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A Day's Adventure.

Arthur Robinson was staying at his uncle Dawson's ranch, spending his summer vacation. He was wishing most longingly for something to happen, so the cowboys would not call him "tenderfoot."

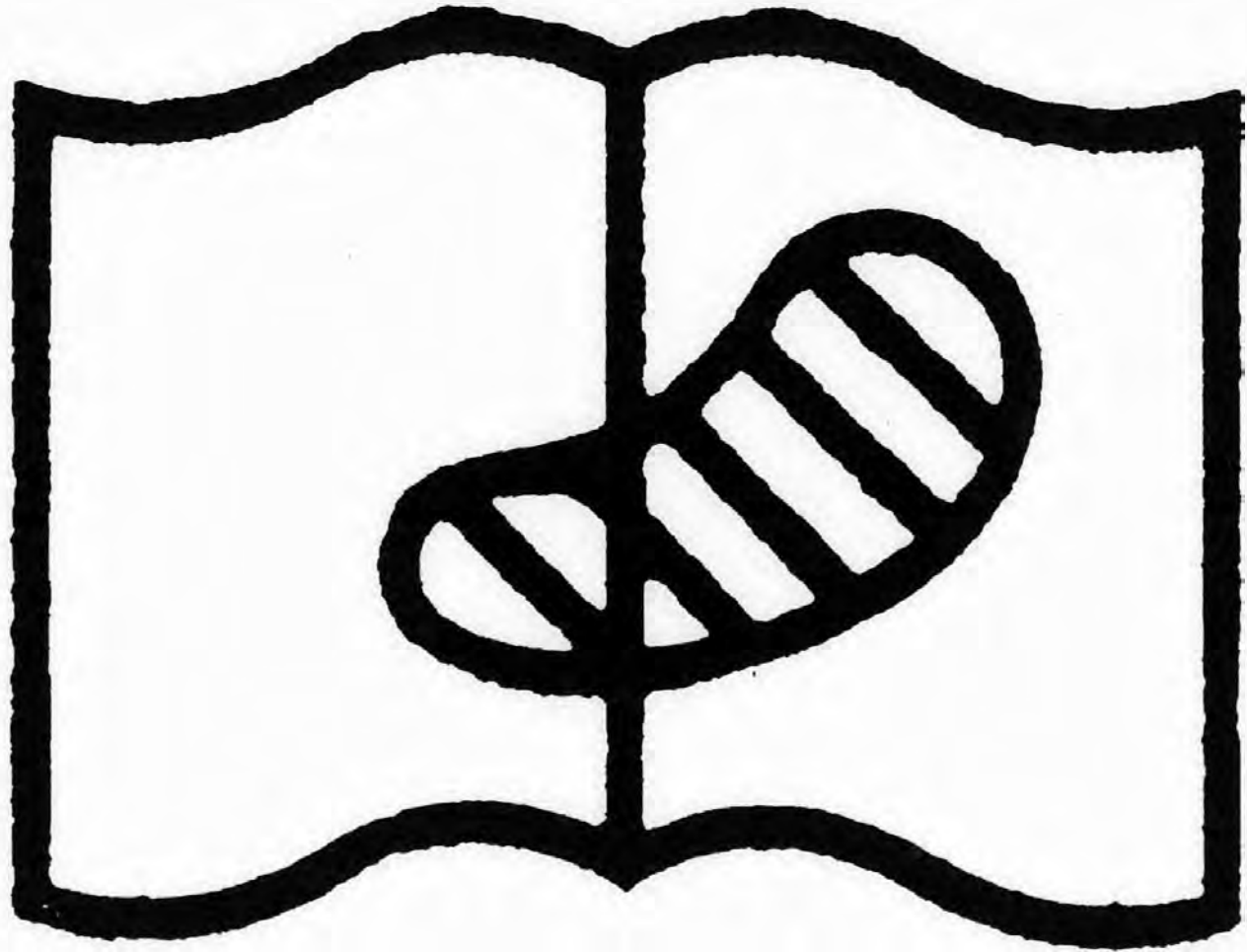
One day Arthur and Dick (one of his uncle's employees) had occasion to go to a neighboring ranch, some ten miles distance.

As they were riding along chatting Dick asked him if he had heard that "Denver Dan," the

horse thief, had escaped from prison?" "No, does anybody have any idea of his whereabouts?" "The people think he is around here somewhere but I don't believe it."

They were about half way there when a severe rain storm came up. After picketing their horses, Dick lead the way through some bushes into a cave he knew of.

They were patiently waiting for the storm to stop, when they were terribly startled, by seeing as evil a looking



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man as ever they saw enter the cave, closely followed by a companion.

"Are you sure no one knows of this cave, Joe?" questioned one of the strangers.

"Sure, Denver! An I only discovered it myself by accident."

"Joe, don't you call me Denver anymore, but call me by my right name; -Bill Sommers."

"All right, my hearty, I must be going. I will bring you some grub in the morning. Good night, Den— excuse me Bill. Hope you the best of luck in escaping the sheriff."

Bill's comrade having left, Dick whispered to Arthur. "That man is 'Denver Dan' the escaped convict."

Poor Arthur thought they would never get out of there alive, while Dick began to think how they might capture him and get the reward.

Breathlessly they listened to the movements of the stranger until finally all that could be heard was his regular and hard breathing, and the storm and wind without.

They consulted together in whispers what plan to pursue.

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A Lucky Woman.

SOME years ago, before the State of Arkansas was so densely populated as now, and when the mails from Little Rock to the Eastern borders were carried on horseback, there lived a mile above Horsehead a pioneer named Jacob Burnap. His wife Polly, and one child nine years old, made up his family.

His chief business was hunting, and his unerring rifle never failed to supply his board, and something over. His nearest neighbor was fifteen miles off, so he was little troubled with prying visitors.

It was in the early Spring that Jacob started down the river with a boat-load of furs and skins. He left Polly in charge of the premises; and he left her, too, a light rifle and a brace of pistols. She knew how to use the rifle, for never was she happier than when her husband patted her on the shoulder and said:

“Nobly done Polly, my dear; I could not have made a better shot myself.”

And he had occasion to say this with truth, too.


Jacob Burnap had been gone four days,
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A Plucky Woman.

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when towards evening a horseman rode up to the hunter's door.

He was a small, muscular man, some forty years of age, and seemed inured to all hardships. As he sprang from his saddle, Polly made her appearance.

"Ah, Polly, once more here," the newcomer said, as he drew a well-filled pair of saddle-bags from the back of his fatigued beast.

"Yes, and I am glad to see you. Jacob has been gone four days, and time is getting heavy."

"Jacob gone? Where?"

"Down the river, with a load of furs."

"Oh, yes. Well you shall have the company of Lant Morton for one night at least, so for the next twelve hours you'll be safe."

"O, I feel safe enough," remarked the woman quickly, "only a little lonesome."

Thus speaking, Morton took his saddle-bags into the cabin and led his horse around to a low shed, where he made the animal fast, and fed him.

After this he returned to the dwelling and entered, and was soon

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discussing the events of Polly Burnap, just the time over an ample in the bloom of womanhood, knew his gentle, supper. His host ss had hood, knew his gentle, told him all that had generous, noble character, so she felt perfectly transpired in the neighbor- ter, so she felt perfectly borhood since the last free and at home in his visit, and the visitor presence.

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Lant Morton had load is valuable?" asked Polly.

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tween his visits were "And the robbers long, yet he seemed al- have fled," added Mor- most a fixture to the ton; carelessly.

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 * By P. M. Bailey. ing, a terrible scold.

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 11. Luther. through fame, to a fiery
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12. Shakspeare.

13. Francis Bacon. 20. He lived and died

14. John Brown. and left no trace,

15. Raleigh. As famed, though no

New Conundrums. one saw his face.

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— { MONTH. } —

MORTON went to bed at nine o'clock, as he was tired from his long ride. Polly had work to do, having neglected it in talking to her guest; so when she saw him safe at rest she drew her basket to a little table where the candle was, and went to work upon some clothing for her child, who was soundly sleeping in a corner.

The old German

clock upon the wall, with its great weight and springs all exposed, struck ten before Polly arose from her work.

She had pushed the basket beneath the table when the front door was opened and two men entered. They were in their stockings, their shoes having been left outside.

"Hush!" uttered the foremost intruder.

"Speak one word above a whisper, and you die!"

Polly recovered from her terror, and looked up. She saw two

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stout, wicked, ugly-looking men, one holding a cocked pistol toward her. With a quickness of perception natural to her, she knew the pistol would not be fired if she held her peace, as that would make more noise than she could make; and, further, she recognized in the foremost a notorious villain who bore the name of Dick Gallus.

She had never seen him before, but the minute description her husband had given of the man led her to know him—positively, too—for one big scar on the left cheek was mark enough.

“What do you want?” asked Polly, without betraying the least fear. “We have come to see the mail-carrier,” replied one, in a hoarse whisper. “Where is he?” “He is long since asleep. Would it not do as well to wait and see him in the morning? We can find you a room and lodging.”

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SHARP TALK.

Teacher, (to pupil)—

“Spell needle.”

Pupil,—“n-e-i-d-l-e.”

Teacher—“There is no i in needle.”

Pupil—“Taint no good then.”

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tleman, and are considered by him to be not the least valuable part of his large and excellent library. Their titles,

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
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ntern." these boys became as

Frank B. Whipple, Chicago men."

and his brother, Charles
printed "Ink Drops"

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21. Wise, good and
brave he nobly reigned
His hostess once of
him complained.

22. He won a certain
mighty game.

His opponents bore
his Christian name.

23. He freed the land
that holds back the sea

By a little spaniel
saved was he.

24. Sprung from a
cabin our chosen guide

Shot by a man, in a
barn, that died.

25. The king of the
world at thirty-two,

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Ere the second robber could show himself, Morton came rushing into the room with a pistol in each hand.

“What is it?” he cried.

“There! there!” gasped Polly, pointing to the door-way, where a savage-looking head had just presented itself.

Lant Morton had been too much used to danger to waste time in conjectures, and immediately shot the villain, who fell with a heavy sound upon the cellar floor, dead.

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In the morning, just as the carrier was dressed, there was a rap on the door, accompanied by a voice he knew full well. He hastened to open the door, and gave entrance to Joseph Burnap. The hunter had met a party of traders at Lewisburg, and disposed of all his skins to them, thus finishing his journey six days earlier than he anticipated.

Polly was soon upon her husband's bosom and when he had told them his own story, Morton gave him the adventure.

Jacob was at first incredulous, but on see-

ing the bodies he was convinced.

“Polly, my jewel,” he said, placing his arm around her neck, “I am proud of you. I love you more and more, for every day I find more to love.” And then turning to Morton, he added: “What do you think of such a wife?”

“Ah!” returned the guest, “if poor Lant Morton had such a wife, he wouldn’t be a mail-carrier.”

When Morton left he was directed to stop at the first settlement and state to the officers what had happened, and he promised to do so. He once more blessed the brave woman who had saved his life and set out.

Late in the afternoon two officers arrived at the cabin, and when they were shown the dead bodies, at once proceeded to remove them. And ere a week had passed the whole settlement blessed the border heroine for the work she had done.

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BY C. F. EUSTIS.

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The country first issued stamps in 1862. The denominations and following issues being as annexed.

Issue.	Perforated.	Yellowish Paper.
1862	2c	dark blue.
"	5c	black.
1869	2c	blue, white paper,
"	5c	black, " "

1869	10c vermilion	white paper
"	25c green	" "
1871	1c brown	" "
	Perforated.	white paper
1882	1c green.	
"	2c carmine.	
"	5c blue.	
"	10c lilac.	
"	15c yellow.	
"	20c slate.	

The country also issued another set the same as the 1862 issue except that they were Unperforated.

The design on all the "bits philatelic" are nearly the same, (the exceptions being in the edges of the 1862 and '83 issues,) and consist of a foregrowing of mountains behind which the rising sun* is seen with a liberty pole standing on the summit of the hills. They are finely engraved and were made for postal purposes and not to draw money out of the collector's pocket. Hoping that these few words may serve to create an interest in what seemed to me as usually being "passed by" stamps I remain, C. F. E.--ONE DIME.

* Not a stove polish.

EXPERIENCE OF A SILVER DOLLAR.

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One day John Smith and Henry Brown, got a job sawing wood, they worked all day and each got a dollar. As they were going home, Henry said to John; "John, what are you going to do with your dollar?" "I don't know just yet, maybe I'll buy some of them prize packages down to Millers, they are only five cents a peice, and I can get twenty. What are you going to get with yours, Henry?" "I don't know, Grandpa said, he had a hen that wanted to set yesterday, and he said I could have it if I'd get some eggs."

"I will tell you tomorrow morning," said Henry, so the two boys parted and went home.

The next morning they met again.

"I am going to get some eggs," said Henry, "and set my hen." "I am going to get my prize-packages," said John. "All right," said Henry, "you may be sorry."

So John got his prize-packages, and Henry got some eggs on the way home, and got his hen, and set it.

The next day Henry went to John's house and found that John was very sick. He had been poisoned by the prize-packages.

Henry's hen got off the nest after three weeks, and to his surprise all the eggs hatched, so he had thirteen little chickens. He took the money he had left from his dollar, and bought some feed. The chickens all grew but one, which fell into a pail of water, and was drowned. The others grew fast and he soon had a nice flock of chickens.

John grew worse, and was not expected to live; as he was getting better, a fever set in, and he grew worse again.

In the fall, Henry sold his chickens at twenty five cents apiece, and found that he had three dollars. Henry kept the money until spring. In the spring, Henry bought some ducks and geese eggs, and when they were hatched he had fourteen young geese, and twelve young ducks. When they grew

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larger, he built a dam in the creek, back of his house, for his ducks, and geese to swim in, and with the money he had left, he bought a pig.

In the fall he sold his ducks for fifty cents apiece, and his geese at sixty cents, and he found he had fourteen dollars, forty cents. He then sold his pig for eight dollars, and then he had twenty two dollars, and forty cents.

John's doctor bill was about sixty dollars. When Henry told him what he had gained off his dollar, John was surprised, and said he wished he'd done as Henry did.

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Public opinion censures severely the club of Sportsmen from Pittsburg, who had control of this lake and for fear of losing a few fish closed thier flood gates. and thus confined all waters, until the side of the reservoir broke letting out a column of water 60 feet high.

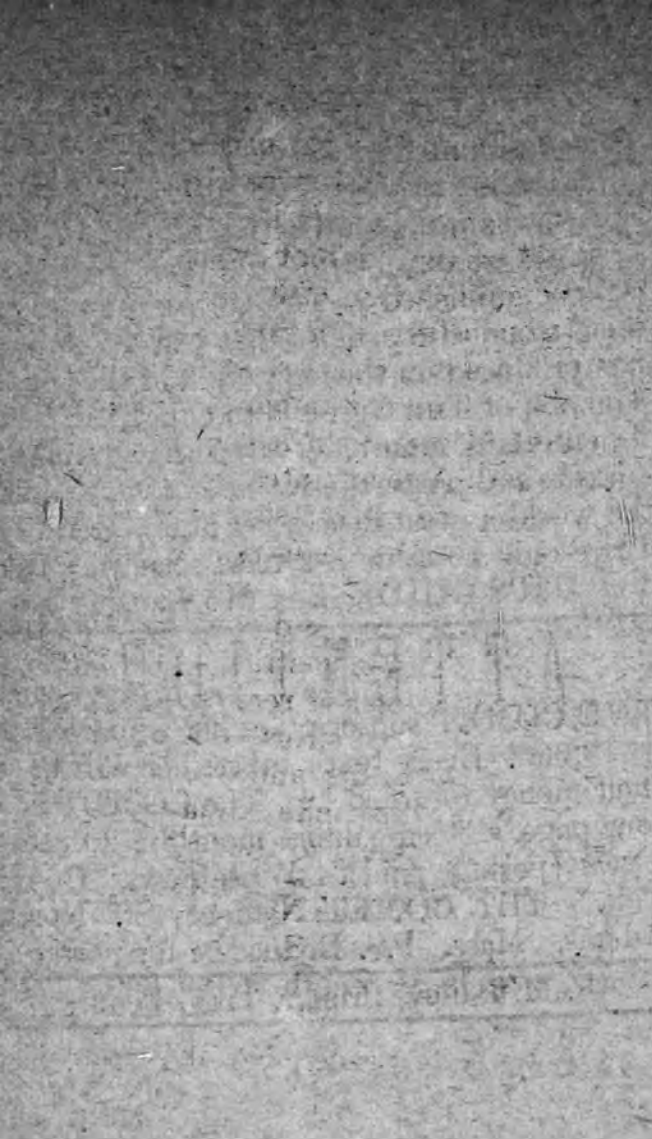
Money, provisions, and clothing, has been sent to this stricken district. Gov. Beaver has taken the matter of removing the debris in charge and every effort is being made to provide for the health and comfort of those still living in this valley, many of whom were saved by fleeing to the hills.

EXCHANGES.

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ODE TO CHRISTMAS.

BY GRACE WESTBROOK.

THE gladdest time of all the year,
Is when our Christmas doth appear.

We hail the day with great delight,
And shout and sing from morn 'till night.

It gladdens hearts of young and old,
Of both the timid and the bold.

What care we for the hail and snow?
What care we for the winds that blow?

We'll louder sing and laugh and play,
And drive dull care far, far, away.

If we would very happy be,
And all its joys and pleasures see.

Our joys and pleasures we should share,
With some one else who has more care.

And in the secret of our joy,
No clouds can mar, no fears annoy.

And we will have a day sublime,
Hurrah! Hurrah! for Christmas time.

Written for the AMATEUR PRESS.

AMATEUR JOURNALISM IN ENGLAND.

BY R. H. GOSS.

AT present Amateur Journalism in England is at a perfect standstill, and is likely to remain so until some one comes, and takes steps to revive it.

Perhaps you Americans would like to know the reason why such a crisis has come about. Simply this:— Few people know anything about it, and those who do, their interest is of but a milk and water nature. True we have an Amateur Literary Association, now in a flourishing condition, but that only embraces one journal, which is solely in the interests of Amateur Authors.

Next as I said in the June number of the

AMATEUR PRESS, "We know not how to print them." In England presses cost a lot of money,—that is to say, presses which will print any thing presentable. Therefore, if we wish to have a journal at all, we are crushed by the enormity of the printers' bills. Take this for instance:—At the beginning of the year, seven new journals were started, not one of which now remains. This was the state of one of the editor's books:—10 applications for specimen copies, 2 yearly subscribers, and 2, 20 word advertisements.

If this continues "English Amateurdome" will die out entirely, and become a thing of the past. Therefore, the writer of this article intends to introduce into England, a new era in Amateur Journalism, by purchasing a press and material, from America, and again try to establish the grand cause, which in 1886 we thought had taken deep root, and make it the stepping stone to something greater, for, have not some of the World's greatest men, been modest Amateurs?

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5. When was the first steam-ship built?

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Answers to questions in October number were received from Allan Gernert, who answered four, missing the fifth.

If this department does not receive better support it will have to be discontinued. Remember it is open to all, subscribers or not.

If you have any questions you think suitable for this department, please send them to us, and we will try to use them.

It was Benjamin Franklin who said, "I owe my success in life to a good handwriting." If this is a condition of success, we tremble for the future of some folks.

Written for the AMATEUR PRESS.

MESSAGE FROM ENGLAND.

WE English boys are far behind,
Our Yankee friends across the pond,
Whose papers reach us by the score:
And still unable to respond

We must confess.

But, But ours shall unite their aid
And, step, by step we'll clear the grade,
Between us and our far off friend,
Whose every joy is to defend,
The Amateur Press.

Written for the AMATEUR PRESS.

A CHRISTMAS WEDDING.

It was Christmas eve. The mansions on Broadway, were all brilliantly lighted, and the sound of music and dancing, and the rippling laughter of many voices, could be heard upon the street. From out of the gayest of these houses Harry Windfield came; he was the son of a wealthy merchant, and lived in luxury and ease, but he was not happy. As he went down the street,

he paused before a brilliantly lighted saloon

The saloon was not a place where poor worthless drunkards mingle, but a place where the wealthy find a retreat to take a social (?) glass.

When Harry went in, he was greeted with cheers, for every one knew he had lots of money and knew how to spend it. As Harry walked to the bar, he was seized by the collar, and flung to the farther corner of the room. Before he could get up, he was given a kick, which knocked him insensible. He was robbed of what money he had on his person, and the beautiful diamonds that glittered on his shirt front were also torn off, and he was left to the mercy of his friends; but before his friends could do anything for him, the thief had escaped.

Harry had a rival, a bitter one indeed. They were both in love with Helen Scott, a beautiful girl of wealthy parents. Harry had the promise of her hand in marriage and they were to be married the coming week. His rival knowing this, thought to

disgrace him in such a way, that he could not get home, until after he, Charley Waldo, had seen Helen and told her that Harry was false. Immediately after Charley left the saloon, he went to Mr. Scott's, and asked to see Helen.

Charley told Helen that Harry had sent his respects, and had left the country. He then asked her if she would not become the wife of one who would prove true. Helen's reply was, "I have been wronged by one, whom I loved, I will never marry another; good evening," and she turned and went into the house.

Charley to complete his plan, told Harry the next day, that Helen was going away, and that she never loved him, and was going to marry him.

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It is the week before Christmas. Another year has rolled around. Harry who has been away from home, has returned.

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MALANCTON.

A CHRISTMAS WEDDING.

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While riding on the street car, from the depot, to his home, the lady who sat next to him fainted. She was closely veiled, and, therefore, Harry didn't recognize the face of Helen Scott. He stopped the car, and helped her to alight, placed his card in her hand.

When she reached home, she looked at the card and seeing the old familiar name, wrote a note requesting an explanation. That evening Harry called on Helen, and their hearts were again united. They were married on Christmas, and a happier time was never known.

They now live happily; but Charley Waldo is behind the bars; for stealing DIAMONDS and MONEY.

PHILATELIC DEPARTMENT.

J. D. B., A. P. A. 812.

THE Philatelic Nonpareil comes out with an excellent number 1. Its contents being very interesting. Mr. Edwin A. Durgine, of 25 Winter St., Boston, Mass., is the enterprising editor.

From Plainfield, N. J., was mailed last month the first number of the Plainfield Collector, dated August, with Messrs. W. H. Rice and E. A. Giberga, its managers. From 187 Park Ave.

The editors of the Stamp, of Denver, Col., have suspended the publication of that paper, and are returning the money to the subscribers whose subscriptions had not expired.

Good contents as well as being finely printed, can be said of the Western Philatelist, of St. Joseph, Mo.

The Farrago, of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., looks much better since it changed its form. The next thing it needs is a good supply of Philatelic matter, and then it will be something fine.

We are informed that Mr. Pender, of Box 54, Portsmouth, N. H., has issued No. 1, of the American Stamp Journal, but we have not received a copy of it, nor have we seen the Essex County Philatelist, which was announced to appear from Lawrence, Mass. Please give us a call.

The convention of the A. P. A., will be held in New York City, in 1890. We will be there sure.

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THE NEW YEAR.

BY LOUISE HARTING.

I THINK it must be Christmas time,
With all its tidings dear
Of peace on earth, good will to men,
That brings us such good cheer.

For, sounding clear o'er all the land,
We hear the merry Christmas bells;
And know the glad New Year is near,
For each one of its coming tells.

So with a feeling of delight,
And with a cheery heart,
We welcome give to each New Year
And from the Old Year part.

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Will think of nothing drear,
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NO. 2.

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THE NEW YEAR.

BY LOUISE HARTING.

I THINK it must be Christmas time,
With all its tidings dear
Of peace on earth, good will to men,
That brings us such good cheer.

For, sounding clear o'er all the land,
We hear the merry Christmas bells;
And know the glad New Year is near,
For each one of its coming tells.

So with a feeling of delight,
And with a cheery heart,
We welcome give to each New Year
And from the Old Year part.

And happy hearts and weary ones,
Will think of nothing drear,
But each and all with one accord
Will hail the glad New Year.

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THE RACE.

BY ILLINOIS,

Author of "The Lighted Window."

THERE was something wrong with Ben's arithmetic lesson. The fault was certainly in the lesson. It could not have been Ben; for there was never a boy with stouter heart and stronger legs than Ben, nor for that matter with brighter blue eyes. It was not a boy to be in fault. Yet there stood a distinct circular mark in the teacher's book opposite Ben's name. The teacher looked a little severely at the oldest boy in the class as she made that round mark. Probably she would not have said a word for she knew that the day before Christmas is not the very best day in the whole year for lessons. But as she gave Ben that glance of rebuke, his blue eyes looked straight back at her and said: "I don't care." I have heard people say "I don't care" in very many different tones, but never more plainly than did those same blue eyes on that particu-

y before Christmas. The teacher heard of course. So she replied: "Ben Stevens, would be ashamed to be the best skater and the best ball-player and the swiftest runner in my class, and be so badly beaten in my lesson. If you were skating with the figures you would be sure to be ahead." Ben flushed quite up to the roots of his yellow hair. He had not thought of it that day, you see. Those words of the teacher were oddly connected with what followed you will observe. Ben spent such a mer-ve-vening and was so tired that he fell asleep almost as soon as he touched his nice white pillow. When he had been asleep about a minute as nearly as he could judge, he was awakened by a shrill voice speaking right in his ear, "Come and skate," it said. There stood a strange little being in a red coat. He was just high enough to make his lips on a level with Ben's yellow hair as he lay there in his bed. "Who are you?" said Ben. "Don't you know?" replied the tiny little voice like the scratching of a

slate pencil. Ben raised himself on his elbow to get a better look. The forehead under the red cap curved downward like a hawk's beak and the chin curved upward to correspond. So that Ben cried at once "Now I know you; you are figure 3." "Yes," said 3, "come and skate." Then Ben noticed a pair of tiny skates thrown over the railing. Almost before he knew it, they were out on the glistening snow by the river's bank. There they met nine other little creatures similar to Ben's escort. "The other figures," tersely explained "3". "Now we start." Ben smiled complacently as he buckled his skates. "Miss Whiting says I can beat you on ice, if you can beat me on the slate," he said. "We'll see," said figure "3". But "0"'s moon like face wore a tantalizing expression which caused Ben to say "You are mad because I put you in the wrong place this p. m. I thought you didn't amount to anything, so it didn't make much difference where I put you." "Oh, oh," said "0". "One, two, three, start!" said "3" and

they went. How Ben skated! Never in the boys had he skated half so well. So swiftly, so easily, they glided along. Faster and faster, the trees fled past, a new landscape was opening before him, and always ahead fairly flew the little red figures. On they went. Now Ben was within a hand-breadth of "9", now within a pace of "0", and then they are away again. On and on till the sky swam, and his limbs were giving way; then "0" wheeled, shook his elfin head and shrieked, "Will you give up? Will you give up?" "No," panted the little hero, "I will nev-er-give-up." And he awoke and repeat emphatically, "I will never give up" and his teacher says he never did.

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our issues Christmas ones.

DEAD. *Bargain Seeker*, which as an ad-
vertiser will be greatly missed, and the
Truth's Friend, the finest amateur that ever
aced our desk.

WE missed the December numbers of *One
me, Times, Amateur Era*, and *Argo*, and
November and December numbers of the
*Living Age, Farrago, Stamp Advertiser,
Home Companion, Tomahawk, Mercury
Magazine, Storm-Cloud Miscellany*, and
Northern Tattler.

REMEMBER we can't notice all our ex-
changes at once, but will in their turn.

THE *Hudson Valley Echo*, is a new one.
contains but little original matter and is
poorly printed.

LITERARY AND EDUCATIONAL.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN NO. I.

1. 1590. 2. Edward Bellamy. 3. 1828.
4. Pacific Ocean. 5. 1807.

NEW QUESTIONS.

1. Who was the author of "Goody Two Shoes?"
2. In what battle was the command given, "Wait till you can see the whites of their eyes?"
3. What is the only walled city in America?
4. Who is the author of "Old Grimes is dead, that good old man?"
5. In what Southern City are door bells to be found on the fence posts, and cisterns on top of the houses?

Answers to questions in Nov. number were received from Melville Wooster, who answered four, missing the second. Prizes not won. Answers next month. Prize winners in two (2) months.

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When she is attached to a buoy.
When is a ship ambitiously in love?
When she is attached to a pier.
When is a ship demonstratively in love?
When she hugs the shore.
When is a ship imprudently in love?
When she rests in the bosom of a cove.
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OUTSIDE AND INSIDE VIEW OF PHILATELY.

BY H. W. KASTOR.

“WHAT is the use of stamp collecting?”

Such is the question we often hear,
in both young and old.

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philately. Does not the young collector

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No. 5. CHARADE.

By R. H. G.

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That is, if we live long,
And next a part of pig, you see;
I'm sure I'm not far wrong.

No. 6. BEHEADING.

By Malancthon.

Behead a weapon of war and leave a kind
of fruit, behead again and leave an organ
of the body.

No. 7. DIAMOND.

By Malancthon.

A letter; fix; a kind of ship; a beverage
a letter.

No. 8. SQUARE WORD.

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A girdle; a precious stone; small horse
other.

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
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CANE-RUSH AT NORTHWESTERN.

By Mary Chattle.

THE Fall at Northwestern has no red letter day that can compare with the day of the cane-rush.

Be it known that by every law of right, the three upper classes may carry canes but not the Freshmen until after Washington's birth-day, *unless* by muscle and valor, they shall preserve a cane unbroken throughout a sophomore rush.

First, terms are agreed upon. The cane is chosen, about 5 feet in length and 1 inch in diameter and of seasoned ash. The length of time—17 minutes, this last year.

The Freshmen have several immense men,

trained in tug of war, and there is so much doubt lest the Sophomore class can produce their match.

But the appointed hour is at hand. The Freshman girls are there with umbrellas and the Sophomore girls with canes. Then the ground is swarmed with Biblical students with some of the faculty and with guests from towns and *even* some Chicago reporters.

The classes are formed in battle array. The strongest Freshmen guard the cane. The Sophomore men are arranged in a wedge shaped mass, the 10 strongest in front; but when the signal is given to rush, the ten are to fall out of line and go around to the cane.

The cry is given. All orders are obeyed. Each Freshman seeks to keep down a Sophomore and sometimes, two lay hold on one man.

Then the Bibs rush in and obscure the view from every anxious Sophomore eye.

Three minutes go by and a snap.

A mighty Sophomore foot set firmly down and the cane is broken! '92 has won.

The Freshmen "fold their tents like the Arabs and as silently steal away."

But the Sophomore hero—he of the might-foot—must be borne about on the shoulders of the victors.

The girls with waving colors and gay flags, are escorted to the Woman's College, and every Sophomore goes home to dream the brilliant future of '92.

Vive a La '92.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN LAST NUMBER.

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| 1. Oliver Goldsmith. | 2. Bunker Hill. |
| 3. Quebec. | 4. Albert G Greene. |
| 5. New Orleans. | |

Answers to question in Dec. No. were received from Sarah B. Hrbek, who answered Frank E. Sturterant, 4, A. R. Davis, 4, Herman T. Pratt, 4, Albert Hovey, 3, Bert Sturant, 3, and Milton S. Mills, 2. No Ans. have been received to questions in last No.

The prize-winners are Sarah B. Hrbek, first prize, and Frank E. Sturterant, second prize. All who sent ans. get this paper 3 months.

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By J. D. Bartlett.

A Postal Curiosity is what I term following which happened to me in my correspondence with Mr. Arch Birge France. Seeing the advertisement of Birge, in the Rhode Island *Philatelist*, I concluded to write him. In about 6 weeks after that I received a reply from Mr. Birge in which he returned the envelope in which I had sent my letter to him. In this envelope is where the curiosity comes, for there was the 5c. stamp on the corner, not cancelled, neither did the envelope receive the postmark of the U. S. or France. This shows the carelessness of the Postal Clerks. This envelope is in my collection of oddities and I prize it very much.

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ERRATUM.

Mystrydom, on next page, in Enigma, No. 11, the third clause should be changed and should read, My 8, 5, 1 and 9 is a fruit.

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A letter; to injure; a stamp issuing
try; to decay; a letter.—*Malancthon.*

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No. 12. SQUARE WORD.

By Osceola.

Sir; near; to dye or stain; mountain range
of Thibet; an Empress of Constantinople.

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By R. H. G.

As I was walking home one night,
A con. I thought I would indite.
So here I am in black white.

Your business now's to put me right
Upon the sea you'll often find

My first, in other words, strong wind
My next do often shut from view

The sky in all its glorious hue.

Now first and last if joined together

Betoken for us some gloomy weather.

No. 14. METAGRAM.

By Malancthon.

Whole I am a blunder; change my head
I become respectively to select, cheerless,
le, a sea-fowl, a husk, to quiet, to sweet-
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Great was Peters heart that day.

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sale of drugs, etc. He had a great sign painted
to attract the wondering eyes of the village
and the doctor loved to stand by his shop
and explain its beauties to gaping beholders.

One of these was an Irishman, who gazed at it for a while with a comical look and said: "Och, and by the powers, doctor, if it isn't a bird! But there's something a little bit wanting in it."

"And what, pray, is that?" asked the doctor.

"Why, you see," said Pat, "you've got a beautiful sheet of water here, and not a bit of a bird swimming in it."

"Aye! yes," replied the doctor, "that's a good idea. I'll have a couple of swans painted there; wouldn't they be fine?"

"Faith, and I don't know but they would; I'm after thinking there's another kind of bird would be more appropriate."

"And what is that?" asked the doctor.

"Why, I can't exactly think of his name now, but he's one of them kind of birds for when he sings he cries, 'Quack, quack, quack, quack.'"

The last seen of Pat and the doctor, was him running for dear life, and the doctor after him.

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This morning "Simp" felt imposed upon. "Dang it!" he said, "I'm goin' to do bust."

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No longer are the mists rising from valley; the dew has long since melted from thorn and flower, and the silent hills in ruddier crimson to the setting than the rising sun. Night is coming on.

Slowly from the bushes that line the bank emerges a figure with disheveled hair and a pained, hunted look upon its face. It is not far from the house where a war comes awaits, but it hesitates and moves hesitatingly slow the sun may go down before it arrives there. Between the double

berry bushes the figure halts, wavers a moment, then slowly moves on as though 't-sad. Just as the sun slips down, throwing his crimson rays athwart the cottage door, the figure ruefully enters.

Not a word is said as the eyes of mother and son meet, but "Simp's" heart is full. She pushes him away into the privacy of the next room as though she had some weighty secret to impart to him. "Simp" feels feverish; outwardly his frame quivers as he is pulled toward the secret chamber; inwardly he utters imprecations upon his hard luck in particular and upon all swimming-holes in general. He thinks of the sycamore-log lying out in the water where he made his last dive, and concludes that in his anathema. He remembers the particularly aggravating wood-scraper at which he shied a dozen rocks because he made it fly, and he vows revenge on the feathered friend should he live to get out of his scrape.

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No. 17. METAGRAM.

By S. B. H.

Whole I am a color; change my head
I become respectively, a garland, to suffer
in water, and a scowl.

No. 18. SQUARE WORD.

By R. H. Goss.

A musical term; to be lame; belonging to
Amy; to try a thing.

No. 19. HALF SQUARE.

By Osceola.

at which is perceived; a genus of gas-
culous mollosks; a genus of plants;
; essence; one of the U.S.(abbr.); a letter.

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By I. Cæsar Know.

In book not in sheet,
“ coal and “ peat,
“ briar “ “ thorn,
“ flown “ “ thrown,
“ sea and “ lea,
“ eye “ “ see.

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ree (3) months.

rs and Prize Winners for February.—I.Cæsar Know answered
pry 2, and Orman T. Pratt 2. As they were all a tie each
ut will receive this magazine three (3) months.

MYSTICAL SAYINGS.

pry.—Come again. Your Pied Motto will appear in our next.
ar Know.—Your answers were correct except you had “Sa-
stead of “Lagos.” Where “In this wide world” did you get
me. Thanks for your contributions.

on all ye Puzzlers both young and old, rich and poor, and
ke this department a success. Remember it is open to all:
ers or not.

MALANCTHON.

Ten minutes afterwards the tired and
face of a boy is seen out by the wood
from whence the sounds of a dull ax
out upon the still evening air. A mo
later a woman appears in the door-way,
after gazing an instant out into the fla
west, where a blue heron sails in silho
against the sky, tosses a stubby, splin
switch into the yard.—*Rising Age.*

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"Py shiminy gracious! but you vos vone little dief, you vos."

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"What did she steal from you, sir?" asked a boy stepping forward.

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"And, is it for that, sir, that you chase this poor, starving girl around the streets?" demanded the boy.

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"Well, sir," said the boy, slowly, "you ought to be ashamed of yourself." Then turning to the little girl, who stood near him, he said in a kind voice:—
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"Well, sir," said the boy, slowly, "you ought to be ashamed of yourself." Then turning to the little girl, who stood near him, he said in a kind voice:—

"Come, miss, let's be off! 'Tis no place for one so young as you. Come!"

The miserly baker was about to detain them by force, but thinking better of it, turned on

his heels and started in an opposite direction.

As he passed the crowd they hooted at him, and one little boot-black with red hair, had the nerve to ask him if he wanted to fight.

But this kind invitation was declined with a frown, and the red-haired knight o' the street, giving a peculiar whistle, started down the street with a band of boys at his heels, of the same profession as his, after the boy and girl.

CHAPTER II.

NEITHER boy nor girl spoke until they reached the corner of the filthy alley. Then, the brave youth, taking the little street-girl by the hand, said in a kind tone:—

"Now, my little girl, tell me all. I can see by your face that you are in trouble, and I may be able to help you."

"O, mister, we are indeed in trouble!" cried the little girl, a troubled look overspreading her face. "But," she added, slowly, with a shake of her pretty head, "it isn't myself that I care so much about, but poor, little Harry."

"And who is Harry?"

"Why, Harry's my brother, of course!" cried the little girl, a look of surprise on her face. "Didn't you know that?"

"Well, hardly, miss, I just arrived in the city a few hours ago. But you have not told me your name yet!"

"Mable Maton, sir."

"Mine is Harry Ward."

Suddenly the country boy heard a great shouting behind him. Turning his head quickly, he beheld a crowd of urchins rushing toward him.

A little in advance of the others, was a red-haired boy, with a blacking-box thrown over his left shoulder. A broad grin was on his freckled face, and as he neared Harry he extended his hand with:—

"Mickey O'Flaney, is me name an' it's meself who manes ter be yer friend. Me an' der chaps dare," pointing to the other boot-blacks, "seed yer save dat putty gal from der cove hu wanted ter 'rest her, didn't we fellows?"

"Yu bet, we did," came in one prolonged shout from the other urchins.

"Oi say, didn't ye jist kim from der country?" Mickey asked, suddenly.

"How did you know that?" demanded Harry.

"Faith, an' wasn't it yo'self hu tould me?" replied O'Flaney with a little chuckle.

Harry darted a suspicious glance at the boot-black.

"An' Oi'll bet my shoe aginst

dat hat o' your's, dat ye hain't
got any too much chink ter be
a-spendin' on hotel bill."

"Right again, Mickey," said
Harry with a laugh.

"Well, thin, me an' der fel-
lows want ye ter come wid us,
will yer?"

"To where?"

"Dat ye'll find out soon nuff."

"All right; I'll go."

Then turning to Mable, he said
as he took her small hand in his:

"I must leave you now; but I
hope to see you again soon.
Good-by."

He turned, and without an-
other word, walked rapidly
after the boot-blacks.

(To be continued.)

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—Orman T. Pratt.

LIVING.

TROUBLES beset us,
Worry and fret us,
Down to the grave;
Hearthstrings are breaking,
Old woes are mating,
Swelling the wave.

False friends betray us,
Daunt and delay us,
Making life drear;
Gloomy and vast
Shadows are cast
Over the sphere.

—Arthur H. Goodenough.

EVENING.

THE sun sinks slowly in the west,
Gilding the evening sky.
The wearied lab'rer seeks his rest:
The rooks now homeward fly.

Sunk is the sun, now, from the view;
Soon will the day be o'er.
Then night shall reign in sable hue,
Till dawns the day once more.

—Sentry.

THE C— STAMP CLUB.

IN the year 1885 the C—
Stamp Club was organized
for the benefit of the noted (?)
stamp collectors of that city.

The first meeting was held
early in November at which a
President, Vice-President, Secre-
tary, and Treasurer, were elect-
ed.

After much deliberation, and
a large expense (caused by writ-
ing to many publishers) it was
decided to have a paper publish-
ed in Fitchburg, Mass., as the
Official Organ, but it did not a-
mount to much, as after the Sec-
retary had sent in two reports,
the editor decided that he had
no room for them.

At the second meeting several
valuable lots of stamps were
auctioned off, and large prices
were also received for several
single ones. In fact, I believe
ten (10) cents was received for
one of the rarest.

After the auction was over
several questions of importance
were talked over. It was also

decided to have two meetings a
month.

At almost every meeting
stamps and albums were auction-
ed off, and at one a very inter-
esting article on C. H. Mekeel,
was read by one of the talented
members.

At last a cloud seemed to hang
over the club, and finally broke.

At one of the meetings one of
the members stated that they
could have a room in one of the
public buildings free of charge if
they would pay for the gas.

The president was inclined to
doubt this and so asked an offi-
cial about it, who said they had
no right whatever to have a room
there.

This provoked some of the
members, to have the president
interfer, and so the atmosphere
at the next meeting was rather
stormy, the aforesaid member
demanded an apology from the
president, who after making it,
quietly resigned.

Although another president
was elected this really broke up
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Just as we were ready to go out, a large man ascended a box in the centre of the tent, and announced that he would now show the “great and only walking board, flying horse, and slipping cow.”

We stood with open mouths and ears, ready to hear and see all we could.

He produced a lot of boards which he nailed to two strips and held them up, saying; “This now, is the board walk.” A great groan ran through the crowd.

Next, he brought from his pocket a small bottle which contained nothing but a common ‘horse-fly.’

When he was about to produce the cow-slip, a large cow-boy among the crowd ascended the steps and dealt the performer, a blow under the nose, that whirled him from the stage; but picking himself up, he passed through an aisle made by the spectators, who in turn, each gave him a sound ‘whiff’ with the boot.

The cow-boy now assumed control of the affair and took up the money from the box which the performer had left and gave each person the ten cents, which they had paid for admission.

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vessel; a giver; a famous wat-
ering-place in Europe.

DOWN.—A consonant; a conjunc-
tion, a king; old; an Indian
prince; a river of Siberia; a
fish; a small Portugese coin;
a consonant.

No. 26. DIAMOND.

By I. Cæsar Know.

A letter; an animal; fun; time;
a letter.

No. 27. ENIGMA.

By Paul Fry.

My 6, 5, 3 and 4 is to be quiet.

My 6, 9, 10 and 5 is an ancient
city.

My 8, 6 and 2 is thirsty.

My 3, 4, 9, 6, 1 and 7 is typical
March weather.

My whole is what you are think-
ing about.

No. 28. SQUARE WORD.

By Orman T. Pratt.

A tree; an image; a corner;
animals.

No. 29. CRYPTOGRAM.

Dsvm gsv dzln hfm gszg ylrnth

Hvww-gruv zmw szlevhg; szh lvgdm'w ztzrln.

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square word with *Egypt* as the base word (this
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Paul Fry.

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words. Your first puzzle will appear next
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You will get Press six months.

S. B. H. has changed her nom de plume to Nemo.
Don't forget the GRAND PRIZE!

MALANCTHON.

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man, who will be held accountable for all articles
herein contained.

THE Mission Courier is actu-
ally great. I would like
to say something about it, but it
is so good that I can't find
words fit to express my feelings.

WELL, Enterprise, I would
like to wish you success, but, as
you have that already it would-
n't make much difference if I
did or not, eh?

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hope not. Its cargo was always
the best, while its appearance
was as neat as neat could be.

HALLO, Item! Thank Good-
ness, that wonderful story, "The
Texas Rider," has come to its
end. I hope you won't insert
another like it. If you do, I am
afraid, your end will be a sad
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LIBERTY'S MEN.

—:A FOURTH OF JULY RHYME:—

At tyrant oppression
All bright from the sheath—
Sprung the glittering blade
To the harvest of Death.
And hilltop and valley,
And mountain and glen,
Re-echoed the warring of Lib-
erty's men.
Upon this "day of days"
Let us gather again
To offer due honor
To Liberty's men
Who used, with God's help
An un-wavering blade
'Till the hand of oppression and
hardship was stayed.
And echo their prayer
"That while Heaven shall stand
May the God of the righteous
Bless Liberty's land."

— Arthur H. Goodenough.

HARRY WARD'S LUCK;

OR,

Up From the Lowest.

BY EDWARD B. HEINEMAN,
Author of "The Wonderful Cave; or Two Bad
Boys in Africa," etc., etc.

CHAPTER III.

HARRY WARD, the coun-
try boy, quickened his pace,
and soon overtook the boot-
blacks.

They were talking very ex-
citedly over some subject, but
as soon as they caught sight of
Harry coming toward them they
stopped.

"Come on," Mickey said, and
with Harry at his side, he start-
ed down the alley, the other ur-
chins close upon their heels.

"Faith, now, an' isn't it toime
ter be after given' me yer name?"
asked O'Flaney, with one of his
bewitching grins.

"Oh, excuse me, Mickey,"
Harry hastened to say, "I real-
ly forgot all about it," and he
told the bootblack his name.

The shadows of darkness were
just falling when the strange
band arrived in front of an old
lumber-yard on a tumbled-down
wharf.

"Hist now!" said Mickey, as
he softly opened the large gate.

No one being seen, the lads
stole quietly along the old wharf
until they arrived at the edge.

"After me, Harry," whispered

Mickey, slipping down one of
the moss-covered piles.

Harry did as he was bid.

The other urchins followed
quickly after him until the old,
leaky row-boat was completely
filled.

"Tenant Ribby, put 'em ter
wourk on der flippers," and the
captain looked dignified enough
to burst.

The "flippers" were hauled
out and work commenced in ear-
nest.

"Where are you going, Mick-
ey?" asked Harry, as he sat in
the stern of the row-boat, next
to the dignified captain.

"Sure, an can't yer wait?"

"Stop rowin'!" suddenly shout-
ed the lieutenant.

"Shut up there, Ribby! Don't
cher know yer have ter report
ter me, der captain? Der yer
think, I don't want somefin ter
do? I'll kick yer from 'tenant
ter-morrow, see if I don't. I—"

"Stop rowin'," again shouted
the lieutenant, who was in the
bow of the row-boat, and was
looking ahead. "Ow! Ow! Jump
there! Quick!"

CHAPTER IV.

NOW Harry Ward could not
swim a stroke, while Mick-
ey O'Flaney and his band
o' "terrors" were literally "ducks"
in the water, and when that
beautiful steam yacht crashed in-

to the old leaky row-boat, and the country lad was sent spinning into the cold water, his young career would have been ended then and there, had it not been for the quickness of a gentleman of middle-age, who was standing near the low rail of the yacht, looking moodily down at the smooth water.

Harry clutched the rope which the man threw out to him, as only a drowning person can, and his rescuer hauled him on board without the least difficulty.

Then, beckoning to a man, who stood near by, the gentleman said, sharply, and in a very excited tone:

"Here, Sam, take this lad below and put him in my berth. Be quick now! Report to me when he 'comes too'."

"Sir? In *your* berth, did you say?" the man asked timidly.

"Yes! Be quick now," the gentleman answered angrily.

For fully an hour Mr. Manton—Harry's rescuer—paced excitedly up and down the deck of his steam-yacht.

"Strange! Strange!" he kept muttering to himself, "my dream must come true—yes, yes, it shall—I know it will. Well, how is the lad, Sam?"

This last remark, was addressed to the man who had taken Harry below, and who said:

"Very well, sir. He wished to get up an' I let 'im. He's a-dressin' himself now."

"Good! I'll go below and see him myself."

When Mr. Manton rushed into his state-room, Harry had just completed dressing himself.

"Boy—boy, do you know where my children are? Oh, tell me quick!"

Harry was too amazed to speak. He just stood there staring at the gentleman, his mouth wide open, and his neck stretched a little forward.

"Er—er—your children. Me?" he managed to stutter after a while.

"Yes, yes, you know, don't you?" and Mr. Manton eagerly caught Harry's hand in his, and looked down at the lad with such a wild stare that the boy was nearly scared out of his boots.

(*To be continued.*)

DICK-NACKS. — *Alarum* is greatly improved. . . Would *Rising Age* please send us No. 6. We missed it. . . *Advertiser*, Irving, Ill, was greatly improved with its 2nd number. . . *St. Louis Amateur* contains too many continued stories. . . We missed Nos. 15 and 16 of *Literary Signal*. Please send 'em. . . The printing of *Tidal Wave* could be greatly improved.

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I must have wasted away a great deal, for before long there was a space between my body and knife. My master *thought strange and wondered* why the nonpariel rule didn't cut as clean of old.

I believe I was the most ill-fated lead cutter in creation—I was used for everything—candy, cheese, quill pens, pieces of wood, and a host of other arti-

But there is a limit, even to

the capacity of a \$1 lead cutter. Yes, my friends, I drew the line at a three inch picture nail, and here I am—a cripple for life.

My knife and I parted on the occasion of the nail business. I may add that there is very little chance of our meeting again, for the poor limb was snapped in two places, the attentions of a doctor being unavailable.

—Robert H. Goss.

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She *one two* the parlor sewing
 In a *total* dress so fine,
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 Of the homeward going kine.
 She felt the cooling evening
 breeze
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 the trees.

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By Spring Post.

Among ye clever bards,
 Some friends I hope to make.
 I can't write verse in yards,
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Or any maiden fair
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 No. 33 DROP LETTER.
 By I. Caesar Know.
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By Nemo.

- 1 I don't know how large a box he wants.
- 2 You can hide all traces of the deed.
- 3 He called Jack Argal, a rum young gent.
- 4 He heard the commander cry out from afar, "Rag ornaments arn't wanted in this parade.
- 5 He sent in Ella's painting with the rest.
- 6 In the Slavonian language 'kopr,' Essie my dear child means a kind of plant.

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No. 21.

HARRY WARD'S LUCK; OR, Up From the Lowest.

BY EDWARD B. HEINEMAN,

Author of "The Wonderful Cave; or Two Bad Boys in Africa," etc., etc.

CHAPTER V.

MR. MANTON, seeing that he could not get anything out of the boy if he continued to be so excited, paused for a moment, and said slowly:

"Take a seat, my lad. You'll excuse me for having been so excited—but—but—I couldn't help it."

"Certainly, sir," Harry said, quietly.

"Now, if you will listen attentively, Mr.—Ah! excuse me, but you haven't told me your name yet."

"Harry—Harry Ward."

"Thank you. Mine is, ahem!—here's my card."

Harry took the offered card, at the same time thanking the gentleman. Then, after glancing at it for a moment, he looked up quickly, and said:

"It seems to me, sir, that I have heard your name before."

"I know you have—I know

you have! Think, boy, think, and ten thousand shall be yours."

Harry was so surprised at this offer, that he was unable to utter a single word. Ten thousand dollars! Why, his father, before his death had not one fourth that sum, and was considered by his neighbors a well-to-do man. And now he, a boy, should be offered four times his father's wealth, just for thinking! It seemed a shame, and Harry made up his mind he would not touch a dollar of the gentleman's money, but would answer his questions, that is, if he could, for *nothing*.

Mr. Manton seemed to have recovered himself again, for he stood quietly watching the boy, his hands behind him and his feet spread a little apart.

"You did not tell me the first names of your children," Harry said.

"Why, how stupid! The elder—she is, let me see, yes, about eleven years old now—her name is Mable, and—"

"What?" and now it was Harry's turn to be excited, "I met Mable on the street in—"

Harry checked himself just in

time. He knew how painful it would be to the loving father if he should tell him under what circumstances he had met his daughter.

"God be thanked!" murmured the father unable to restrain the tears of joy which ran down his cheeks.

CHAPTER VI.

"**W**HAT'S a nice boy! Here, dear brother, take just one more little sup. There ain't that nice?" and Mable, the street girl, staggered to her feet with a leaky tin-can, which was half-filled with water, in her hand, she herself swallowing some.

"Oh, sister, I—I feel so strange! My hunger is all, all gone. Is you hungry, Mable?"

"I'm a great deal older than you are, Harry, and I can stand more than you. Besides you're sick and I ain't," explained Mable, trying to smile, but in this she did not make much success.

"But you're a girl, and you know girls ain't strong," persisted the little fellow.

"I ain't strong! Why, Harry, how can you say that! Just feel my muscles, once," said Mable, indignantly, as she bent low, so that her brother, without any exertion on his part, might feel the upper part of her arm.

"Why, you really got more

muscles than me," cried Harry, opening his large blue eyes to their widest extent.

At that moment a heavy tread was heard on the stairs, and into the room walked a villianous looking man, without even knocking for admittance.

"Hello, gal!" he said, in a thick voice. "Got that ere money ye owe me?"

Mable sadly shook her head.

"Ye hain't!" the man thundered, as he approached the brave girl, and lifted up his big hand as if about to strike her.

But hardly had he ceased speaking, when the door was thrown violently open, and into the room walked Harry Ward and Mr. Manton.

The man with a curse turned and confronted them, but something in the looks of Mr. Manton made him pause before he said:

"Who air ye? What brought yer up 'ere, anyway, eh? Git out o' here, I say, ye hear?"

"Oh, mister, don't let that bad man hit us, will you? He—he was going to put us out, 'cause we haven't paid him his rent for ever so long: but—but we meant to pay him, didn't we, Harry?"

"Course we did," said the little cripple with a look. "Me an' Mable was goin' ter pay 'im every cent we owed 'im, when we were settled in our big house—the one I dreamed 'bout, you know, Mable, eh?—but he wouldn't wait."

"I'll settle with you some other time, sir," said Mr. Manton, turning to the land-lord. "Now get out of the room with you, or I'll help you a little. Be quick or I'll have you arrested for striking my child."

"His kids! What in the deuce gettin' inter him, as he slouched out of the room."

Then turning to the little waifs, Mr. Manton looked for a moment intently at them, and said excitedly, as he knelt down and lifted little Harry from his couch:

"At last, my children! God be thanked!"

(To be continued.)

"HANDS UP."

BY PHILOS.

AT a small military station on the border of V—, it was the custom whenever a stranger, came to the station to take him, ostensibly for a hunt, but really to have, what they considered, a good joke. It was managed thus. At a certain place during the hunt a party were to lie in ambush, disguised as Indians, and when the hunting party approached they were to spring out, and then the soldiers were to ride off leaving the unsuspecting stranger* in the hands of the pseudo-Indians, who nearly frightened him out of his wits.

This trick was immensely popular with the soldiers, and formed an agreeable interlude to the monotony of frontier garrison life.

One evening when at mess an orderly entered and announced that there was a man at the gate who seemed to have been riding hard and asked for a night's lodging, as he could not hope to reach the town that night.

"Oh certainly," said the major, "show him in."

The orderly left the room and returned with a short thickset man, clad in badly fitting "store" clothes, and who seemed to be a small farmer, and the soldiers

* Who had been mounted upon the worst horse to be had.

winked at each other as he came in, thinking they had a "green-horn." And they did not seem wrong for he listened to tales of Indian atrocities with pale face and open mouth.

After supper Captain A— said, with a wink at the others, "Mr. Hazelwood you'll join us in a little sport to-morrow?"

"Wal! I can't say as I hev much experience in sporting—" "Oh that's nothing," interrupted the captain, "you must come and we'll give you some very good sport."

After wishing them good night he retired leaving the officers to arrange their plans for the morrow.

In the morning they rode off accompanied by the dupe. He showed all the points of a bad rider as they rode along, and the soldiers chuckled inwardly.

And now they neared the place of ambush. Just when they were laughing and chatting away, a terrible yell was heard, and a babel of whoops, and a body of Indians dashed from the underbrush. The officers with feigned shouts of alarm, spurred their horses and dashed away as fast as they could, leaving their dupe surrounded by a hord of savages.

Mr. Hazelwood's hands flew to his coat tails, to emerge in an instant holding a pair of revolvers with which he covered the pseudo-savages.

"Hands up," shouted the little man, and each disguised trooper's arms went above his head.

"Now gentlemen kindly dismount." Each did so having a wholesome dread of the revolvers, which he handled with no novices hand.

"Now please mount with your faces to your horse's tails."

There was some murmuring at this but a threatening click of the revolvers soon made them obey.

"Now ride on please, said Mr. Hazelwood, placing himself in the rear, "and I'd advise none of you to try any larks."

They soon reached the garrison and were surrounded by a crowd of grinning soldiers.

Mr. Hazelwood gave the Indians into the charge of the soldiers and left the fort, leaving a note to be opened by Captain A—.

Some of the officers not knowing what had become of the dupe and his captors passed through the town and soon heard all.

The note being opened read as follows:


GENTLEMEN:—

Thanks for your kind hospitality and welcome. I have left here a party of maniacs who I captured when you left me so suddenly. You should not let them wander about as they will come to harm.

JAKE HUNT.

The officers looked at each other, and saw how they had been fooled, for Hunt was a noted scout and Indian fighter. They never tried that joke again.

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PHILATELIC DEPARTMENT was crowded out this month.

COMMENTS.

By EDWARD B. HEINEMAN.

A LITTLE better reading matter would greatly improve the *Acorn*, but, I suppose, the editor being a new one, is a little modest just yet, and is afraid to show what he's good for.

THE *Dowagiac News* is filled to overflowing with "something to read." Its make-up is perfect.

HERBERT G. WEST sends forth a pretty good semi-monthly *Amateur Times*. There is room for improvement, however, and with a little more effort on the part of the editor, the *Times* will be "one of the best."

OTTO A. KAMBER is dead on filling his *Illuminator* with home-made wood-cuts. Some of them are pretty good, though.

So, the *People's Favorite* has turned up again. I thought it had long ago gone to the happy hunting from whence none return. But, like many other amateur papers, and like the life of a cat, it lives nine lives, and even then is hard to kill.

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T No. 27 Mysterydom.

No. 29 When the warm sun that brings
Seed-time and harvest; has return'd again
'Tis sweet to visit the still woods where springs
The first flower on the plain.—**LONGFELLOW.**

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No. 35 **SQUARE.**

1 A slip. 2 Forward. 3 An
evergreen under-shrub. 4 To
check. 5 A country.

Arty Fishel.

No. 36 **SQUARE.**

The *one* a wood of little size
Appears before our searching eyes.
The *two*, we'll say, is consequential
To be it though is not potential.
Yon hills are very *third*, methinks.
For pine-trees grow upon their brinks.
We tag the *fourth* as obsolete.
To reprimand is surely meet.
The *last* a country brings to view.
A mighty empire in its day;
'Tis likely known to all of you.
So solve this form without delay.

Cinders.

No. 37 **SQUARE.**

1 A country in Africa. 2 The
white of an egg. 3 Form of Jal-
ta(geog). 4 Spongy substance in
the center of plants and trees. 5

That which is worthless.

Emma Ringstrom.

No. 38 **SQUARE.**

1 A country. 2 A town in
Yorkshire, End. 3 United. 4 A
fold. 5 Peevish. *R. H. Goss.*

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1 A country. 2 The white of
an egg. 3 A river in Mexico. 4
A department and its capital in
Peru. 5 A test. *Solon.*

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SOLVERS FOR JUNE:—Castranova answered 5; Ar-
ty Fishel, 5; Nemo, 4; Solon, 5; Cinders, 5; Tyro, 5;
Paul Pry, 4; Phosphorus, 4; Osceola, 5; Emma Ring-
strom, 4; R. H. Goss, 3. Prize-Winners:—Castrano-
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WE hasten to correct the error which occurred in
No. 30 of last month: Primals: deeds, finals: a seri-
ous address; connected: a sermon preached imme-
diately before the communion services in Scotland.
Words are of five letters except the fifth which has
but four. The following should have been placed
after No. 32: Drop the first letter of the word and
leave a conjunction.

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"THE SPY," Dover, Me., contains a neat little
"Puzzle Corner" edited by Orman T. Pratt.

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MYSTICAL SAYINGS CONTINUED.

I. CÆSAR KNOW, put on your thinking cap," and send us a list of solutions.

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THE PRESENT.

WHEN the summer rose is blowing
I'll not think of winter's cold,
Or when daisies pied are growing
Dream of snowflakes white and bold.

For unto our blinded vision
'Tis not given yet to know
Holds the future bliss Elysian,
Or arrears of care and woe.

If the *present* be but gracious,
Balm of rose and sheen of bird—
I'll enjoy the vista spacious,
Never list for grief unheard.

—Minnie C. Ballard.

TROY, PA.

HARRY WARD'S LUCK;

OR,

Up From the Lowest.

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CHAPTER VII.

SIX months have passed.

The scene is in a large, handsomely-furnished, sitting-room in a brown stone mansion in the city of New York.

Sitting in a comfortable arm-chair with a little girl on his

knee, is a middle-aged gentleman.

Ever and anon he glances out of the large window, beside which he is sitting.

On the floor, playing with a kitten, is a little boy. Suddenly he stops playing and glances up at the gentleman.

"Papa, isn't it time for Harry to be here?" he asked.

"Yes, yes, my son," answered the gentleman, "I'm expecting him every moment."

"Papa," this time it was the girl who spoke, "isn't Harry a

good boy?"

"Course I am," spoke up the little lad on the floor, as he grabbed the little kitten's bushy tail and pulled him along the floor. "Didn't you always know that?"

"Oh, I don't mean you," answered the little girl. Then, for the first time catching sight of her brother mal-treating her darling pet, she made for him; but Harry wisely kept out of her way.

"You—you naughty, good-for-nothing boy!" she said, after hugging her little pet, "How dare you do that?"

The little fellow was about to make a reply, when suddenly the door was thrown open, and into the room walked Harry Ward.

With a glad cry the children made a rush for him.

Mr. Manton was not far behind, either.

"Welcome, my lad," he said, as he shook Harry's hand, while little Harry tried to climb up big Harry's legs, all the while talking as fast as he could.

Harry then seated himself in a large arm-chair with Mable on his knee. Little Harry did not seem to like this, for he seated himself on the floor right in front of the big chair, and commenced to pull big Harry from his seat.

"Well, Harry," said Mr. Manton, "how did you like college?"

"Fine," was Harry's answer,

and here we might as well write
THE END.

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Their Midnight Burglar.
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THE NEGROES' REVIVAL

BY RASH.

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They were jailed and in the morning in reply to the Mayor's, "What have you to say for yourself?"

They replied, "Gess we got 'ligion, an' want 'sponsible fer what we done."

They were given 10 days not for getting 'legion but for getting such a violent type, and perhaps these same negroes will be in the next fight after their next revial.

DICK-NACKS.—The editor of the "Red Man," Stamford, Ct., wishes us to state that his paper will appear again Oct. 1. The cause of suspension was on account of his being away from home a great deal this summer.... The enlargement of the "Literary Signal" is simply wonderful. It deserves its success.... What has become of the "Curiosity Collector?" We have not received it since last May....

"The Acorn" improves with every number.... Would "Bee," Merchantville, N. J., please send us No. 1, of Vol. 3?.... "Union Jack" is a new English Amateur. It is fair.... "Hyperion" for September was very good.... "Literary Monthly" of England, is one of the best English journals we receive... "Twinkling Star" continues to improve.... What has become of the "Monthly Journal," England? We have not received it since May.... The name of this magazine may undergo a change in the near future.... "Montclair P r e s s" would be more interesting to its X's if it contained some amateur notes.... "Waterville Gazette" has enlarged to 4, 3-column, pages.... The last "Monthly Spy" was much improved. Take more pains in your printing and proof-reading, Fred.... We would like to exchange with all papers, but we shall not insert any "ads." to receive a pager regularly.... We are making arrangements to issue a splendid Christmas number, and we shall need lots of MSS. Authors don't forget us in distributing your favors. All accepted articles entitle the author to paper one year, and from 2 to 10 copies of issue containing your contribution.... The last "National Amateur" was very interesting.

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In think not in deem,
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THE GIRLS' BURGLAR.

BY SARAH HRBEK.

PART I.

"**D**OW, Kate, be sure and come over as soon as you can and none of your usual slow-pokiness. I've just been to the depot to see 'em all off. I tell you there was a sensation down there! That idiot, Dick, remembered at the last moment that Cross-eye, his billy-goat, had been left at home, and maybe he didn't raise a racket. He wanted to jump off the train and come back to get him but luckily Jane caught Dick by his coat-tail and kept him in the car. Oh, you should have been there, Kate."

Lura Campbell laughed merrily at the remembrance of the episode and Kate Sedgwick, who could easily imagine the amusing scene joined in her laughter.

"I didn't know Jane was going along too. Did your mother want her?"

"Oh no, Kate, you see Jane's chronic old father is dying again, for the twenty-ninth time I believe, and he always summons her "to come to his death-bed," as he writes in his letters. She goes every time notwithstanding that she always finds him alive and well. But she provided enough for us in the pastry and culinary department, to last a century; so you needn't fear on that account. But mother said we should hold in mind the last admonition she gave me as the train pulled out. That was, not to overeat ourselves or rather,—*myself as you never eat much.*"

"Oh no, not at all," laughed Kate, "I never *eat*, I only take refreshments once in a while." Lu laughed gaily at Kate's vindication of herself and then the latter tore herself away forcibly saying, "I must go and dust the furniture, make the beds, and

do all the "and so fourths" before I can come down to your house. So, Ta, ta, Lu."

Lu hurried homeward meeting a friend on the way who detained her a long while causing her to reach home only a few moments in advance of Kate who had meanwhile finished her work and packed a bundle of clothing which was sent to Lu's house by Old Pete, the driver, for Kate was to stay with her chum for a few days, while Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and Dick, were visiting some relatives at Durward.

After the greeting which was affectionate enough to seem to denote a separation of years instead of an hour, Lu exclaimed,

"Oh, Kate, just think! I met Charlie Stafford in the park on my way home and he invited us *particularly* to attend the picnic at Linwood Grove this P. M. And we're to go up in the steamer Climax, too. Won't it be fun? I guess I'll "array" myself in my new pink challe. What'll you wear, Kate?"

"I? Well, if we're to have you and Charlie Stafford for company, I rather think I'll wear a look of complete desolation, if not of utter woe."

"Oh, I forgot to say, my dear, that Fred Benton is to complete our quartette. Won't *that* news induce you to change the costume you intended to wear and

instead meet Fred with a countenance clothed with smiles?"

"Ha, ha, Lu, that's pretty good. I guess we are pretty evenly matched in describing facial garments, arn't we? But I s'pose I can manage to bear Fred's presence for this afternoon, anyway."

"Well, I s'pose you *can*," answered Lu, with a significant wink at the unresponsive clock in the corner.

At twenty minutes to one exactly, the two young gents who had unknowingly been the subjects of the morning discussion, arrived and escorted the young ladies and their immense lunch baskets to the steamer to which they had already brought the requisite hammocks, camp chairs and all the other necessaries to a successful picnic.

When all the young people had assembled, the Climax steamed up the river amidst the cheers of the passengers.

It is needless to say the picnic was enjoyed by everyone in general, as picnics always are, and by our quartette in particular.

With the exception of a little scare Kate received in coming across a large water-snake while "exploring" the Grove with Fred Benton, that couple declared the picnic a success. Fred did himself quite proud in

Kate's eyes by putting an end to the snake's life and gallantly vowing to protect her from any or all dangers that might assail her, though it was hard to see how any other danger could possibly harm her.

Charlie and Lu, however, together with another ill-fated pair fared worse for they had wandered to a remote portion of the Grove, with hammock, etc., and had come back to the shore just as the steamer puffed out with its homeward-bound passengers.

The four young folks were obliged to wait patiently on the banks, hoping to be rescued from the "desert island," as they termed the luxuriant Linwood Grove, by some of the passing boats.

Finally being observed by a sail-boat, the four were taken to their "native shores," and in spite of the seeming draw-backs, Lu and Charlie emphatically declared they had enjoyed themselves in A No. 1 style and the latter pronounced it, "the jolliest picnic I ever went to."

Doubtless they had enjoyed each others society more than the picnic itself, and this was also the case with Fred and Kate though it is not probable they would confess it.

When at home again that evening, Lu and Kate recounted to each other their various experiences and thereon the latter

mildly suggested, "I would just as lief take some "refreshments" now, Lu, as the ice-cream and cake of this afternoon hasn't been quite enough to serve as a sufficient nourishment to my delicate and ethereal constitution."

"Kate, do explain yourself," cried Lu, with a puzzled look on her face, for so much verbosity, had conquered her common-place and limited vocabulary.

"Well, if you can't understand plain English, Lu, I suppose I'll have to say it in Greek, *I'm hungry!*"

"Oh," laughed Lu, "that isn't Greek to me. But come, there's plenty in the pantry and we can have a feast all by ourselves."

The girls proceeded down stairs and "fed themselves" as Lu expressed it, but when they had finished their meal, they neglected to shut the pantry door as Cook Jane had taken care to do every night.

Upstairs to Lu's room the girls went after it had grown too dark to stay outside and lighting a lamp, they sat together talking of the events of the afternoon, till bed-time came and then they both fell asleep to dream of the picnic.

It must have been a few minutes to twelve when Lu who was a light sleeper was awakened by hearing a curious, scratching noise at the back-door down stairs. She listened for a moment and hearing the sound continued, she leaned over and shook sleeping Kate, with one hand, while she held her other hand over Kate's mouth to prevent her making a possible outcry.

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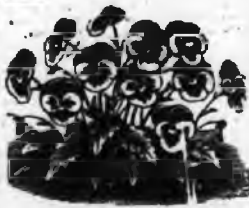
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THE ONE I CHOSE.

WHEN young, I flirted with the girls,
And every hour went swift and pleasant;
I worship'd their bright eyes and curls,
The absent ones as well as present.
The smiles that fell on me were sweet
As sunshine after summer showers,
And every lip that mine would meet
Was sweeter far, than nature's flowers.

But as I older grew, I found
Love's bubbles bursting daily round me—
Life's idols scatter'd o'er the ground,
So faithless smiles no longer bound me—
I still with pleasure beauty view,
But let it blossom at a distance;
The one I chose is good and true
With loving heart to charm existence.

—Ogden Palmer.

THE GIRLS' BURGLAR.

BY SARAH HRBEK.

PART II.

SLEEPY Kate grumbled out something inaudible, but awoke more fully and sat quietly enough, when Lu informed her in a trembling whisper, "Oh, Kate! There's a bur-bur-glar downstairs! He must have found out that that wretched fifty dollars had been left in the

house and now he's come to rob us. Father forgot to take it with him and left it in the desk in the library. Oh, Ka-te! What *shall* we do?"

"Do, do, do, do, do!" stammered poor Kate, uttering the words swiftly and with ludicrous effect.

Lu for once did not laugh for

she knew Kate could not break herself of the habit of stuttering when extremely scared, and anyway Lu was at that moment revolving plans in her head of how to get rid of the burglar. Lu had read of many stratagems by which defenceless girls like themselves had captured or frightened away invaders, but none pleased her so well, as the one she proposed to test.

She told her plan to Kate and instructed her in her part. She arrayed herself in the guise of a "ghost" by wrapping herself in the white bed-sheet, and stalked fearlessly out of the room, followed by trembling Kate, who was in her long white night-dress.

The girls being bare-footed made no noise on the stairs, but when they had reached the hall, Lu turned to her ghostly companion with a surprised look and said, "Why, that burglar must have mistaken the room, for I hear him inside the kitchen. Don't you?"

"Ye-es," replied Kate equally astonished for what could a burglar possibly want in the kitchen? And yet the sounds issued directly from that room, though now they appeared more muffled and indistinct.

Lu's courage began to ooze out of her finger-tips, so to speak, but nevertheless, she said brave-

ly, "Come, Kate, I imagine he has gone into the pantry thinking it leads to another room. Let us enter and surprise him."

Kate did not answer, but silently and cautiously opened the kitchen door, for she felt quite as brave as Lu, now that her spirits were returning.

Not a sign of the burglar! Where could he be? Aha, in the pantry as Lu had said, for suddenly they heard a bang and rattle, inside the small pantry which assured them of the presence of someone within, though no voice was heard.

The two girls with the same though uncommunicated thought in their minds, scurried across the kitchen floor and slammed too the pantry door, so as to cut off any means of the burglar's escape. Kate did not stop to make remarks but began to pile boxes, chairs and heavy articles of furniture, against the pantry door, with Lu's help, in order to secure their prisoner more safely, *un*-safely for him Kate thought.

"There now," cried Kate triumphantly in spite of the noise of kicking and rattling inside the pantry. "We've got him at last! And I feel relieved, don't you, Lu?"

"Yes, rather, but I tell you I was scared a while ago. Why, I felt even my toes shake and shiver with fear."

The two girls, knowing that their prisoner could not escape even with the aid of a battering-ram, hurried back to their room just as the clock struck twelve. Here they sat for some time talking of their prisoner, till Lu dozed off into a light sleep, while Kate, restless and excited, sat up awake till dawn.

Next morning with the earliest light Kate dispatched Lu to the telegraph office, where the latter sent a short message to her father, informing him of the capture of the burglar and requesting his presence at once.

The girls did not venture near the pantry all the morning, in spite of their hunger, being obliged to content themselves with what had been left from their lunch at the picnic the day before.

Precisely at noon the rest of the Campbell family arrived, for they had been much excited by the telegram, and had decided to return, one and all their Durward relatives with them.

They met the two girls, each with a thousand questions on their tongues, but they had to be satisfied with Kate's clear and concise rehearsal of their and the burglar's adventures.

"Come, let's see what this great burglar is like," said Mr. Campbell, "We'll lodge him behind the bars in less than an hour." And with these words so threatening to the welfare of the burglar, he started towards the kitchen followed by poor, trembling Mrs. Campbell, bold Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsley, their Durward relatives, and Kate and Lu, the heroines of the "tragic episode."

Into the kitchen burst Mr. Campbell and with help from the others, he managed to clear away the obstacles before the door.

A violent kicking was heard inside which they knew must be the midnight invader attempting to break down the door.

Both Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Lindsley were scared, Dick was too, but he would not have owned it for the world. Mr. Lindsley looked interested, Kate was trembling and even Lu forgot to laugh. Mr. Campbell was the only brave one willing to act, and he went up to the door boldly, opened it cautiously and then—ker-whack, the door flew open and out burst the burglar (?) with such tremendous violence as to knock down Mr. Campbell and cause him to exclaim rather inelegantly, "Oh, the devil!"

Somebody screamed, Mrs. Campbell nearly fainted, and Dick was affectionately embraced by the burglar who was none other than—Cross-eye, his pet billy-goat!

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On arriving his land-lady met him with the assurance that she would have supposed he had departed and defrauded her of his board-bill, had he not left his gold watch on his table.

Macaulay was thunder struck. He had not taken his watch with him, and memory in the excitement playing him shirk, had allowed him to "hold up" and rob a rambler like himself, whose only injury to him had been that rude and probably accidental encounter.

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