Never had a boy so many names, They called him Jimmy and Ji n and James, Jeems and Jamie, and well he knew Who it was that wanted him, too.

The boys in the street ran after him, Shouting quite loudly, "Jim! J-i m-m !"

Until the echoes, little and big, Seemed to be dancing a Jim Crow jig.

Grandpapa, who was dignified And held his head with an air of pride, Didn't believe in abridging names, made the most that he could of " J-a-m-e-s."

Biddy O'Flynn could never, it seems, Call him anything else but "Jeems," And when the nurse, old Mrs. McVyse, Called him "Jamie," it sounded nice.

But sweeter and dearer than all the rest, Was the one pet name that he liked the best

"Darling !"-he heard it whate'er he was at, For none but his mother called him that.

MARIAN'S OPPORTUNITY.

"God never sends you anywhere that he does not send an opportunity with you." Margie's Sunday-school book lay open on the stand, and Marian's eyes fell on the above sentence as she looked there for her

She was in a great hurry lest she should lose her car, but something in the words attracted her attention, and she stopped to read them over a second time. As she hurin her earg.

does not send an opportun' y with you. beverage supplied by the fountain Tasnim Was it God who was sending her into the and waited on by damsels or houris with city to-day, and was he ecuding also an op- great eyes and yielding temperaments.

portunity for her? shopping; there's no very great responsibil- | would almost rush to death. ity about that; but it would be sort of put her out.

slipped her mind.

Just before noon she met Nora King. thinking of poor Grace Barret. What! twenty-eight of them, the gradual as Haven't you heard about her ? You know | cending scale of happiness being as follows : she's been studying so hard to fit herself The not fighting, the joyful, the change

went slowly in the opposite direction. How | impeding its continuance. The state of hard it must be for Grace! She would try of blessed nonenity and ecstatic nullification to go and see her some time. She was not is known as the Nirvana. There is somesure that she knew what to say any more | thing pathetically simple in the disthan Nora did; but perhaps she could help | tinctively opposite idea that regulates the her pass away an hour or so. And then all | red men's heaven. To him there is spread at once Marian came to a standstill. Was out the happy hunting grounds, where, with this her opportunity?

"O pshaw !" she said, impatiently; "I the worst way this afternoon, for Helen reservation. Douglas will have her cousin with her, and it is my only chance to meet her. I'll go to see Grace some other day. Besides, I've bought my ticket; I must go."

"It doesn't matter if you have bought your ticket," said conscience very clearly "you know that Edna Graves would be delighted with it; she never would take it from you as a gift, but if you offer it because you can't use it she will feel different I don't believe she's been to a concert this winter; think how she would enjoy You are going to be busy sewing, and won't be likely to come in again for several weeks. I think you should go and see Grace to day. She may be better before you can go again, and you will have missed this opportunity. Suppose it is the one that God sent you to do to-day-will you not be sorry by and by if you neglect to do it?" These questions and others like them kept coming to Marian as she went

from one store to another. "There's no use in my trying to go to the concert now," she said, impatiently. "I

won't take any comfort if I do." So it came to pass that early that afternoon she found herselt in Grace's dark room; but she was more than surprised at the welcome she received. "O Marian." said Grace, with a sob, "you don't know how thankful I am to see you; it just seems to me that I cannot bear it any longer, and yet I can't help myself. Mother is killing crazy before long. Do tell me something to ishwater. change my thoughts for a few minutes any "If I were one of you good folks, and knew what to say, I'd go in a minute". Nora's words flashed through Marian's mind just then. She was one of the good onesthat is, she was a professing Christian, and she ought to know what to say to this friend in her sore need of help; but she did not, 'ry, an' it's wukin' fust-rate." nor could she remember having ever spoken any such words in all her Christian life.

"I can't preach," she thought, with an impatient shrug of her shoulders, which, fortunately, Grace could not see. "I don't believe in it, and I couldn't say anything to help her if I tried. I should only make a | wuddent have nuffin' lef' ter buy a codfish knots, and a larger vessel building of 19. Beans, a double handful, are a relish

bad matter worse." "Then you ought to be ashamed of your- great discovery." self," said that troublesome conscience. "If you had any real love for Christ in your heart you would be able to say something. Think what an opportunity it may be that and there went up from her heart the most "gentler sex" applies to males.

earnest cry for help that ever she had offer-

ed in her life.

"It must be ever and ever so hard, Gracie, dear," she said softly and hesitatingly. "And I don't see how you can bear it only as you feel sure that there is some good reason for it being so. I haven't had any trouble myself to speak of, but you know how much my Aunt Marian has had, and she says she has just clung to that verse, 'He tnat spared not his own Son, how shall He She says she knows if God loved her enough to not go 15 knots, while scores achieve a not with Him also freely give us all things?' give her His Son to suffer and die for her He speed much greater. loves her enough to give her everything else that is best for her; den't you think it must be so? So auntie says she just clings to that verse, and trusts even where she can't see any reason for things happening as they do." That was all that Marian tried to say, and Grace made very little reply then, but weeks after she sent a note to Marian. "Dear Marian," it read, "I want to thank you for your Aunt Marian's words. They clung to me and I to them through those dark days, and at last I found comfort in them. I thank Him now for those weeks of darkness, for in them I have found his marvelous light, and now when I am able to take up my chosen work I shall do it, O so differently, please God. I cannot write more now, but, believe me, I shall always hold you in grateful remembrance for the message you brought me in my time of

need. Lovingly, GRACE." "It was my opportunity," said Marian, there is one for us wherever we go. I shall not dare go anywhere without asking God to keep me on the watch for it, and to help me do it when I find it, even if it is hard."

HEAVEN FOR EVERY ONE.

There Is Lots of Room for Free Choice.

The Islam heaven described in the Koried out of the house they were still ringing ran is a place of all sensuous delight, where the righteous recline on couches in 735 tons. God never sends you anywher, that he a fair garden, drinking the delicious The life of the Moslem soldier was a "It makes me fee almost shivery to wearying one, a long succession of fights hink so," she said to herself. "I had under a blazing sun, and with the prospect rather feel that I am just going out of such a divine oasis awaiting him, he

The lives of the old Norsemen were full dreadful to feel that God sent you to do of alternate carousings and strife, and they something, and you didn't do it. I might who could drink the heaviest and strike not see it, you know, and I mightn't want to the greatest number of crushing blows do it even if I did see it," she added, with per minute were their gods. So their priests sudden frankness. And, truth to tell, Ma- placed these gods in the Valhalla, gave rian was not very apt to do things which | them the beautiful Valkyries to be their waiting maids, and sent the souls of all Once in the city she was busy with her heroes slain in battle, to join these various errands, and the subject which had roystering immortals, and to pass an eteroccupied her thoughts on the way down nity in chanting sagas and quaffing meads from the skulls of their enemies.

Of an entirely different complexion "Isn,t it beautiful out !" said Nora. | the heaven of the Buddist. One ought "But, dear me, I can't half enjoy it for rather to say heavens, for there are for a teacher, and she's overworked her enjoying, the changing others arbitrarily, eyes. She has been very sick, and now the the assembled Brahmas, the servants of doctor says she must stay in a dark room Brahma, the great Brahma, limited light, for the dear knows how long. They say illimited light, pure light, limited purity, she's about wild, for they are poor, you illimited purity, perfect purity, great know, and she wanted to help her mother. | merit, unconscious, the not great, the ex-If I was one of you good folks, and knew | empt from pain, the wellseeing, the beautiful what to say, I'd go and see her. Think | the highest, illimited space, illimited science, how the hours must drag; for her mother | the place of naught, that of no thought and | her 18-knot vessels that Italy is incomparde | de figgahs am a little large." has to sew, so she's alone most of the time. that of not no thought. This means a You and I don't have much to trouble us; gradual firing out process until the result do we? Going to the Symphony this after- is absolutely nil. The final goal of Budnoon? Then I'll see you there. Good-bye." | dhistic salvation is, indeed, the destruction Nora turned to go home, and Marian of sin by exhausting its existence, or by his dog and bow and arrows, he may follow the deer over rustling prairies and through wish I hadn't seen that miserable little the whispering woods, with no paleface to sentence. I want to go to the Symphony | drag him to school or shut him up in a

Nilsson's Debut.

brother, proud of the receipts of her first | which are to make 18 knots. concert, which amouted to fivepence halfn fifteen months.

Good Enough Cold.

weather, but I kin give you 'most anythin' you want cold.

Tramp (a tear of gratitude trickling down I'll take a little cold cash.

Nervous Fears.

Brown: Is your family having a pleasant

time in the country, Robinson? Robinson (who is having a pleasant time in the city): Yesh; m' wife writes me enherself, and here I must sit in the dark and joying themshelves very mush. She shays fold my hands. I believe that I shall be she's nervous f' fear I will drink too mush

> Brown: She must be constitutionally nervous, Robinson.

Double-Action Brain Food.

"Yes." said Uncle Rastus, " I'se been takin' brain food fo' ter stimulate my mem -

"I hope it has worked sufficiently for you to remember, Uncle Rastus, that you have owed me seventy-five cents for over a year." "Yes, sah; dat was one ob de fust things I 'membered, and jes' as I was gwine 'roun' fo' ter pay de money I also 'membered dat I

It appears that it is thefemale save teen- small torpedo boats of 20. China's armor- carrots and tares in small quantities. Car year locust that carries the weapon and de- ed vessels include one of 15, two of 16, and rots superinduce diabetes if given in exces Grace isn't a Christian, nor her mother. stroys vegetation. The female mosquito also one of 17 knots, while she has four unarmor. sive quantities. The pecular habits of horses bears a worse reputation than her mate, so ed cruisers of 15, four of 16 and two of demand the attention of all herse-owners

THE WORLD'S FAST WAR SHIPS.

The Cruisers of England, France, Germany, Russia, pain, Austrian, Italy, Brazil, Chili, China, and Japan.

statistics has just been laid before the United States Congress, comprising the principal war vessels of all navies, classified according to speed. In these days there is no place in such lists for vessels that can-

England has four armored and half a d en unarmored cruisers that make 15 knot Her armored 16-knot vessels include sh Imperieuse and Warsp te of 8 400 tons each, the Collingwood of 9,500 the Rodney of 10,-Howe of 10,600 each. She has building the and graceful wave of the hand and says!: Victoria and Sans Pareil of 10,470 tons each, and the Trafalgar and Nile of 11,940. Her six unarmored cruisers going 16 knots folks wid yo, Mis' Jackson?" include four of the Leander class, 3,750 "Bout de same as dey gin'rally am, tons each, while four more of the Blanche Mistah Wintergreen. Mis' Wintergreen class, 1,580 tons, are building. Passing an' de chillun well? to unarmored vessels of 17 knots, England "Yes'm, dey is, Mis' Jackson; dey's has eight of the Archer class, 1,770 tons, on reely quite fust-rate. I heerd yo' baby big which American gunboats of Yorktown class sick. are modelled. She has also the Surprise "Yes, it was so. H'it was pow'ful bad and Alacrity, 1,400 tons; four vessels of the off fo' mos' a week, but hit's 'about well now, Mersey class, 4,050, and the Polyphemus, Mistah Wintergreen. 2,640. Of British 18 knot vessels, the most "Dat's right, Mis' Jackson; dat's right. remarkable are the armored Orlando, Un- Sickness in de family am a great tribillation, daunted, Australia, Narcissus, Galatea, Im- 'deed it am. Anything I kin sarve you to, softly. "I wonder if it is always true that mortalite, and Aurora, of 5,600 tons each, Mis' Jackson?" all but the two latter already built. The same high speed is ascribed to the well-known Wintergreen ?" unarmored vessels Iris and Mercury, 3,730 tons and to four small craft of the Grasshopper class, 525 tons. Great Britain's 19. knot vessels now building are the unarmored cruisers Melpomene, Magicienne, and Marathon. 2,950 tons, and the Barham and Bellona, 1,800. Of 20 knot vessels, she has building the Medea and Medusa, 2,800 tons; am, Mis' Jackson." the Vulcan, 6,620, and the Blake and Blen. heim, 9,000, besides seven small vessels of

and thirteen unarmored vessels of 15 knots. She has of 16 knots the armored Courbet nohow. Reckoned I'd git a little fo' a built and the powerful Hoche, Magenta, change." and Neptune, 10,581 tons each, now building. The unarmored Tourville and Duquesne are also 16 knot cruisers. Of 17 w'at else, Mis' Jackson?" knots the most important vessel is the Sfax, 4,480 tons, while there are four more unarmored cruisers of the Faucon class, son." about 1,272 tons. In the 18 knot array we find the two most powerful vessels in the French navy, the armored Marceau of 10,581 tons and Brennus of 11,000. Then there is the switt unarmored Milan of 1,550 tons, besides eight torpedo boats of the Bombe vessels has the Forbin, 1,848 tons, already Jackson?" built, and five others of the same class build ing. She has also under construction the Mistah Wintergreen." tons, all now building.

Italy has two big armor clads, the Duilio ain't dat nice calico, ma'am !" and Uandolo, of 15 knots, and half a dezen unarmored cruisers. She has three powerful armored vessels, the Andrea Doria, Ruggiero di Lauria, and Francesco Morisini, of 10,045 | Mistah Wintergreen?" tons each, besides two unarmored cruisers all going 16 knots. Of her three 17-knot ves sels the most important is the unarmored bes' Merrymack caliker, Mis' Jackson." Giovanni Bausan, 3 (68 tons. But it is in anto, 13,550, already built, and the does. Big figgahs is all de go now." Re Umberto, Sicilia and Sardegna, 14,000 tons, building, besides four small unarmored vessels. Her 19 knot unarmored cruisers are four of the Vesuvio type, 3,530 tons, and five of the Dogali, 2,200 tons, three of these nine vessels being already built. Finally, of small 20 knot torpedo craft she has nine of much." the Tripoli type, 741 tons, and six of the Fol-

gore, 317 tons. Germany has one gunboat built and half a dezen building of 15 knots. She has also the unarmored cruisers Prinz Adalbert and Leirzig, 3,925 tons; the Alexandrine and Areona, 2,370 tons; the Charlotta, 3,360 tons; the Freya, 2,017. Of 16-knot vessels she has the unarmored Hohenzollern, 1,700 Writing of Mme. Nilsson-Miranda's farewel! tons; the Pfeil and Blitz, 1,382 tons; the ma'am." concert, Dr. Louis Engel says in the World, Ziethen, 975. She has no vessels of 17 knots, of London: "Never shall I forget the sensa- but she has under construction the Wacht No Wonder Mrs. Tomzon Started for Home. tion created by the young Swedish girl at of 1,240 tons, which is expected to go 19 the Theatre Lyrique, in Paris, and how knots, and the Grief of 2,000, for which 20 within one week the name of Christine Nils | knots are promised. She has also three un- home nest to spend a six weeks' vacation son was in everybody's mouth. She who be- armored versels building, the Irene, Princess gan to sing in the street with her little Wilhelm, and one other, of 4,400 tons each, her husband who was left behind. After

Spain has an armor-clad, the Pelayo, of | terable determination to return immediately. penny, sent the inhabitants of the most roue | 9,902 tons, which makes 15 knots, besides two capital of the world mad, following up her unarmored cruisers of 3,342 tons each, two the mother. successes with England and America, where others of 1,152 tons, twoof 1,030, and four of 1. she made net profits amounting to a million | She has none classed as 16, and none as 18. | she handed the loving epistle to her mother, knot vessels; but of 17-knot unarmored who read as follows: cruisers she has the Arragon of 3,342 tons, and the Reina Cristina, the Rdina Mercedes, and the Alfonso XII., each of 3,090. Woman of the House (to tramp)—I can't | Spain is becoming famous for fast war give you nothin' hot, 'cept perhaps the vessels, and has under construction no fewer than six armored 19-knots cruisers man don't take care things, things won't of 7,000 tons, each. She has also already built the famous unarmored Riena Regente of to live in congor is better than to afection a his wan cheek)—Thanks, madam; I think 5,60 tons, making 20 knots, the fastest city. vessel of her class in the world. This cruiser may be practically the model for the new 20 knot unarmored vessel of 5,300 tons displacement provided for in the pending House Naval Appropriation bill. Spain has also the Destructor, of 458 tons, a 20-knot ve sel, and both of the Raina Regente and of the 20 knot torpedo types she is building three more vessels each.

Russia has one armored and three unarmered vessels of 15 knots, and is building three armored vessels the Tchesma, Sinope, this. A good plan is to divide corn rations the Admiral Korniloff, and two small craft A "Scotch plate" is a rule very generally of 20 knots.

wif. Dat brain food, Mistah Smif, am er Austria has one armored vessel of 16 knots weakly subjects; pale malt for the convale-God wants you to use!" It all went far as a stinging apparatus is concerned. Is knots. Japan has three armor dads the and grooms. A sufficiency tof flesh is all through Marian's mind in a mement or two, Entomologically speaking, the expression Itsukusima, Matsukusima, and Hakidati, that is required, and not "hog fat" or

unarmored cruiser of the same speed, and she has three vessels of the famous Naniwa

type, 3,650 tons, and 18 knots. These statistics show that the House Naval Committee, in now calling for one more 17-knot armored cruiser, two more An interesting and valuable collection of 19 knot unarmored cruisers, and one 20-knot cruiser, are only on a level with the times.

Extra Polite.

The most extreme urbanity of the bowing and smiling white merchant pales into mere courtesy when compared to the suavity, the delicate subtlety, of the "colored" keeper of a little crossroads store or a shop in some of the "darky towns" of the South or West. When Mr. Pompey Lycurgus Wintergreen

sees Mrs. Jenny Jackson entering his shop 300, the Camperdown, Benbow, Anson, and he meets her at the door with a courtly bow "How, do, Mis' Jackson? Come in, Mis' Jackson, come right in. An' how's all de

"Got any right good mack'rel, Mistah

"Mack'rel, Mis' Jackson? 'Deed I'se got some ob de finest mack'rel vo' eber see. Now dar's a mack'rel dat am a mack'rel." "Hit do look nice, I must say dat, Mistah

Wintertergreen." "Nice, Mis' Jackson? Dat am a feeble word to spress w't dat mack'rel am, 'deed it

"I'll take one ob em, sah."

"Couldn't use two ob 'em, Mis' Jackson Dey'll keep, yo' know." France has no fewer than four armored "No, Mistah Wintergreen, I dono as could. We ain't right found ob mack're

> "Yes'm; hit's all right, I ain't gwine hab no trouble sellin' mack'rel like dese. Now. , How's sugar." MistaW intergreen ?"

> "It am gwin up right 'long, Mis' Jack "Dat so, Mistah Wintergreen? Den

> better hab a pound." "Bettah say a pound an' a half."

> "No; our folks likes merlasses fo' sweet nin' bout well as sugah." "Dat so? Well, dat am lucky, 'deed it

class, 321 tons. France of 19 knot unarmored am so, Mis' Jackson. Now wa't else, Mis' "I'll look at some calico, if you please,

Jean Bart, Alger, and Isly of 4,162 tons, the "Yes'm, yes'm, wid the greatest pleas-

Cecille of 5,766, and the Tage of 7,045. She | ure in life, Mis' Jackson. I'se glad I'se got claims 20 knots for the armored vossels somethin' a lady ob yo' taste cayn't help Dupuy de Lome, 6 297 tons, and also for likin.' I said to myself w'en I bought dat the unarmored Davoust and Suchet, 3,027 | caliker, I said, 'Now dat'll suit Miss Jinny Jackson: 'deed I said dat very word. Now

"It really am, Mistah Wintergreen." "I knowed yer say dat, Mis' Jackson." "Yo' don't reckon dat green figgar 'll fade

"What ! Caliker like datffade, Mis' Jackson? Yo's jokin', fo' sure. Dat's de very " Hit do look like a right good piece, but

able, since these include the powerful "Ho, no, Mis' Jackson; now dar's whar armor clads Italia, 13,898 tons, and Le I knows mo' 'bout de fashions 'n w'at yo

> " Dat so?" "Hit reely am, Mis' Jackson. How many

ya'ds shall I cut off, ma'am?"

"Bout ten, sah. "Better say 'leven, Miss Jackson." "No; ten'll do. I ain't gwine trim hit

"Hain't? Well, now, caliker like dia'll make up right stylish 'thout much flubdub bery in de way ob ruffles an' sich."

"Dat am reely so." "Wat else, Mis' Jackson?"

"Nothin mo', sah."

"No? I'se sorry ; 'deed I am."

"Good day, Mistah Wintergreen." "Good day, Mis' Jackson; good day

Three days after Mrs. Tomzon left the with her mother she received a letter from

reading it she announced her firm and unal-"But, my dear, what is wrong?" asked

"Wrong! Wrong! Just read that!" and

When uncontroverthl clams upon the jalusies of dormant efection riste to the sur tace of occasion. I am all right. How are you? Incomprehensibilts may wreck things: what then? You all rit? So I. For if a take care him. That right? So am I. For

If you love I as we love me, No wife can bust our love in three.

"Mercy on me! What does that mean And can't he spell ?" exclaimed the old lady "Spell ! Of course he can. But he'll have a worse spell than that when I get home! answered the daughter, viciously.

The Stomachs of Horses. Horses have small stomachs; remember

and Catherine II., of 10, 181 tons each, to go into three daily portions—the hay, too. 16 knots. She also has five middle-class iron. Many object to giving hay just previous to clads, the Dmitri Donakoi, of 17 knots, and work, as it distends the stomac's and causes the Admiral Nachimoff, Alexander II., the animal inconvenience. Delicate feeders Nicholas I., and Pamjatz Azova of 18 knots. | must be tempted to take their rations, and She has an unarmored cruiser of 19 knots, should never be fed too strongly at one time. observed in England-everything cleaned Brazil has her famous Riachuelo of 16 up before placing other food in the racks or knots and Aquidaban of 15, besides the mangers. A little linseed boiled to a jelly unarmored Almirante Tamandare of 17 knots. | and mixed with the corn is seductive. Hay Chili has the renowned Esmeralds of 18 dampened and salted will tempt others. and one of 17, besides two unarmored cruis. scent or indisposed ; damp bran and oats ers of 19 knots and one of 18, with three are engaging for others. Some grooms give 4,140 tons each, of 16 knots, and an "beauty fat" as some phrase it.

Hearty.

Real gratitude is always refreshing even though the terms in which it is expressed be neither elegant nor grammatical in the Irishman mentioned believed. deed, if the Irishman mentioned below had expressed his feelings in chaste language, it is most likely that nobody would ever have thought of reporting or quoting it.

An Irishman belonging to a Maine regiment refused to receive any favors or listen to any advice from an agent of the Christian Commission, though sadly in need of some articles of clothing. Want, however, finally riumphed over will, and he was supplied

Seeing the delegate again, he said to him "Sir, they tell me ye are working here just for the love of the boys, and git no pay at

"They are mistaken," was the answer. "We get the best pay of snybody in the

"Indade! And what pay do you git, anyhow ?" "Didn't you say 'God bless ye!' when I

brought you the shirt and the drawers and the socks the other day ?" " | mind it," said the soldier. " And did they do you any good?" "Good !" replied Pat. "And didn't

they warm me feet, and warm me back, and warm me all over?" "Well," replied the delegate, "that is

the pay we get." " Is that it? is that it?" asked Pat, with a look of admiring wonder. And then, grasp. ing the donor's hand, he exclaimed, "God bless you! And may you live foriver, and may your wife live longer nor you do and may ivery one of your children be as fat as

a pig and as white!"

The Mistake She Made.

At a party the hostess said to a guest: "I want you to entertain Mr. Blank a little: he looks bored to death. I will introduce him and you must try to amuse him. You know his strong point is butter, on which he has written a book.".

The lady guest graciously undertook the task of entertaining the man, inwardly won. dering that he should be so interested in butter-of which she knew very littlewhen his face indicated a mind given to much profound thinking.

However, with butter in view, she began on the weather, gradually got to the country, then onto a farm, from that to cows, and at last to butter. The man looked more bored than ever, the magic word butter producing not the slightest effect, and he left her somewhat abruptly and soon withdrew

from the house. "I did my best," she explained to the hostess: "I went through agonies to prove that I was deeply interested in butter, but

it was all in vain." "Butter!" exclaimed the hostess. "What possessed you to talk to that man, of all men, on butter? I told you he had just written a book on Buddha, and I knew how deeply you two were interested in the same

And they said in chorus "Gracious!"

Reen-Sighted as a Hawk. All birds of prey have an extent and power of vision suited to their mode of getting a living. The hawk, in particular, is proverbial for his keen sight. What is told of the kestrel catching mice on ploughed land will give one an idea of what this bird

is capable of in the way of watching. The bird was perched on a tree fully a hundred yards from where the nearest plough passed up and down. Ever and again it flew to, hovered for a time be ind one of the ploughmen, and returned always to its position on the tree. Getting interested in its proceedings, and wishing to ascertain its purpose, we walked up and down the field with one of the ploughmen. Evidently not liking our appearance, it did not again come near the plough we accom-

However, we had ample opportunities of observing its habits at the other ploughs, and found it was in pursuit of mice which

were frequently unearthed. At times the ploughs were between two and three hundred yards from its perch, but on a mouse appearing, it was quickly seen and flown at by the kestrel. In most cases the mice got out of the way before the arrival of the hawk, when it hovered above the place for a time, and returned to the tree. Twice, however, we saw it pounce upon and carry off a mouse.

A Warning to Young Ladies.

Young ladies-and, for that matter, old ladies as well-who have bestowed their affections upon gentlemen under 21 years of age, should closely study the case of Holmes v. Briarley, concluded the other day in the Court of Queen's Bench. Miss Holmes became engaged to Mr. Bristley while he was a minor, but after he attained his majority, on account of some change in her father's pecuniary position she offered to release him from his engagement. This offer Mr. Briarley indignantly declined, though he subsequently threw the lady over. The question then was this : Did his refusal to accept the offered release constitute a new promise, or merely a ratification of the old promise? A fine distinction this, and one which the plaintiff, to her sorrow, failed to appreciate. Baron Huddlestone and Mr. Justice Charles have determined that there was no new promise, but only a ratification of the old and invalid promise. Ladies, therefore, who wish to make assurance legally sure, must lay to heart the distinction between a ratification and a new promise. They must be absolutely and unconditionally off with the old engagement before they are on with the new.

The Pope's Encyclical.

The Pope's encyclical on liberty says: Human liberty in individuals, as in societie and Governments, implies the necessity of conforming to a supreme national law which emanates from God. The Church is not an enemy of honest, legitimate liberty, but it an enemy of license. It condemns false liberalism or nationalism, which declares that there is no superior law, and that every one must form his own faith and religion. Such doctrine tends to destroy the conscions ness, the difference between good and evil, between justice and injustice, and makes force the sole basis of society. The Church is not an enemy of democracy, and rejects no form of government.

> The June bug disappears in June, The lightning bug in May, The skeeter takes his bonnet of And says : "I've come to stay.

CHAPTER II. QUEBEC.

Queen of the West !- upon thy r In solitary grandeur sternly In awful majesty thou sitt'st al By Nature's master-hand

world has not thy coun Eternal beauty, strength, an

The clouds enfold thee in their The lightning glances harmle The loud-voiced thunder canno

Or warring waves that idly The storm above—the waters May rage and foam, they bu

The mighty river, as it onward To pour its floods in ocean's Thecks at thy feet its fierd And gently fawns thy rocky

Stern eagle of the crag! thy he The mountain home of heaven-True to themselves, thy childre The power and malice of a wo

While Britain's flag, beneath t Spreads its rich folds and w wind; The offsprings of her glorious

May rest securely in their mou On the 5th of September, th weighed, and we bade a lon-Grosse Isle, As our vessel str channel, I cast a last lingerin beautiful shores we were leav in the arms of the St. Lawren ing in the bright rays of the the island and its sister ground second Eden just emerged fro of chaos. With what joy coul the rest of the fall in explorin features of that enchanting sce bark spread her white wings t breeze, and the fairy vision gr ed from my sight, to remain

tablets of my memory. The day was warm, and heavens of that peculiar azu gives to the Canadian skies brilliancy unknown in more tudes. The air was pure at sun shone out in uncommon s ing up the changing woods w low coloring, composed of a liant and vivid dyes. The rolled flashing and sparkling pelied by a strong breeze, short rolling surges with a c

Had there been no other of in the landscape than this its vast magnitude, and the d ness of its waters, and its gre to the colony, would have be have rivited the attention, a

admiration of every thinkin Never shall I forget that from Grosse Isle to Quebec. call, after the lapse of so man object that awoke in my tions of astonishment and wonderful combinations of grandeur, and power, at e that noble river! How the with the sublimity of the soars upward in gratitude a the Author of all being, to having made this lower wor. ly fair-a living temple, hea capable of receiving the hon

shippers. Every perception of my n serbed into the one sense o upon reaching Point Levi, before Quebec. What a s world produce such anoth had been the beau ideal to was beautiful in Naturenorthern Highlands had had across the Atlantic; but all collections faded before

Quebec. Nature has lavished all h ments to form this astonis There frowns the cloud ca and below, the cataract foa wood, and rock, and river their aid in making the pic worthy of its Divine Origin

The precipitous bank city lies piled, reflected i waters at its base, great romantic beauty of the mellow and serene glow day harmonized so peri solemn grandeur of the s and sank so silently and soul, that my spirit fell pr and I melted involuntarily regardless of the eager cro leant upon the side of the like a child—not tears of from the heart of pure and I heard not the many voice my ears-I saw not the at thronged our narrow deck moment was alone with G of His glory rested visibly objects that composed scene ; words are perfec describe the impression i mind—the emotions it pro homage I was capable of shrine was tears—tears t and sincere that ever flo eyes. I never before felt my own insignificance, as might and majesty of the Canadians, rejoice in yo

strength !-- We will live will die to defend her li to raise her majestic bro nations ! Look at the situation city founded on the rock the beight of the hill. enthroped above the wat swiftness and their str lovely feet.

Rejoice and be worthy of

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spot as Quebec-and excl

-God gave her to us in

Canadians !-- as long p yourselves and her, w position a forces ren by hand of Nature!

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