### MY COMBADE.

have a comrade; he and I are like As any pair of peas in any pod. A wdiful creature he, as you would strike, And are impatient 'neath affliction's rod. When his own way he fluds he cannot get He raises Ned and other things to boot; With awful voice he roars his dreadful fret. Regardless that the world won't care a boot.

My comrade likes to play the newest game-He quickly tires of all that's old and trite. Scarce plays he two succeeding days the same, Amusements seem to age so over night. He will not work unless he is compelled. He smiles on those with whom he thinks a smile The best investment, and his head gets swelled By people's praise, regardless of their guile.

My comrade likes the food that least agrees With his digestion-hates the wholesome things; Hates other people's warblings, but decrees We all stand breathless, harking while he sings. In all these ways, and eke in many more, My comrade's instincts tally well with mine. He is my child, I should have said before; He's two years old, and I am thirty-nine.

tion of the tones were pleading.

with well-simulated surprise. "How

do you do? What a surprise you are!

"And may I see you alone, just for a

"Oh, I don't know about that, Come

"Thank you, ever so much, Louise,

shall be giad to come," she heard

Louise did not inform Dick of the

addition to their party until he reach

middle of their room, vigorously

glanced at Louise anxiously. She was

"Go on yourself, you're another,

They indulged in a bilarious mood

her day's exertion, felt disturbed by

the freshness and finish of the hand

herself and of her attractions. The

siender, unformed girl Dick remem-

bered had developed into a Junoesque

woman. Everything about her was in

good practice, and she spoke as one

who was accustomed to receiving at

Dick was fascinated by the change

and paid her the homage of open ad-

miration. Miss Carew was gracious

to the others, but it was Dick in whom

she was most interested, and upon

whom she was exerting her charm

The two seemed so absorbed in each

a godlike creature to her.

ward appearances time had

changed him; it had simply passed him

thin on the top of his head, but it was

Finding himself unnoticed by Dick

gave out the impression of one who

source. After a while she did not care, The magnificence of Miss Carew over-

and no thought of him had ever whelmed her, making her feel insig-

marred the happy, congenial life she nificant and inferior. Miss Carew

out and see," she answered, briskly.

where are you?"

Can't I see you alone?"

make little difference.



When Richard Harlow informed his thinking. She had no great desire to wife through the 'phone one morning see her girlhood's love, but the idea accepted his invitation to take dinner Dick's first love appealed to her sense with them that evening. Louise, his of humor. Now that company had fort. wife, could scarcely keep back the re- been forced upon her, one more would monstrating exclamation "Oh, Dick!" but she restrained the impulse, and after a scarcely perceptible hesitation, this evening," she invited cordially, "I answered, "Well, I'll try to have a should love to have you come," she asgood dinner."

"Nice girl, Louise," came back in a satisfied voice. "I knew you wouldn't few moments so we may talk of old object. You never do. Is there any- times, Louise," the soft, languid voice thought you were completely under the thing you want me to get?" he asked. | pleaded.

"No," Louise returned. "I will order what I need from the grocery." "All right," said Dick. "Is 6 or 7

o'clock the hour?" "I think we'll say 7." Louise answerthrough the 'phone. ed, mindful of the many things which must be done before evening.

"All right," Dick repeated. "I'd like ed home a short time before the hour you two girls to meet. You know you're for dinner. He was standing in the sort of connected."

There was a touch of laughter in his brushing his bair. The brushes were voice which Louise understood and re- suspended to midair, while he gave a long whistle of surprise when his wife "Goodbye," said Dick. told him who was coming. He looked

"Goodbre," said Louise, and the con- a little grave and thoughtful, and

Mrs. Harlow was in the midst of her standing before her mirror, apparentspring housecleaning and was neither by busily engaged with the finishing

prepared nor in the humor of guests, touches of her tollet. In reality, she especially when the guest was Rich was watching the reflection of her ard's first love, a woman she never had | busband's face in the glass, and what seen, but had heard of frequently, she saw filled her eyes with the While there was only one room in the twinkle of mischlef. chaotic condition pertaining to housecleaning, still the curtains were remov. haven't seen Charlie for years. ed from several of the windows, and should like you two to meet each the house appeared in rather of a dis- other. You know you're sort of concondition, according to nected." Louise's critical eyes. She took pride in her housekeeping always, but she was especially desirous there should be no flaws when, for the first time, came under Miss Carew's observation.

Louise returned saucily. "I guess She should make the best of it and utter no apologies, she decided. Miss who had a first love." Carew should know without explanation what was going on, though it was while ther awaited their guests, but doubtful if she would. Louise remem- they received them with proper de bered, as she had never kept house hercorum, and talked polite nothings unself and had no practical knowledge of til dinner was served. Louise, conwhat it involved. scious of looking pale and jaded after

Miss Carew was a successful lecturer. Speaking before the woman's clubs was her specialty, and an engage ment of this sort had brought her to the city. She and Dick were engaged, and their engagement broken, some time before he met Louise. It was scarcely more than a boy and girl affair, and Dick had never spent a moment in repining, but he was inclined to tease, and the prominence which Miss Carew's name was given in the papers kept her in his memory, so that he often spoke of her to his wife in mock sentimentality, as his first love.

Louise had an early romance, too. She told the story to Dick when they found they loved each other enough to marry, and then she promptly forgot other that Louise and Charlie-whose the hero of her girlish dreams, though formal name was Mr. Leland-were he occasionally wrote her a letter, to remind her that he still existed, and practically alone. While she talked with him, she studied him curiously had not forgoten and marveled why he had once seemed

For the first time in a long while Carew, after having put a stop to the ting up in the morning. To all housecleaning operations. She smiled always, in his letters, there were rell by. She noticed his hair had grown ed illusions to the romance they had lived together, and thinly disguised carefully arranged so as to conceal his regret that they should have parted, approaching baldness. His eyes were Now that the pain he had caused her as bright and expressionless as ever, sance by marrying while she was tallty was as little changed as his dilution of water of Lake Huron away at school. He had written her physical appearance. loving letters each week, without conveying a hint of what he was intend- and Miss Carew, he lowered his voice the news of it shocked and hurt and threw the loverlike quality into her sorely when it came from another his manner. Louise was not happy.

and Dick lived together. In the midst of her reflections the had no weaknesses. People who have elephone bell rang again, and she no weaknesses are so terrible, Louise

mand a soft, drawling voice ask for vantage of them or of finding fault.

man, and genuine. She heard his hearty laugh in response to something Miss Carew was saying, and she hecame so lost to her surroundings in her pride of him that she forgot to ing extended to dairy barns. listen to the tender reminiscences Charlie was murmuring. The same situation continued throughout the evening, with Dick and Miss Carew entertaining each

other, while Leland and Louise kept near together. At length Charlle, awakening to the fact that the spell he had cast over Louise years before no longer held sway, assumed a hurt expression and was the first to go.

"You're not the same Louise to me any more," he said, reproachfully. when she went with him to the door. "Why should I be when you have a wife and I have Dick?" she answered.

"Ah, yes," he sighed in departing. Louise returned to the room where Miss Carew and Dick were sitting. She took a chair near them, somewhat uneertainly, not feeling sure she would be included in their conversation. Dick, without pausing in what he was saying, extended his hand toward Louise in absentminded welcome. Miss Carew gave a condescending recognition of her presence. Louise's cheeks "Is that you, Louise?" came through burned with a sense of injury, but she held her ground. Dick was her's, and the 'phone. "I didn't dare to be sure. Miss Carew should know it. Finding happened to be passing through the city and thought I would call you in. that Louise intended to stay, Miss Do you know who I am? Don't tell Carew included her in the conversame you have forgotten!" The inflet- | tion, making an evident effort to talk down to her level. Miss Harlow, she Louise knew the voice, though sha thought, was not worthy of her amad not heard it for years. Its sound munition, but as her guest she must was once like a hand laid upon her be courteous.

heart, but that effect was numbered | She did not wait long after Charlle with the things that have been and | had sizted himself away, before she asked Dick to telephone for a carriage. "Why, it's Charlle!" she exclaimed, Louise was astonished at the alacrity with which her request was obeyed She was relieved when her regal guest When did you come to the city, and was borne away in the carriage, and the diminishing sound of the wheels Her questions, save one, were ig assured her of Miss Carew's certain departure. She thought, half resent-"I am very well and I want so much fully, that Dick need not have lingered to see you. Can't I see you, Louise? | quite so long at the door of the carriage, but Dick was home and Miss Mrs. Harlow was doing some rapid Carew had gone, and this was a great consolation. She could hear Dick in the hall closing the house for the that Miss Carew was lu town and had of having him come to dinner with night. It had a homely sound that gave her a sense of security and com-

When Dick came into the room he breathed a long "phew" as one who had passed through a trying exertion. "Come out and have dinner with us "She's a wonder," he said. "She's a

good-looker and a good dresser, but I'd rather come down from the heights and play tag with everyday mortals," "Why, Dick," cried Louise,

"I thought you were, too," Dick returned, quickly.

They laughed at each other in understanding. Then Dick went to his wife, and lounging on the broad arm of her chair, held her to his shoulder. "Little mortal," he whispered, "I'm glad my first love and I didn't get

married." His eyes rested fondly on Louise's happy face. She neatled costly against him, and

was silent for a moment, When she was ready to speak "Dick, dear," she said, "I'm wondering how in the world I ever imagined myself in love with Charite,"-Toledo

LAKE SUPERIOR WATER PUREST.

Result of a Series of Tests Made by The water in Lake Superior is the

purest in the great lakes, ears the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Lake Erie contains the largest per centage of in crustanta Lake Superior was sampled at Sault Ste, Marie, Lake Huron at Port Huron and Lake Michigan from the Strait of Mackinac near St. Ignac. Lake Erie at Buffalo. The series was completed by the collection of samples from St. Lawrence River below Lake Ontario, near Ogdensburg, N. Y. The stations were located at or very near the outlets of the lakes, so that the samples taken would be influenced as little as possible by local surface drainage. The ideal position for the stations would have been of course, in reasons samples could not be taken at

The analyses show that the waters hold in solution varying quantities of calcium and magnesium compounds, which, from their tendency to form scale or incrustations on boilers, called incrustants. Named in order of the total content of incruetanta, beginning with the lowest, the lakes rank as follows: Superior, Huron, Michigan, Ontario, Erie. waters of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron are nearly identical in quality. and the same may be said of those of Lakes Ontario and Erie. Lake Superior, however, carried just about half the amount of incrustants borne Minneapolis, when a new law went

by the other lakes. found in the geological formation that | tests, but in a less than a year when surround the lakes. The streams flow- the changed appearance of the sections ing into Lake Superior drain areas made apparent the marked improvecomposed chiefly of crystaline rocks ment in the landscape by lowering the which yield scant quantities of min- mounds to an almost imperceptible eral matter to waters flowing through rise over the graves lot holders began them; the streams entering Lakes requesting this treatment of their lots. Michigan and Huron, on the other and within a short period of time sevhand, traverse regions made up largely eral thousand grave mounds had been of soluble sedimentary rocks, lime lowered, the cost of annual care mastones, sandstones and clays, which terially reduced, and the general apyield to the waters comparatively large pearance of the grounds greatly im amounts of the calcium and magne- proved. was past, the velled allusions and re- and the same girlish pink tinted the sium compounds. The difference in her with amusement. He smooth skin of his cheeks. She listen- mineral content between Lake Huron was the one who had ended the ro- ed to his talk, and discovered his men- and Lake Michigan results from the the soft water of Lake Superior. Lake Erle is highest in incrustants because it receives not only the waters of Lakes Michigan and Huron, but the drainage from immense areas of sedimentary rocks in Indiana and Ohio and the province of Ontario.

Her Cleverness.

She-Mary Graham is certainly a bathe until the low tides."-Baltimore very clever woman, yet she has little American. and to answer its summons. She thought, there is no way of taking ad- to say. He That's where her cleverness comes in. She leads a man to be She was not in the least influenced lieve that she thinks he is worth lie "I am Mrs. Harlow," she returned. by Charlie. She glanced across the tening to.-Pick-Me-Up.

MUSILIE WINDOWS NOT GLASS. table at Dick and rejoiced that, while he was not so polished or elegant as Their Use in Dairy Barns May Help her first love, he was every inch a to Provent Tuberculesis.

The experiment of using mustin curtains in place of window glass, which has proved so successful in poultry houses all over the country, is now be-

The problem of ventilation has long been one which dairymen have found difficult to soive, says Suburban lafe. The new plan is the acme of simplicity. Several windows are removed and replaced with frames over which common muslin cloth has been tightly stretched.

Experiments have shown that even in the coldest weather the temperature of the stable is lowered only two or three degrees by the use of these curtain windows while the barns actually have seemed very much warmer. This result is due to the fact that the Velephone 772 air is kept dry.

Where this plan has been adopted the cattle have shown less evidence of sut fering from the cold and the attenuants have admitted that the barms have been more comfortable places in which to work than when the glass windows were in use. It is the excess of moisture in the air which causes the feeling of dampness and chill which prevails in many dairy barns. Although the outside air is able to pass through the muslin, it is almost impossible for any one standing three feet away to detect its entrance.

It is possible that the introduction of a system of this kind will do much to prevent the spread of tuberculosis among cattle. Poultrymen have found that whereas under the old system of using glass windows and keeping the house as warm as possible fowls were frequently afflicted with colds and similar troubles, where the muslin curtain system has been adopted the birds are much more free from such complaints and it is expected by advocates of the new system that there will be similar beneficent results in the case of dairy

## WIT OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

Little Harold-"I wish we lived in a skyscraper, mamma." Mamma..."Why, dear?" Little Harold--"So I could slide down the banisters and go up la

"See yat 'ktle boy over zare?" said Mabel. "Yat's my 'Ittle bruzzer, an' his name is Nat." "Indeed," said the visiter. "Well, I think gnat is a good name for a buzzer."

"Papa," suggested Mary, as she listened to her father and mother talking about the garden for the coming spring, "don't you think peanuts would be just as pretty as flowers growing in the front yard?"

It was a very blustry day. The breeze from the sea was so strong that it blew in one or two plates of glass and brought down the curtains with a clatter to the floor. "I see now," said little Harry, "why they call windles win-

Mr. Brown, the new minister, had just enten his first dinner with the Smith family. As they were leaving the dining room the good man turned to the hostess and said: "Sister Smith, I rarely get such an excellent dinner." Before she could reply, Bobby Smith, aged 7, rejoined: "Same here, Brother Brown."

Small Janette beard her mother and aunt talking of their voyage from the old country when they were children and how a terrible storm came up one night and almost sunk the ship with all on board. The next day Janette said: 'Mamma, I'm awfully glad the ship rou came over in didn't sink, for then I might have got a real cross fastimus."

"Papa, is Mrs. Bigelow very poor?" "No, Cedric, Mrs. Bigelow is well off; don't you know what a nice house she has?" "But she sleeps in the hencoop, papa." "Why, Cedric?" "She said she did." "What do you mean?" "Don' you remember when she was here to dinner night before last she excused herself and said she must go home early because she went to bed with the

Graves Made Level Now.

Modern cemetery ideas that run contrary to deep-seated sentiment usually create dissatisfaction when they are first introduced. Just now, says Park and Cemetery, the lot holders in Cedar Groce cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y. are agitated over the rule providing for the leveling of all grave mounds.

Many of the jot holders who are now paying for annual care of their lots mounds on lots for which annual care is not paid would be levelled. Some resent it as "a mean outrage."

Other cemeteries have had similar experiences. In Lakewood cemetery, into effect regarding the lowering of The reason for this variation is grave mounds there were many pro-

> Lots Like Him. "I suppose you'll send your wife to the shore again this summer?" "Nit. Can't afford it."

"Why, she isn't extravagant, is she?" "Not at all. But last summer, all the time she was away. I spent a 2 to 12 inches. hundred a week."

At the Semshore. "Aren't the Brassits very ordinary

"Oh, very! They don't even surf

Nothing pleases a large woman more than to have a man call her a dear li



W. Walbaum GENERAL AUCTIONEER

For Terms and Dates Address 39 W. MAPLE AVE.

**Downers Grove** 

## "WOMAN'S WORK IS NEVER DONE"

This was true years ago when coal stoves were used, but in these modern times, with a Gas Range, home comfort takes the place of household drudgery.

We sell ranges that give satisfaction and no home is fully equipped until there is one installed in the kitchen.

PHONE 563

## GUARANTEED HORSESHOEING

17 YEARS' EXPERIENCE

SUCHER'S OLD SHOP CORNER MAIN AND MAPLE AVENUE

Meat Market

Fresh or Salted Meats Fish or Came to Season

Beef by the Quarter at

Wholesale Prices

32 South Main St.

# Don't ${f Be}$ Nervous

ladies, but get eid of the disease which is the cause of most of woman's nervousness, viz., female trouble. "I was very nervous," writes Mrs. L. Jones, of Gallatin, Tenn., "and suffered six years with every disease peculiar to my sex. I had headache, backache, and acute female inflammation. I took three bottles of Cardui and it cured me. I gained 35 pounds in weight. I tell my husband

**WOMAN'S RELIEF** 

was worth its weight in gold to me, and I recommend it to all women."

At all Druggists

M. E. STANGER Hendquarters for School Supplies and

71 SOUTH MAIN STREET

Books, Cigara, Candles, Stationery,

Cold Brinks and Fresh Fruits.

c. v. wolf **FLORIST** 

ROSES A SPECIALTY

funerals and weddings. Flower pots for repotting in

Orders taken for Carnations.

### C. PENNER Corner Male and Cart a. Streets

Manufacturer of and Dvalor in HARNESS, SADDLES, ETC. FINE SINGLE HARNESSE

NURSERY

Forty acres devoted to growing a hardy trees, shrubs, etc.

PLANTING SEASON BEGINS ABOUT THE FIRST OF

LANDSCAPE

We plan your grounds, from the 50 foot lot to the estate, giving it that touch of unity, harmony and desired.

DOWNERS CROVE, ILL.

## A Leak? AMATITE Ready Roofing is water, wind and weather proof.

It is mineral-surfaced when manufactured and requires no coating nor care or

attention of any kind for years after it has been put down. Anyone can lay it.

Get Booklet and Free Sample.



We have a full Stock of Glass

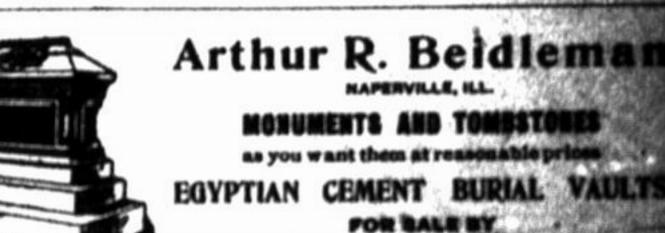
----ALL SIZES----

When in need of anything don't fail to call and get our prices before buying

# KLEIN MERTZ & MOCHEL

Telephone 233

36 SO. MAIN STREET



Phone 20

Office and Yards Cor. Posts & Railroad

P. A. Lord Lumber Company

All Kinds of Building Supplies



D., L. & W. R. R. Co.'s Unequaled Scranton Coal. Soft Coal and Wood

Sewer and Common Tile, Crushed and Building Stone. Marquette Port-Building Blocks land Cement

Yards: La Grange, Hinsdale and Downers Sree

CLIFFORD THE

FULL LINE OF ELECT SUPPLIES KEPT IN