RIQUET WITH THE TUFT.

Once vpon a time a queen had a little son, who was so ugly and ill made that for a long time the poor little baby was thought hardly human. However, a good fairy, who prewided at his birth, assured his mother that, and wit that he would never be disagreeable; moreover, she bestowed on him the power of communicating these gifts to the person he should love best in the world. At this the queen was a little comforted, and became still more so when, as soon as he could speak, the infant began to say such pretty and clever things that everybody was charmed with him. (I forgot to mention I fear I shall never be able to do as you dethat his name was Riquet with the Tuft, sire." "You surprise me, madam." because he was born with a curious tuft of hair on the top of his head.)

tremely ugly that the mother's extravagant | was only a fool." joy in the first was all turned to grief about the second. So, in order to calm her feel- well complain of your broken promise; and should be as stupid as she was pretty, while not complain of what takes away all the the other would grow up so clever and nappiness of my life? Tell me candidly, is of beauty.

"Heaven grant it !" sighed the queen; "but are there no means of giving a little sense to the one who is so beautiful?"

returned the fairy-" nothing as regards ance." her own fortunes; but I grant her the "Then, madam, I need not lose my happipower of making the person who best ness; for if I have the gift of making clever pleases her as handsome as herself."

nothing was spoken of but the beauty of the | to do that?' elder and the wit of the younger. True, their faults increased equally—the one became uglier and the other more stupid, had a word to say for herself, or else it was awkward that she could not place four teacups in a row without breaking at least one of them, nor drink a glass of water without no fairy gift, but that love created the spilling half of it over her clothes. Beauty change. They declare that the princess, is a great charm; yet, whenever the sisters | when she thought over her lover's perseverwent out together, those who were attracted ance, patience, good humor and discretion, by the elder's lovely face, in less than half and counted his numerous fine qualities of an hour were sure to be seen at the side of mind and disposition, saw no longer the the younger, laughing at her witty and deformity of his features; that his hump pleasant sayings, and altogether deserting was merely an exaggerated stoop, and his the poor beauty, who had just sense enough awkward movements became only an interto find it out, and to feel that she would esting eccentricity. Nay, even his eyes, have given all her good looks for one half | which squinted terribly, seemed always of her sister's talents.

wood, and was crying over her hard fate, an air very martial and heroic. she saw coming toward her a little man, However this may be, it is certain that should this be but Prince Riquet with the retained her good sense, or he never Tuft? He had seen her portrait, and had felt the want of it; and he never again fallen desperately in love with her, and became ugly-or, at least, not in his wife's secretly quitted his father's kingdom that eyes; so they both lived very happy until he might have the pleasure of meeting her. | they died. Delighted to find her alone, he came forward with all the respect and politeness imaginable. But he could not help noticing how very melanchely she was, and that all the elegant compliments he [made her did | small boy in what they consider a properly not seem to affect her in the least.

how so charming and lovely a lady can be table and expected to do so regularly. But so very sad. Never did I see any one who | the other day a clergyman happered to visit could at all compare with you."

and stopped.

"is so great an advantage that, if one possess. held in as well as he could until the "Amen" ed it, one would never trouble oneself about was said, and then he howled in a hoarse any thing else."

"I wish I were as ugly as you and had ear, "Well, ma, ain't he got cheek !" some sense, rather than be as handsome as

I am, and such a fool." "Madam," said Riouet politely, though her speech was not exactly civil, "nothing shows intellect so much as the modesty of believing one does not possess it.

"I don't know that; but I know 1 am great fool, and it vexes me so, that I wish I was dead." cried the princess bitterly.

" If that is all, madam, I can easily put an end to your grief, for I have the power of making the person I love best as clever as I please. I will do it, provided you consent to marry me." Good dumb with astonish-

ment. She-to marry that little frightful creature-scarcely a man at all ! "I see," said Riquet, "that my proposal

offends and grieves you. Well, I will give you a year to consider it." Now the young lady was so stupid that

she thought a year's end was a long way off -so long that it seemed as if it might not come at all, or something might happen between whiles. And she had such a longing to be clever and admired that she thought at all risks. She would accept the chance of becoming so. Accordingly she promised Riquet to marry him that day twelvemonth.

No sooner had she said it than she felt her. self quite another being. She found she could at once say anything she chose, and say it in the most graceful and brilliant way. She began a lively conversation with Prince Riquet and chattered so fast and so wittily that he began to be afraid he had given her so much cleverness as to leave himself none,

When she returned to the palace all the court was astonished at the change. She, who had annoyed everybody by the impert inent, tasteless or downright foolish things she uttered, now charmed everybody by her wit, her pleasantness and exceeding good sense. The king himself began to come to her apartment and ask her advice in state affairs. Her mother, and indeed the whole kingdom were delighted ; the only person to whom nobody now took the least notice.

in marriage this wonderful princess, who was tives was extensive and its utterance of as clever as she was beautiful; but she found | them lavish. After the payrot had sworn the | from England. Dr. Graham, of Hull, is the none to suit her, probably because the more | minister out of the house one day the indigsense a lady has the more difficult she is to nant purchaser took it back to the original please. As for her promise to Riquet with owner and said: the Tuft, being given in the days when she was so dull and stupic, it now never once He swears too much. came into her head; until one day, being quite perplexed by her numerous suitors, owner, "you can cure him. As soon as he fugitives from Canada under its provisions she went to take a solitary walk and think swears the pext time seize him by the tail without co-operating with a dependent State my wife? the matter over, when by chance she came and whirl him around and you'll break him in discrediting the supreme treaty-making into the same wood where she had met the of his habit." prince. There, all of a sudden, she thought | The opportunity came as soon as the | wonderfully careful of British feeling our she heard a queer running about and chatter | purchaser reached home and he caught the ing underground. "Fetch me that spit," unlucky bird by the tail and violently of receiving back their own criminals. But cried one; "Put some more wood on that sawed the air in circular fashion with it. | there need be no qualms of conscience on fire," said another; and by and by the earth | When he got through the parrot straighten. opened, showing a great kitchen filled with ed out its ruffled feathers and looking at its cooks, cooking a splendid banquet. They owner, said: "Judas Cripes, didn't it insulted when the measure goes into operwere all working merrily at their several blow !"

duties, and singing together in the most

"What is all this about?" asked the amazed princess.

"If you please, madam," repled the headcook, politely, "we are cooking the weddingdinner of Prince Riquet with the Tuft, who

is to be married to-morrow." "Tomorrow!" cried the princess, all at once recollecting her promise; at which she was so frightened that she thought she though ugly, he would have so much sense would have fallen to the earth. Greater still was her alarm when at only a few steps' distance, she beheld Riquet, dressed splendidly like a prince and a bridegroom.

"You see me, princess, exact to my word; and I doubt not you are the same, come to

make me the happiest of mankind." "Prince," said the lady, frankly. "I must confess that such was not my intention, and

"I can well believe it; and if I had to do with a brute, instead of a gentleman of sense Seven or eight years after this the queen and feeling, I should be very uneasy," reof a neighboring country had two little turned she; "but since I speak with the daughters, twins, at whose birth the same cleverest man in the world, I am sure he will fairy presided. The elder twin was more hear resson, and will not bind me, now a beautiful than the day-the younger so ex- sensible woman, to a promise I made when I

"If I were a fool myself, madam, I might birth, my temper, my manners?"

"No, truly," replied the princess; "I like everything in you, except"-and she hesi-"I can do nothing for her, madam," tated courteously-"except your appear.

whoseever I love best, you also are able to Accordingly, as the young princesses grew | make the person you prefer as handsome as up, their perfections grew with them; and ever you please. Could you love me enough

"I think I could," said the princess, and her heart being greatly softened toward him, she wished that he might become the handday by day. Unlucky fair one ! she never somest prince in all the world. No sooner had she done so than Riquet with the Tuft the silliest word imaginable, and she was so appeared in her oyes the most elegant young

man she had ever seen. Ill-natured people have said that this was looking on all sides for her, in token of his One day, when she had hid herself in a violent love, and his great red nose gave him

very ugly, but magnificently dressed. Who | the princess married him; that either she

Knocked out on His Specialty.

Some friends of ours are bringing up their devotional path. Among other serious exer-"I cannot comprehend, madam," said he, cises he has been trained to say grace at them, and of course madam made a sign to "That's all you know," said the princess, ask the blessing. Just as Master Boy was opening his mouth the vistor began, to the "Beauty," continued the prince, sighing, amizement of the regular incumbent. He but finely audible whisper into his mother's

A Little Too Previous.

A youthful married couple, whose house of a fac simile of the beautiful little mother, decided to have the christening service at home. A venerable missionary was called to officiate. He took the babe in his arms and addressed a few words of advice to the young perents.

way that he should go : that you surround him with the best influence, and that you give him a good example. If you do so who knows but what he may become a John Wesley or a Gladstone? What is his

" Nellie, sir," replied his mother,

A Paying Vein.

Funny Passer By-"What are you digging for my friend?" Trench Digger-"Money,"

F. P. B .- "When do you expect to strike T. D .- "Saturday night."

In Vino Sanitas.

"There are five of the guests under the able and I can't mov' em." "Get old Col. Blowhard to make a speech and they'll get up and leave of their own accord.

Had to Take After Him. "Do you take after your father?" "Yep: these trousers were his'n before l got'em. Yer see he's bigger'n me."

How It Dia Blow.

The latest story that has been sprung on an apxious public relates to a parrot that was be pitied was the poor younger sister, of sold into a good moral family and shocked the household very much by using profane Meantime, princes came in throngs to ask | language. Its vocabulary of indecent exple-"Heavens, man, I can't keep this bird.

"That's all right," said the original

TOPICS OF THE TIME.

One of the best signs of Canadian progress and prosperity is to be found in the reports of our railways. All these show increased earnings over previous years and a steady advance in the volume of business throughout all parts of the country. Railways furnish, perhaps, the most reliable data as to the condition of a country on this continent which is more of a producing and exporting than an importing and consuming portion of the earth's surface. Thus great lines, like the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific, indicate from year to year not only the condition of business, but also the growth of the country. Regarded in this light these reports are eminently satisfactory, showing, as they do, a healthy and prosperous advance in all desirable directions.

New York has in its midst a shrine deto partake, as his bronze highness ever does, from the cooking. While the steam was as deities, Greek leaders were getting away begin, "When I was a little girl." with the fat and juicy joints of the sacrifice. This kind of religion has its good points.

An appeal is made by the Vicar Apostolic of Labrador for funds to send provisions to the famine-stricken people on the Labrador coast, and if their lives are to oe saved it appears that [there is no time to be lost, There ought to be no hesitation about sending the required relief, but the better way to assist these people would be to bring them away from the barren coast which offers who can manage to live at all on the Labra-

Count Von Moltke, who has just completed his 89th year, is the oldest among the remarkable number of aged great men who grace the closing decade of the nineteenth century. He is truly a man of this century; coming into existence with it, he has passed through its most stormy scenes, and been present at some of its greatest events. He has seen an old world pass away and a new one arise. His career is perhaps the most remarkable of any great man of his time. Unlike many of them he gained no advance from the catastrophes of a century filled with the wrecks of old institutions. His rise was steady on the lines of a purpose adopted early in life. Unswerving devotion, constant attention, indomitable perseverance, were the elements of his puccess. He embodied the German spirit for the unification of the Fatherland, and marched with it from its inception at the overthrow of the first Napoleon to its great triumph on the downfall of third.

Portugal and its affairs have been brought into momentary prominence by the death of and perform such culinary feats as our great King Luiz, a sovereign remarkable more for the elegance of his taste and his literary accomplishments than for his abilities as a ruler. Portugal, however, is an interesting country of which, notwithstanding the cordial connection which has always existed between it and Great Britain, most people know nothing, or next to nothing, more than the bare facts relating to its history and policy as a European state. The literature of Portugal, especially its ballads, curiously preservative of an Arabic and Saracenic the stew-pan-sometimes, if not strict in exhas recently been glorified by the addition of a fac simile of the beautiful little mother, by English students. The Portuguese have two vegetables, dressed and eaten separately, been famous as seafaring adventurers from and sometimes, not always, a sweet dish: been famous as seafaring adventurers from the earliest times and have always been remarkable for their success in dealing with savage peoples. It is claimed that Portuguese traders had penetrated every nook "See that you train up this child in the and cranny of Africa, from the Zambesi to the Congo and Niger, on the north, and the Zanzibar coast on the east. In search of gold and ivory, long before Livingston or they eat inferior things though their cook-Stanley set foot on the dark continent. They are a people without prejudices in matters of trade and, being devoid of color antipathies, inter-marry with blacks, yellows and reds in their colonies. From these unions a curious race has developed that is known throughout the tropics for keenness and urscrupulousness as traders. British creditors of the Portuguese Government are numerous, and the recent trouble at Delagoa Pay was in the nature of an effort to throw off the yoke imposed by British capital and enterprise. In spite of their adventurous character the Portuguese are the most conservative people in the world. It seems that, in ideas and habits, they are incapable of progressive change and every year they drop farther in the rear of the march of European progress. The new King is said to be energetic and ambitious, and may possibly find full employment for his abilities in the work of internal reform, which the kingdom stands greatly in need.

A Big Phosphate Deal.

OTTAWA, Nov. 28,-The first result of the recent of valt Messrs. Hutchison and P. Wurzburger, the scientific agent of the Auglo-Continental Guano Company, late Ohlendorf's was brought about last week. They came here to find phosphate mines suitable for their firm, and on Tuesday last the agreement to sell the the Graham mines in Buck. ingham was signed, and yesterday a cablegram was received stating that a draft for \$100,000, the purchase price, was forwarded vendor, and it is understood that the same syndicate is in negotiation for other mines.

One of the New York papers discussing the Weldon Extradition Act says: "The United States cannot receive surrendered power of the Imperial Government." How neighbours are when it comes to a question this score. If the Imperial Government consents to the Weldon Act it will not feel

Something New.

Solomon was very nearly right when he said, "There is no new thing under the In fact, I think no one ever did, until this Whitney, G, P. & T. A., St. Paul, Minn. year when they have sprung suddenly into fashion among English girls. A Dress Album is made by having a blank-book of good thick paper (such as is made for mount. ing photographr), and in it pasting a scrap, about two inches square, of each new dress which the owner of the album purchases. Under each sample is written the date when the dress was first worn, and the cost may also be added in cipher, for private refer-There are some great advantages attending this new hobby, but first let us look at it from the side of sentiment only. Imagine for a moment that your mother

had always kept such a record; could anydicated to the Heathen God Joss. The pigtail | thing be more fascinating than to turn over celestials take up a collection at the portals its pages and look with pleased interest at a of the sanctuary, offer it to Joss and return | bit of the pink gingham which she were to the contribution to the original donor as he her first picnic, or the scrap like the lavenquits the temple. Thus roast pigs and fowls | der silk which she had on the day when she are offered to the Pagan deity to appease his met your father for the first time! Could wrath and soothe him, and when he refuses anything be more delightful to children than stories of their mother's youth thus the edibles are taken home again and eaten illustrated? And would not tender love by the almond-eyed disciples of Confucius, and spmpathy fill their childish hearts as ings, the fairy told her that the one daughter being, as you say, a man of sense, should I About as practical in their religion were the they came to the little square of black ancient Homeric Greeks. Immense barbscues | bombszine which marked their mother's were held in honor of the gods, but it is to be grief for the baby brother who died before charming that nobody would miss her want there anything in me, except my ugliness, observed that all of the fat oxen that went they were born? The power of association which displeases you? Do you object to my to the gods was the steam and savor arising would bring back many a scene to the the potency of both being largely inmother's mind, as she turned over the old creased. It is used by Physicians all over cending heavenwards to the mansions of the | book, and thus allow her to add to the list | the world. cloud capped Jupiter and other celestial of those much-leved home stories which

Now for the practical side. If a girl starts a Dress Album and keeps it carefully, I am sure that the result will be to make her more STAMPS or United States wanted. Address, prudent and economical in her purchases, as she sees before her such a faithful mirror of her expenditure. Will not her heart sink for shame as her eyes fall upon Address, MEYERS BROS., 87 Church St., Toronto. a sample of the heliotrope nun's veiling which she insists on buying, against her mother's advice, and which one bright sun faded beyond remedy? An object lesson like this will do more good than a thousand them no reasonable prospect of prosperity lectures! A thoughtful girl will begin to and where every now and then they are consider, as she looks over her album, brought to the verge of starvation. People whether she is doing right to spend so much money on her dress, when so many good dor coast would surely thrive on the Pacific | causes are standing still for lack of means, and before she buys a new dress she will ask herself, " Do I really need it ?" not "Will it be becoming?"

A good and lasting lesson in prudence may be learned from the pattern of the thin dress which was worn on a yachting excursion in spite of grave remonstrance from those older and wiser, and which resulted in an attack of bronchitis and three weeks spent in bed. So by all means begin to keep a Dress Album, and do not fail to learn from it the lessons in prudence and economy which it will teach to a thinking mind. As you show it to your friends I think that you may safely say (notwithstanding Solomon's assertion), " See this is new."-[Julia B. Schauffler.

French Housekeeping.

In an article on "A French Woman at Home" in the "Ladies Journal," Dorothea says :- She helps to cook the dinner she has bought-for servants are wasteful with the charcoal and she knows to an inch how little she can use. In that marvellous place-a French kitchen-where two or three little holes in a stove cook such delicate dishes, roaring coal fires have no conception ofshe flits about like a fairy, creating magical messes out of raw material of the most ordinary description.

Yes, though a lady born and bred, refined, elegant, and agreeable in society, a belle in her way, yet she does not think is beneath her dignity to lighten the household expenses by practical economy and activity.

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it is rather in arrangement than in material that they appear rich. The idea that the French are gourmands in private life is incorrect. They spend little in eating and ery is rather a science than a mere accident of civilization. At home the great aim of the French is to save any self-sacrifice that will lead to this result is cheerfully undertaken, more especially in eating than in the mere luxury of mere idleness.

No French woman will spend a cent to save herself trouble. She would rather work like a dray horse to buy an extra yard of ribbon or a new pair of gloves than lie on the softest sofa in the world in placid fineladyism, with crumpled gauze or bare hands.

Mammoth Raft.

Another "Joggins" raft is to be built in Nova Scotia. This species of raft is of mammoth proportions. It is built of logs laid together in the shape of a cigar and bound with heavy chains. The first Jeggins raft went to pieces on the Atlantic, and distributed its ingredients among the nations of the world. The second reached New York in safety, and was in every sense of the word a success. The third, to be commenced at once, will be as large as its predecessors, and will weigh 11,000 tens. There is nothing novel, however, in the idea of transporting timber on the ecean in the ferm of rafte. As early as 1824 is was shought of and tried in Quebec. That year the huge timber ship, the Columbus, was built at that pert, and sailed full of ferest wealth to the Thames, where, as the largest ship until then seen in English waters, she was the wonder of the day. The Baron of Renfrew followed in the next year. She was a larger vessel than the Columbus. Both ships were lost, the Columbus after her cargo had been discharged, and the Baron of Renfrew before she reached London.

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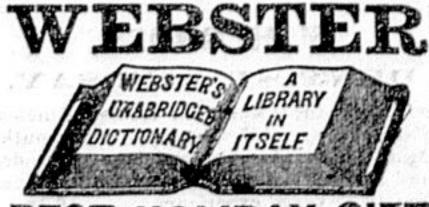
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