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"It seems to me, Tabitha, that sometimes you think I don't know anything," observed Peter in a tone of rueful impatience as he stood just inside the kitchen door. His hand held it sufficiently ajar to admit a draft of icy air which circulated freezingly of the Olice Rates, Office No. about Miss Groot's well developed shoulders as she kneaded her dough in the bread pan with sounding

Boo! What's open?"

the thoughtless Peter with a glare of an' I'll rise with 'em. Oh, ginger, my

disapproval.

Company delved for words of ambitious length. of my auburn locks. Imposin' as any Funds. I am These nuggets after proper mental as- of 'em, I guess." siways ready to buy good mort- similation were applied to Peter as a I. E. WELDON, Solicitor, test. If he endured them without wincing and with some degree of comprehension Miss Groot felt secure in 80 BORROWERS-We are loaning broader paths. Peter had served time at the district school in the heyday of early youth and was therefore a fit subject. Being consumed with admiration for Tabitha's qualities, physical as well as mental, he was also a willing

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sion of sheepish pacification. "Come in or go out!" cried Tabitha in high wrath, forgetting her scholarship. "Here'm I, all het up workin', an' you tryin' to fix consumption on to me. Shet that door one way or t'oth-

"It's worth while gettin' you mad to have you talk like a human bein',' grinned the culprit, with a horrible absence of tact. "My head aches yet



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This speech of mingled common sense and unintentional insult and compliment was cut off by a lump of dough striking him squarely in the mouth. He

darted out, sputtering. Tabitha raged across the room and shot the bolt, her round countenance flaming. Then she bit hard on her rosy under lip and sat down to recover, a precept of learning being an attempt at philosophic calm under trying circum-

"Let's see," she ruminated. "Go slow, now, Tab. Think. Pete's edgin' up to "Observin' man!" responded the lady. -to matrimonial overtoors-that's right "At certain periods, Pete, I have dis- -correct, I mean. You're assistin' his cerned faint glimmerin's of intelli- ma in household duties an' just as gence under that shock of tow coverin' good as he is-hired gal!-that was what in most folks is considered a mean. The flesh is willin', but the brain cavity, but not often-not often. spirit is weakenin'. I swan-that is, I utterly swear-that I won't give such She wheeled her plump figure with a fool another thought. 'Twill be a an emphatic movement and transfixed mistake. My ideas is more elevated,

bread!" Tabitha was a student, not in the Miss Groot sighed as culinary operaordinary sense, but of the rare variety tions were resumed. "The farm will which assiduously seeks for an en- come to Peter in the ordinary course We are loaning mo- largement of knowledge, her special of events," she reflected sorrowfully. or real cetate, in sums to ambition being the acquisition of lan- "It's a good one, an' his pa's failin'; borrowers, at the very lowest guage. Unhappily, or perhaps other- but no; an edified mind has higher asgates of interest and suitable terms. Wise, her opportunities were limited. pirations than cows an' pigs, an' I'll JOHN McSWEYN, W. E. SMITH The Bunfield Gazette was her princibe at the head of a woman's college if pal source of material and, coming reg- I keep on. I ain't only nineteen an' THE UNDERSIGNED is prepared to ularly once a week, supplied an effectimpressive of bearin', if I do say it. gowns with a four cornered hat atop

> This modest view of the future exalted Tabitha's spirit as she shoved her leaves into the oven.

"Pshaw!" she exclaimed, striking an attitude. "Laugh at me, will they? I'll start the laugh t'other way an' do it today. 'Hitch your wagon to a star,' as Emerson says. He oughter have said 'unite' or 'attach,' but the idea ain't discouragin,' an' I'll pitch right in an' get attention attracted. Then Mis' Shields can look round for other help. Maybe they'll want me in their office

right away." Poor Peter! During the ensuing ten days he was frozen with a succession of refrigerating snubs and acid repulses which cast him into the depths of despondency. Tabitha appeared absorbed in rapt contemplation of affairs beyond the mundane. She was silent, yet expectant, as one waiting for a message of unbounded import. Still he lingered mournfully about the region of Miss Groot's performances, with an eye to lending an assisting hand. It was not desired. Neither was conver-

sation. Peter visibly drooped. Then came Thursday evening and the Bunneld Gazette. Peter welcomed 't and at once repaired to the kitchen and held it out as a peace offering. Perhaps this beloved messenger would produce a beneficent thaw.

The girl's eyes shone, and her cheeks were like peonies. "Look it over," she remarked in a lofty voice. "If you find anything about me read it aloud."

Peter glanced through the pages and started. "Lordy!" he exclaimed. "You have got in the paper!" "Read it," commanded Miss Groot,

sitting up excitedly, "then laugh if you want to." The young man commenced:

A GENEROUS OFFER. We are greatly indebted to Miss Tabitha Groot of Partridge Corners [a satisfied smile from that lady] for the extremely kind communication herewith printed at her request. Our readers, we are positive, will appreciate it as a contribution to be

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"TABITHA KITTREDGE GROOT." We deeply deplore our inability to avail ourselves of Miss Groot's courteous proposition and trust our correspondent will pardon us for trifling changes in her letter, made necessary for the enlightenment of our readers. Our sincere advice to this young lady is a decided opinion that she keep right on working for Mrs. Shields of Partridge Corners until time shall bring her a modicum of common sense and some knowledge of English composition, else her "desirable institution" will surely be the poorhouse-

A cry of anguish from Tabitha stopped Peter's labored enunciation. He did not laugh, but sprang from his chair and held the bowed head in his great hands, with his face against her "Never mind, dear," he whispered.

"If they don't want you, I do. Look up, Tabitha. Say you will." The girl, still sobbing, lifted a tear stained face and nodded. Her lover kissed her in rapturous relief. Then Tabitha spoke, and her speech was emphatic. "I'll never look inside that old paper again," she said.

Whistler Was Particular. I saw that marvelous set of etchings printed. In fact, the bulk of them were printed in my own printing room, a room which I had especially arranged for the master, and it was in this little printing room of mine that Whisteed not to break. No charge for the taught me the art of printing from the copper plate. This was my first insight into Whistler as a great master, and one of his characteristics as a great master was that he would have perfection. No matter how small the detail it must be perfect. To be-

gin with, he always insisted upon having old paper upon which to print his etchings and preferably Dutch because of a certain golden tone, unobtainable with new paper, which this particular kind gave to a proof. Many a time Whistler and I have spent weeks in Holland poking about dirty little shops in search of old paper, and sometimes, after having discovered a fine collection of 3,000 or 4,000 sheets, I have seen Whistler literally tremble with excitement and scarcely know how to ask the price for joy. Then again he was very particular as to the choice of oil for mixing with the ink; also with regard to the temperature of the plate, the pressure of the press, the condition of the blankets, and, in fact, everything had to be absolutely right --Mortimer Menpes in Studio.

The Top Hat. Tall hats, "pearking up like the spire of a steeple a quarter of a yard above the crowne," as a sixteenth century writer describes them, were known in the time of Elizabeth, and the Puritans affected them until they merged into the old fashioned beaver of our great-grandfathers' days. Top hats of silk appeared first in Florence about 1800, and twenty years later silk hats with felt bodies were introduced into

About 1840 the French silk hat was placed on the market and at once adopted in the familiar "chimney pot" shape. There were several varieties of it, such as the Wellington hat, with the yeoman crown; the Anglesea hat, bell shaped at the top, and the D'Orsay hat, with ribbed silk binding and a big

The color also varied. Thus the Earl of Harrington started a craze for green top hats by wearing one in his garden with the idea of not frightening the birds. He also tested his silk bats by standing upon them. The top hat, however, was never so favored by any great personage as to account for its general adoption.-London An-

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fendant's counsel asked him: "On first going into the room did you pay a shilling fee to the defendant?" "Yes," was the reply.

"What did she tell you in return for the money?" "Oh," said the witness, "she towld me lots o' things, some on 'em true, some on 'em half true an' some on 'em lees." "Now," continued the counsel after the laughter had died away, "this is the point I wish to get at: Was there any attempt at imposition? Did the

lady impose upon you at all?" "Oh, dear, no!" was the response. "I knowed it wor all gammon, so there couldn't be no imposition. Besides, it wor a bad shillin' as I guv her, to start wi'!"-Tit-Bits.

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Origin of the Tent. An ancient Talmudic legend relates that Adam on his expulsion from paradise encountered a cutting north wind, against which his scant girdle of fig leaves proved poor protection. As he wistfully cast his eyes over the desolate plain of Shinar he perceived at a great distance a dead thorn bush. Running thither, he crouched behind it, and while still shivering he saw a wild ass come by. And Adam cried to the beast to lie down alongside and keep him warm. But the ass spake out ("for asses sometimes spake in those days as since," saith the commentator), and derided him for not having a warm coat of fur, whereupon Adam

waxed wroth and slew the ass with a piece of the thorn tree and, with teeth and nails stripping off the ass' coat, wrapped it around himself. But toward noon, the sun growing het and a scorching wind arising, Adam conceived the happy thought of hanging the skin over the bush and reposing in. the shade thereof. It was done, the tent was invented, and civilization began.-Outing.

Tee Grabby. "Some of the young girls nowadays," said Miss Ann Teek, "are positively terrible. The idea of a girl being engaged to two young men at once! It's shameful!" "And," suggested Miss Pepprey

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