CHAPTER XIII. DETRIMENTALS.

Nine miles was a severe distance through country lanes in November to go to a ball; but the Redcastle Hunt Ball was the ball of the year, uniting all the county magnates; and young ladies were hardly reckoned "come out" till they had appeared Mrs. Egremont's position would hardly be established till she had been presented to the notabilities who lived beyond calling intercourse; and her husband prepared himself to be victimised with an amount of grumbling that was intended to impress her with the magnitude of the sacrifice, but which only made her offer to forego the gaiety, and be told that she would never have any commen sense.

So their carriage led the way, and was followed by the Rectory waggonette containing the ladies and Mark, who had been summoned home, since his stepmother disliked public balls without a gentleman in attendance, and his father was not to be detached from his fireside.

there except a family in his sister's parish, who had good-naturedly given him a seat in

black letter saint. There at length he beheld the entrance. I tell her 'twas suggested by-There was the ogre himself, high bred, almost handsome, as long as he was not too closely scrutinised, and on his arm a wellbehind them three girls, one in black, the other | waltz : Mark must excuse you - I am going. It | guessed. Why did you not speak?" two in white, and, what was provoking, he is half-past two, and the carriage was ordercarefully-dressed hair and stylish evening | temper than ever if we keep him waiting.' dress and equipments had altogether transformed the little homely schoolgirl, so that, and there, nearly an hour later, the Egrethough he was sure she was not the the fair- | monts found them still waiting the pleasure haired damsel with pale blue flowers, he did not of the implacable Robinson; but what was know how to decide between the white and daisies and the black and grasses. Indeed, sister from such a detrimental as poor Mark he thought the two whites must he sisters, and all the more when the black lace halted in the satisfaction of having himself, with to exchange greetings with some one her face put on an expression so familiar to him, that he started forward and tried to catch her eye; but in vain, and he suffered agonies greatness.

ly a rush of waltzers floated by, she was not with her cousin; but to provoke him still more, as the daisies neared him, he be- as dull as ditchwater." But, in truth, held for a moment in the whirl the queer | though the Canon's family, when in residence, smile, half-frightened, half-exultant, which were intimate with the ducal family, he had seen on Nuttie's face when swing. Alwyn Egremont had never been at the ing sky-high !

about, the black lady stood talking so near him that he ventured at last on a step forward and an eager "Miss Egremont," but, as she turned, he found himself obliged to say, "I beg your pardon."

"Did you mean my cousin. We often get her to notice poor Gerard Godfrey. mistaken for each other," said May civilly. He brightened. "I beg your pardon," he said, "I knew her at Micklethwayte. I am here—quite by accident. Mrs. Elmore

was so good as to bring me." May was rather entertained. "There's my cousin," she said, "Lord Philip Molymeux is asking her to dance," and she left him most unnecessarily infuriated with Lord

Philip Molyneux. A steward introduced him to a dull-looking girl, but fortune favoured him, for this all herself, as soon as the dance was over, she came up with outstretched hands, "Oh to mother !"

And, beautiful and radiant, Mrs. Egremont was greeting him, and there were ten companion into a field so as to let the carminutes of delicious exchange of news. But " pleasures are as poppies fled," Nuttie had no dance to spare, her card was full, and she had not learnt fashionable effrontery enrugh to play tricks with engagements, and just then Mr. Egremont descended on Them-" I wish to introduce you to the Frichess," he said to his wife; and on the w who demanded- "Who is that young fierce growl from Mr. Egremont, another eub!"

"Gerard Godfrey-an old neighbour." "I thought I had seen him racketing about there with Ursula. I'll not have those umbrella fellows coming about !" "Does he really make umbrellas, Nuttie?"

asked Blanche, catching her hand. No such thing !" said Nuttie hotly, " he | themselves out. as in the office. His father was a surgeon his sisters married clergymen!"

Annaple Ruthven. "Poor fellow, what a struggling mass, dimly illuminated by a ulsters, and only Nuttie consented to have shame it is! Can't you give him one turn!" | single carriage lamp. Mr. Egremont and | the carriage rug added to her trappings. "Oh dear! I'm engaged all through! To Mark this time."

"Give him one of the extras! Throw best as consolation.

Nuttie had just performed the feat, with great shyness, when Mark appeared, having been sent in quest of his cousin, when her father perceived that she had hung back.

more gloomily, and could not help sighing out, "I suppose that is an engagement!" in the paper," returned Annaple. "I wonder they don't contradict it; but perhaps

they treat it with magnificent scorn.' No doubt they know that it is only Dremature."

they wish it, but we aren't in France or had probably done the mischief, and pre-Italy." Then you don't think, Miss Ruthven, that it will come off?"

"I don't see the slightest present prospect," said Annaple, unable to resist the kindly impulse of giving immediate pleasure, even slighter for her partner.

im conduct her to the tea-room, whither side, and, though more was visible on the bew, you stupid," answered she.

there all four contrived to get mixed up Monsieur's new accomplishment of going home for Mr. Datton's luncheon and bringing it in a basket to the office, before fate again descended; Mr Egremont, who had been at the far end of the room among some congeners, who ferred stronger refreshment, suddenly heard her laugh, stepped up, and, with a look of thunder towards her, observed in a low voice, " Mark, you will oblige me by taking your cousin back to her mother.'

"The gray tyrant father," mrrmured Annaple in sympathy. "That being the case, I may as well go back in that direction also.' This resulted in finding Lady Delmar and the two Mrs. Egremonts together, comparing notes about the two different roads to Redcastle from their several homes.

Lady Delmar was declaring that her coachman was the most obstinate man in existence, and that her husband believed in him to any extent.

"Which way did you come ?" she asked. " By Bankside Lane," said the Canoness. "Over Bluepost Bridge! There, Janet," said Annaple.

"So much the worse. I know we shall And in a group near the door, got up as come to grief over Bluepost Bridge, and elaborately as his powers could accomplish, now there will be treble weight to break it stood Gerard Godfrey. He knew nobody down. I dreamt it, I tell you, and there's second sight in the family.'

their fly, and having fulfilled his duty by dream, Janet," said her sister. "She was heaved up sufficiently to be dragged oil, sweet oil or milk, to offset the action asking the daughter to dance, he had no- thought Robinson, the coachman, was | backwards beyond the hole; but even then of the poison, will usually save thing to disturb him in watching for the cynosure whose attraction had led him into into a hole and stuck fast, while the red-flag undermost side were crushed, neither could is the one to be followed when Paris green, oughfares, and wagered a hundred gold was in England. S. T. Colera or landarum is thought to disturb him in watching for the waltzing with her over it, and they went it would not stand, for the wheels on the life of the patient. The same treat nent Paris if people only avoided crowded the oughfares, and wagered a hundred gold was in England. S. T. Colera or landarum is the contraction and led him into life of the patient. The same treat nent people only avoided crowded the oughfares, and wagered a hundred gold was in England. S. T. Colera or landarum is the contraction and led him into life of the patient. The same treat nent people only avoided crowded the oughfares, and wagered a hundred gold was people only avoided crowded the oughfares, and wagered a hundred gold was people only avoided crowded the oughfares, and wagered a hundred gold was people only avoided crowded the oughfares, and wagered a hundred gold was people only avoided crowded the oughfares, and wagered a hundred gold was people only avoided crowded the oughfares, and wagered a hundred gold was people only avoided crowded the oughfares, and wagered a hundred gold was people only avoided crowded the oughfares are contracted to the ough these unknown regions, and, as he remem- traction engineman prodded her with an bered with a qualm, one might surely grant | umbrella till she was all over blood. Now, oneself a dispensation from the vigil of a if it had been anything rational, I should have thought something of her second sight!

> "London Bridge is broken down, Dance o'er my lady Lee !"'

"Well, I am quite certain those known figure, metamorphosed by delicately- traction-engines will break it some time tinted satin sheen and pearls, and still more or other, said Lady Delmar "I am by the gentle blushing gladness on the fair always trying to get John to bring it moire and point lace, leaning on Gerard's more | go the other way, because they have just especial abhorrence,-" that puppy," who been mending the road on Lescombe Hill! dress was covered with blood. had been the author of all the mischief; and Annaple, my dear, I'can't allow you another really could not decide which was Ursula. The | ed at two ! Robinson will be in a a worse

She bore her sister off to the cloak-room, that in consideration of having kept her had become? So muttered Mr. Egremont gentlemanly severity, intimated the insuperable gulf between Miss Egremont of Bridgefield and the Man of Umbrellas.

Moreover, his sister-in-law took care that of doubt whether she had been perverted by he should hear that the Duchess of Redcastle had pronounced his wife sweetly pretty and It was some comfort that when present- lady-like, and talked of inviting them for a visit of a few nights.

castle since the days of his earliest youth, When the pause came and people walked and he was not quite prepared to owe his toleration there to his wife's charms, or the Canoness's patronage of her.

body had been very kind to her, and it was only a pity that her husband did not like

CHAPTER XIV.

GOING AGER.

"Gin ye were a brig as auld as me."-BURNS. "What's the matter?" exclaimed Mrs. Egremont, waking from a doze, --- "that

"Bridge! Don't be such a fool! We already decided on going home on foot. The aren't near it yet.

The servant, his face looking blurred through the window, came to explain that time he did catch the real Nuttie's eye, and | the delay was caused by an agricultural engine, which had chosen this unlucky night, or morning, to travel from one farm to an-Gerard ! to think of your being here ! Come other. There was a long delay, while the monster could be heard coughing frightfully before it could be backed with its spiky riages pass by; and meantime Mr. Egremont was betrayed into uttering ejaculations which made poor Nuttie round her eyes in the dark as she sat by his feet on the back seat, and Alice try to bury her ears in her hood in the corner.

Oa they went at last, for about a mile, and then came another sudden stop—another apparition of the servant at the window, saying, in his alert deferential manner, "Sir, the bridge have broke under a carriage in front. Lady Delmar's, sir. The horse is plunging terrible."

The door was torn open, and all three, regardless of ball costumes, precipitated

The moon was up, and they saw the Rectory carriage safe on the road before "And he came here to meet you," said them, but on the bridge beyond was a the groom hurried forward where Mark and | and ingeniously tied on cloak-fashion with the Rectory coachman were already render her sash by Gerard. He and Mark piloted ing what help they could, May standing at the three ladies oven the narrow border of Mark over to me! No," as she looked at the horses heads, and her mother trying to the hole, which looked a very black open alacrity that made him like another man in when she quoted-Poor Gerard led off Miss Ruthven the this emergency, as he assured the anxious ladies that their iriends were sate, but that they could not be extricated till the carriage "Oh ! you believe that impertinent gossip | was lifted from the hole into which it had sunk amid bricks, stones, and broken time bers. He sent his own coachman to assist.

as being the stronger man, and, mounting the box, turned and drove off in quest of further help, at a wayside cottage, or from "If they means the elders, I daresay the attendants on the engine, whose weight pared the trap for the next comer.

As May came near, her brother made her available by putting the lamp into her hand. bidding her hold it so as to light those who were endeavouring to release the horse, which had cleared the portion of the though she knew the prospect might be bridge before the break-down under the brougham, and now lay on the road, its However, he "footed it" all the more struggles quelled by a servent at its head,

Mark and Nuttie were also tending, and other, it was impossible to open the door, at a mass of rubbish lay on it. Armaple was together; and Nuttie had time to hear of on this side, and her voice was heard calling to May in fits of the laughter which is perhaps near akin to screamspoison could be avoided if men and women

"London bridge is broken down, Dance o'er my lady Lee !"

"Janet will go in for second-sight ever after. Yes, she's all right, except a scratch from | well regulated household." The speaker the glass, and that I'm sitting on her more was a house surgeon at a city hospital. "I help. or less. How are you getting on ?" "The see the names of six persons on this record horse is all but out. Not hurt, ney think. of mine whom I know might have been saved horse is all but out. Not hurt, hey think. of mine whom I know might have been what Here's another man come to help—a gentle-had their friends or the police known what had their friends or the police known what door habits and absence of our beauties. Here's another man come to help—a gentle-man—my dear, it is your partner, Nuttie's to do," he continued. "All six died because erally a sufficient safeguard." The state of the safeguard of the safeguard. umbrella man." "Oh, making it complete too much time was lost in notifying the erally a sufficient safeguard. -hopes, Janet-I'm sorry, but I can't help police, calling an ambulance, and in getting squashing you! I can't help subsiding on the sufferer to the hospital. Paris green, you! What is it now?" as the lamp-light rough on rats and laudanum seem to be the

vanished. levers of," returned May; "these wooden almost every household. The chief points rais are too rotten.

"Can't they get us through the window?" sighed a muffled voice.

the Hope of the Katzekopfs." "we have found some iron bars to the some one suicides by its uses. If on dishatch down there. But you must prepare covering that this poison has been taken,

strove and struggled, hoisted and pushed, to spoonful of salt or mustard has been thrown the tune of suppressed sounds, half of the stomach will usually throw the poison "Yes, but you should tell what you did sobs, half of laughter, till at last the carriage off. These, supplemented by a dose of castor either door be readily opened, one being opium, morphine, parogoric or landanum smashed in, and the other jammed fast. An- the poison used. When opium, morphine, naple, however, still tried to keep up her paregoric or laudanum is swallowed, it is own spirits and her sister's, observing that | well to give a cup of strong black coffee after she now knew how to sympathise with the emetic, to apply cold water to the head Johnnie's tin soldiers in their box turned and neck, and to prevent sleep. These poi-

upside down. pearance, having been roused in the cottage When tartar emetic is taken, after enand brought back by Mr. Egremont, and at | couraging vomiting, it is well to give milk last one door was forced open by main force, and strong tea to drink. When poisons like cheeks and the soft eyes that used to droop. | before the magistrates, but he only laughs | and the ladies emerged, Annaple, helping | mineral acids are used—such as aqua-fortis Then followed a stately form in mulberry at me, and nothing will induce Robinson to her sister, beginning some droll thanks, but and oil of vitriol—after an emetic, solutions pausing as she perceived that Lady Delmar's of soda, magnesia, and even of plaster scrap-

rather faintly. "My neck-" driven at once to a surgeon to secure that an egg, flour and water or milk and then the to implore his intercession. no morsel of glass remained. Mr. Egre- emetic. In poisoning from chloroform or ilmont, gratified to see his wife come to the luminating gas, let the patient have fresh air, "I hope you are convinced that you have me a man of tall and imposing castle. Indeed, they must return thither to about the face and neck. All of these antiwith me," entreated Lady Delmar, holding used will almost every time save the life of Alice's hand; and the one hastily consigning | the patient and greatly facilitate the work "A bore," observed he ungratefully, "'tis | injunctions not to alarm her mother to Annaple | his care." who had declared her intentions of walking home, the two ladies went off under Mr. Egremont's escort.

Just then it was discovered that the Delmar coachman, Robinson, had all this time been lying insensible, not dead, for he moaned, but apparently with a broken leg, if nothing worse. Indeed, the men had known And innocent Alice only knew that every- it all along, but until the ladies had been rescued, nothing had been possible but to put his cushion under his head and his rug over him. The ladies were much shocked, and Mrs. William Egremont decided that he must be laid at the bottom of the waggonette, and that they would take him from the body, pieces of lint, etc., can carry straight to the hospital.

> They were only a mile and a half from Lescombe, and it was pronounced safe to cross on the remains of the bridge, so that Annaple, who had a pair of fur boots, had other girls wanted to accompany her, and, as May and Nuttie both had overshoes, they were

> permitted to do so, and desired to go to bed, and wait to be picked up by the waggonette, which mustireturn to Bridgefield by the Lescomberoad. Blanche, having a delicate throat, was sentenced to go with her stepmother. Mark undertook to ride the horse through the river, and escort the three girls, and Gerard Godfrey also joined them. place where he was staying lay a couple of miles beyond Lescombe, and when Mrs. Elmore's fly had been met and turned back by Mr. Egremont, he had jumped off to render assistance, and had done so effective-

ly enough to win Mark's gratitude. It was by this time about half-past five, as was ascertained by the light of the waning moon, the carriage lamp having burnt out. It was a fine frosty morning, and the moon was still powerful enough to reveal the droll figures of the girls. May had a fur cloak, with the hood tied over her head by Mrs. Egremont's lace shawl; Nuttie had a huge white cloud over her head and a light blue opera cloak; Annaple had "rowed herself in a plaidie" like the Scotch girl she was, and her eyes flashed t merri ly from its dark folds. They all ...sdained the gentlemen's self-denying offers of their

" Never heavier man and horse Stemmed a midnight torrent's force." And Nuttie responded in a few seconds— "Yet through good heart and our Ladye's grace

Full soon he gained the landing place." They were both in high spirits, admiring each other's droll appearance, and speculating on the ghosts they might appear to any one who chanced to look out of window. gastric (that of the stomach) and intestinal. Annaple walked at the horse's head, calling | Each form has two prominent varieties : one him poor old Robin Hood, and caressing in which the food is really digested, while

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Tennyson did his first writing on a slate. In this connection it may not be irreverent or irrelevant to remark that a good many pepsia. barkeepers have begun the same way.

he good-natured maiden aftarwards made most of the door had disappeared on one A which is it?" said the waiter, "Irish

HEALTH.

Antidotes for Poison.

"More than two-thirds of the deaths from

would only acquaint themselves with the simple remedies always at hand in every favorite poisons for suicide. For each of "They are looking for something to make | these poisons an antidote can be found in in cases of poisoning are to encourage vomiting, and thus get rid of the substance; to counteract the poison by antidotes and to " Not unless we could be elongated, like check death by the use of stimulants and artificial respiration. Rough on rats is "We shall manage now," cried Mark; simply arsenic. Hardly a day passes but for a shock or two before you can be set the sufferer is given one or two raw eggs, and the eggs are followed up with large The two gentlemen and three servants draughts of tepid water, into which a tcasons represent the majority of those taken Two sturdy labourers here made their ap- | by accident, or by persons intent on suicide. ed from the walls, can be used with good ef-"My dear Janet. This is worse than I fect. Oxalic and carbolic acid calls for the same treatment after using a little flour and Duke stepped hastily forward and come int of children, and it soon came "It is not much," said the poor lady, water, the white of an egg, or castor oil in manded her to desist." order to protect the gullet and walls of the The elder ladies came about her, aed seat- stomach. When poison like caustic potash, you only knew what a little wretch he is little ones on the eve of St. ed her on cushions, where, by the light of soda or lime is used, administer vinegar, May's lamp, Alice, who had been to an lemon or orange juice in water, emetics and ambulance class at Micklethwayte, detected oil. If phosphorus is taken, like the ends of and then there would be no end to his wick. Lyear, and far more pre-eminently the extent of the cut, extracted a fragment matches, for instance, keep up the vomiting ed tricks." of glass, and staunched the bleeding with and administer big doses magnesia in water. handkerchiefs and strips of the girl's tulle Oils in such cases must not be used. For skirts, but she advised her patient to be corrisive sublimate administer the white of front, undertook to drive her back to Red- loosen the clothing and dash cold water cross by the higher bridge. "You will go dotes are, as a rule, always at hand, and if Nuttie to her aunt's care, the other giving of the physician when the case comes under

The Means of Contagion in Scarlet Fever-

Scarlet fever can be communicated by infected milk, and, as far as we know, the milk has only to stand in the room where the disease exists or has existed, to absorb the germs, which are so subtle, so light, and yet so tenacious as to float in the air and adhere to particles of dust.

We all know how much dust is constantly first be discharged from the prison out of serived from a wholly different floating in the air; let a beam of sunlight which I had him taken this morning, er which describes the Saviour in t pass through an opening in the shutter, and pressly for the purpose of stealing your child bringing gifts to the lit we can readily see how the scales of skin | Royal Highness' snuff box." these microbes, which may be thrown off in the muscus from the nostrils and mouth, or in the perspiraton, and even the urine.

Not only are these secretions germ carriers—that is, contagious—and they have been all proven so by direct inoculation, but the passages from the bowels, as well as the urine, are so-in that way sewer air may be the means of their conveyance; drinking water also, as well as the vapor from soil, on which these matters have been thrown. Bear in mind, then, that the scarlatina poison can be carried in this way hundreds of miles; that it does not need the personal contact of individuals; that it relains its vitality for months, and even years, unless it be subjected to certain influences that either entirely destroy it or deprive it of its malignancy—these are intense heat, especially boiling or steam, plenty of fresh air, and certain chemical substances, as chlorine, sulphorous acid, and others. There is one other point which is important. It is now known that animals, such as horses and dogs, have a disease which is evidently scarlatina; they can be infected by the scarlatina of man, and probably their disease can be communicated to man.

The poison of scarlatina is, then, either inhaled by the individual or is swallowed It is then taken up by the circulation, and finding itself surrounded by material which develops it, vivifies it, becomes rapidly reproduced, and the symptoms of the disease show themselves. This period between the reception of the poison and the appearance of the symptoms is called the period of incubation; this is known to be from one to six days, in some cases longer.

Chronic Dyspepsia.

Acute dyspepsia—sometimes improperly the faces of the two girls, "I suppose that wrap everybody up, wince stay in their gulf. Annaple had thanked the men, and called "bilious attack," or "gastric fever wouldn't do, but I'm free this time-I'm not carriages they could not. Transferring bidden them come to Lesco nbe the next day -is often a distressing disorder, but it is the fashion. Introduce me; I'll do my the horses to Nattie, the two wisters to be paid for their assistance. Then they soon and readily relieved. Indigestion due hurried towards the some of action, but all s ood to watch Mark ride through the to organic diseases of the stomach does not Blanche's white satin boots did not carry river, at the shallowest place, indicated both strictly come under the head of dyspepsia. her far, and the turned on meeting her by her and the labourers. It was perfectly Chronic dyspepsia is a functional, not an oruncle. He spoke with a briskness and tordable, so Annaple's were mock heroics ganic, disorder. If the eye could look with in the stomach, in the latter case, it would see no explanation of the trouble, as in the case of organic disease.

At least five kinds of fluid co-operate in bed in the pasture. If the horse can have the digestive process : saliva, gastric juice, bile, pancreatic fluid and intestinal secretions. Indigestion, therefore, does not ne- but, while his muscles may be to a certain cessarily heve its seat in the stomach.

Two forms of it are specially recognizedhim, while Gerard and Nuttie kept together | the person has a great sense of discomfort; the other, in which the food is not duly digested, while the person has comparatively little suffering. In the first variety there is intended should have periods of rest each an abnormal excitability of the nerves of day." sensation. This is known as nervous dys-

"You may bring me," said a Toronto girl excesses in eating, neglect of physical exer- help. Why, there's lightnin'; it can give a small portion of a Colline district. cise, protracted anxiety, change from an down to the ground fast enough all by itself, active to a sedentary life, insufficient sleep, luxurious living.

No treatment can here be perscribed wit ed to individual cases. The chief thing to find out and remove the cause. An every worked stomach should be relieved by giv. ing it only the work which it can do want

and by furnishing to it only that which is easily digested. Everything should be done to improve the general health. Change of the condition and general surrounding locality and general surrounding is Dyspepsia is rare among the your slain.

There is with them a surplus of vitality.

Where a child or young person is dyspep. tic, the cause may be improper cating some are incessantly at it, or insufficie sleep, or undue pressure at school, and a accompanying daily nervous anxiety about lessons. Or the trouble may be due to inherited weakness of digestion, or a weakness resulting from some early disease. In ever case the best medical advice should be called

A Detective's Yarn.

A good anecdote regarding the prince detectives, Lenoir, who was at the head of the French police during the reign of Louis XV., is described in Temple Bar. Accord. ing to popular belief the great detective was endowed with superhuman omniscience to brighten the legend of the and the very mention of his named to be taken from a legend of the profit it more profit. and the very mention of his name struck terror in criminals.

The young Prince of Orleans maintained that robberies would be less frequent in for sixty years ago it was a cur pieces with Lenoir that no one would renter big a visit to Germany in 18 ture to rob him. A day would renter big account of the Christ

ture to rob him. A day was set for the nobleman to try the experiment.

Simply dressed and unaccompanied, save by Lenoir, the Duke set out on his excursion, and avoiding the more frequent part of Pennsylvania, who kept up of the city. sion, and avoiding the more frequent put and decades before the descendant of the city, was piloted by the lieutenant to ritage adopted it. a comparatively deserted space of ground designed as the site of a new boulevard where to all appearance they were absolute they describe the church in the fourth the store. However, after well-in-w ly alone. However, after walking two or herited a large fortune, all of three hundred yards, they beheld at the treaway in charity, dowering po door of a miserable hovel a shabbily clad, widens and aiding poor children. hard-featured woman brandishing a can hich tells how the good bishop re and severely chastising a boy about ter three children that had been n years old, who was crying bitterly. The med him to be regarded as the

"Ah, my good sir," she muttered, "if Nothing but a sound threshing will keep him which was December 6. In straight; and if I did not give it him nov this is still one of the great for

Meanwhile the urchin, with tears stream ing down his cheeks, crept quietly up to his tof the nativity, became in most would-be protector with a piteous air, as if the combined with it. Santa

lost your bet."

tonishment. "What do you mean."

"Deign to search your pockets and you he, and as this was generally sus Monseigneur did as he was requested, and int made his entrance through i discovered that the only article of value he us mouth followed very natur had brought with him, a snuff box, enriched didition of the sleigh and the rei with diamonds, was missing. Horrified by the necessary to explain satisfate such precocious depravity, he declared his the children how the saint could intention of placing the lad in the hands of the lowlands in the short

take to bring him up properly. "You will do as you like about that Mon Fror. Kris Kringle is a corr seigneur," observed Lenoir, "but he must thrist Kindlein, or the Christ ch

Lawyers in Congress.

ship of 409 in the United States Congress no is reindeer. fewer than 307 are lawyers. How is it that so many lawyers find their way into the halls of legislation? The province of lawyer is supposed to be to interpret the laws not to manufacture them and yet in fession predominate. Doctors, who are all ently stated that this new tre ways moving about among the electors, especially in the country constituencies, would seem to have the best opportunities for making votes, yet the number of doctors who go to parliament is small as compared with the number of lawyers. It is hardly fair to assume that if there were fewer law. yers in parliament the laws would be less complicated and would not need to be so frequently amended, but it is certainly strange that with so many lawyers always tinkering at the laws, amending them, repealing them and enacting new ones, the object and intention of those on the statute book should be veiled in so much doubt that cases have to be carried from court to court, argued by able lawyers and sat on by distanguished judges before their meaning becomes clear. It does not always become clear then, as some little technicality may upset the whole legal structure. With so many lawyers as law-makers the laws should be perfect and so simple that he who reas may read. This is by no means the case.

How Horses Rest.

The following account of the way in which horses rest contains suggestions of value: "Horses can rest standing, providing the position be reasonably easy, but cannot fully rest except recumbent. It is known of some horses that they never lie down in the stall, though if kept in pasture they take their rest habitually in a recumbent position. It is well to consider whether the habit has not been forced upon the horse by some circum. stances connected with the stall he was made to occupy, in that it had a muddy earth floor, or one made of dilapidated plant, uncomfortable and offensive to the horse that has been accustomed to select his own the privilege of selecting his own position for resting on his feet, he can sleep standing degree relaxed, and get rest in that position, what can be said to the bearings of the joints? Without relief through the recumbent position, the joint surfaces are forced continuously to bear a weight varying from 1,000 to 1,800 pounds. This must act unfavorably, especially upon the complicated structures within the hoofs, which nature

"Oh, yes," said a grumbling beggar, The more common causes of dyspepsia are "felks al'ays helps them as don't need any and yit folks is all the time a puttin' up rods for it to slide down on."

to costom of kissing under the mis from a Scandinavian myth. wil writ, hated Balder, the Ap Balder's mother, had sw switching that springs from fir rth, or water," not to harm the coming Loki made an arrow of made an arrow of the blind god Heba to test dof darkness shot the arrew and But as all the gods and go proved for the restoration of the mistletoe was then given to the of leve to keep, and everyone der it received a kiss, to show it blem of love and not of death. It may interest those who value al more for their antiquity to kn Ce before Christianity found its w land of the Norsemen—before hion's isle stalwart youths of S daimed lip-tributes from fai "under the mistletoe bo

in's feast, and found the sport meable as do the youths of the , in Scandinavia or elsewhere. Our Christmas-tree we get from G theps the poetic idea of making affr bear fruit out of kind and ou to brighten the duliness of wintr Thor and Odin, but it more prob erigin in mediæval pageantry.

utom for the elder members of t ive little gifts of toys or sweet ma's day there than Christmas. see how this festival, falling i

ly St. Nicholas in Holland spe "Now, Monseigneur," whispered Lereit, Lint who, in Italy, the home of came in the Deutsch legend sh The duke regarded the speaker with a d pot-bellied, and the necessit imate supplied his garments of fu g the stocking was a Netherla some strict disciplinarian who would under lingle night. Kris Kringle is of as the German Santa Claus, bu be anniversary of his birth as a ut. This legend the poetic Ger ith their Christmas tree, and h referred it to the old fat San

It transpires that out of a total member. Holland, with his Christmas st Does Sugar Cause Cand For some time past it has be hat a new method in the treat rown Prince's illness had be sed on a theory launched by Vienna, who found that the ients suffering frem cancer concernal quantity of sugar, as lacing the sugar in the blood untity. This statement is otice by telegrams from San hat the Crown Prince began t and on Nov. 20, and that simulation has been steadily imp Dr. Freund is no specialist, oung man. He took his degr published in the Wiener Medica February, 1885, in which h enection between sugar and blood on oiled surfaces was m

and since then he has di ellelose growths invaria Just So. Wife (pleadingly)—" I'm a A do not love me as well

Husband-" Why ?" Wife-"Because you alway to light the fire." Husband _ Nonsense, my ptting up to light the fire n It Didn't Wor

Well, does your husband Yes, mother, and it is w at of me." "Did you try the plan of suggested to You put whiskey in

What did he say ?" "He said I was the only the since his mother died w the coffee as it should be r light Have Done

"No, sit," said a pom to be trifled the world ; I've been throu Yes I suppose so," sa Pa a self-made mar is that do you think seed deal better to let o