tolls, temptations, struggles, at last in the hour of death a gimpse of the passing creature is given, and a feather

at last in the hour of death a gimpse of the passing creature is given, and a feather dropped from its wing is grasped by the dying man. No such cold truth as that do we acek. It is the knowledge of the liv-ing person, Christ Jesus, our Lord. He can be known truly only through sympa-thy, kindness of mind and heart and life; through personal experience. For success in any pursuit of truth there must be desire, concentration, work and patience. There must be the desire impel-ling the scatcher; the concentration of en-

must be desire, concentration, work and patience. Three must be the desire impel-ing the searcher; the concentration of en-ergies on the minute; study of the laws of the subject; willinguess to serve in the half of patience ere passing into the palace of wisdoms. It is unreasonable to expect that the highest know/edge of man, the knowl-edge of life, can be secured without paying the price. There is needed a desire which shall overcome all other desires. There must be a purpose of the will, the lifelong endeavor to attain. Paul caunted not him-self to have attained, but he preesed on for the price. There is intellectual part of man. Those who love in do not know Hum, in this screet; they have no sympathy with Him, they how solt the mind, they love nof His blags, and without this sem-

lost man to his element? Christ is God's answer to that question. 4Whom the Son makes free, he is free indeed."-Philadel-phia Ledger.

Pray Not Alone For Self.

Liberty.

d sat down one day in a cottage to talk with an old woman. As they were having their "dish of discourse" there came a clap of thunder, and the old woman at once spread out her hands in supplication, cry-

"God bless and save us! And save his

"God bless and save us! And save his moor, and save the people and all of us!" For the space of half an hour the thun-der was frequent, and each time she prayed. Then she told the visitor this story, which has a good moral in its defin-ing of the proper spirit which should be-long to prayer: "There was a man, and he was working is a field like, and it came on to thunder, and he put his head in a hole in the wall and he said: "God save what's out o' me!" "But he ought to have prayed for the whole of him, for he no sconer said that than the wall fell and took his head off. "I' twas telled to me that this was a judgment on the crathur, because it is not right to pray small, just for yoursilf. But you should pray large-to save us all-pray big and open hearted. But that may be only a story, sir."

Things Japanese. Ten years ago Japan exported \$650 worth of cotton creps to the United States, but now the figure is \$30,000 yearly. Japan's total export of crepe s worth \$235,000 yearly.

Japanese silk has a fine future in Mexico, if the Japanese exporters are more scrupulous as to the quality of the silks they send there.

Demand in China for Japanese canvas shoes, fans, china and antimony are increasing since the present Fai East war began.

In August, 1904, Japan exported \$1, 300,000 worth of manufactured silk tissues, against \$1,100,000 worth in August, 1903, an increase of \$500,000 There was also an increase of \$70,000 in the exportation of silk handkerchiefs. Japan's total exports in August, 1904, were of the value of \$14,-878,000, against \$15,547,000 in August, 1903. Such a small decrease, \$600,000, in time of war is surprising. The falling off was in raw silk exported. Tea

figures for \$1,000,000, raw silk for \$4,-60,000, cotton yarns for \$1,850,000, cotton yarns for \$1,850,000, copper for \$541.000.

Japan's imports in August, 1904, amounted to \$14,221,000, against \$15,-731,600 in August, 1903, a decrease o only \$1,510,000. This is another sur only \$1,510,000. This is another sur-prising result for war times. The de-rease with mainly a raw cotton, \$1,9 900,000, against \$2,500,000, a failing off of \$1,000,000. Sugar also decreased \$550,000, while wool increased \$350,-000, and kerosene oil \$500,0. Rice figures for \$2,350,000 total import. Japanese Formoss did an exper-nainess of \$360,000 and an import meiness of \$380,000 in August, 1904, aving a balance of \$420,000 in favor

or the island. Japanese progress is shown in the fact that the receipts from her State forests for timber, firewcoe, bamboo and other produce rose from \$125,000 in 1850 to \$1,804,000 in 1903, an in-transe of \$1,075,000.

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"So you don't care for postry?" "No," said the eminent inventor "Only the other day I heard a young woman singing 'had I the wings of a dove.' Now the wings of a dove would be wholly insufficient in atmospi resistance for any practical purpose whatever. What the really wants in a tetrahedral kite."-Washington Star

Lebaudy's' List of Titles. The London Express gives the fol-

titles: Jaques I, Najin-al-Don Emperor of the Sahara. Commander of the Faithful. King of Tarfaia. Duke of Arleuf. Prince of Chal-Huin

Braine Large and Small.

A mouse, it appears, has a currely larger brain than a hum s, but the brain of man has

es, and there's er apes with very lar frontal lobes smaller

can hold his own with a 10-year-old Caucasian as well as if he were an adept in the art of Jiu-Jitau. With it Myron E. Ross and the Meire rest Railway company are made int defendants in a divorce suit filed

circuit court yesterday

the starting point, and beating her as badly as he could. She defiantly challenged him again for the next