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POETRY.

MAKING CALLS. (I hope she's out, the tireseme thing!)
"Miss Jones at home to-day?" "No? 1'm sorry she's not in; Give her my love, I pray, And here's my card; and ask her, please, To call and see my soon; I'm sorry not to find her in

This lovely afternoon." (Good luck for once !) I do declare There goes the Widow Burr ; I'il just drop up and leave my card And wash my hands of her; And here to number " forty-six" Have moved those queer McKnights; There pew is right accross from ours; Their children look like frights.

But pastor said I ought to call-As if I'd time to waste, or strength to spend on any one Who shows such horrid taste That's all he knows! I'll gently ring, I hope they will not hear, And if they don't I'm very sure My conscience will be clear.

'Tis just my luck! As true's I live Mrs. McKnight, how do you do? I meant to call before ! Your lovely children, are they home, And are they well to-day? It quite refreshes me to see Your pew across the way.'

I hope you'll call "-(I hope she won't, From such a shabby room: She's not our set, that's very plain). " I must be going soon; I've had a very lovely call " (That last was all a lie ). Mrs. McKnight; good afternoon, You little dear, good-by !"

I'd like to shake that borrid child; I wish he'd not been born! He crowded up so close to me He stept upon my corn ! I'd like to shake such stupid folks Why didn't she tell the news? Such calls as this would drive me mad, Or kill me with the blues!

Twelve calls I've made, and home at last Too tired to speak a word; Those hateful women talked so fast I could not once be heard ; 'd be a fly upon the wall,

Or anything that erawls Before I'd be a woman, Forever making calls! Good Housekeeping.

## OUR STORY.

BY MARY KYLE DALLAS.

Lilly Linterne's Gratitude.

"I've done what I never did before, Mrs. Sour," said Madame Plimsolle to her old housekeeper. "I've hired a girl without a recommendation. You know Mademoiselle BUTCHER, has pleasure in announcing recommendation. You know Mademoiselle to the citizens of Acton, that he has is gone, and we want some one to try on in the show-room. And this girl had such pretty shoulders! She put on that Wm. Rossell, and is prepared to conduct the same in a straitforward business Turkish mantle, with the shaded fringe, in a way that would have made any lady who had money enough buy it without needing it. I think she'll be a treasure, but I don't ers who favor me with their patronage, l now her from Eve. She says she has a sick mother, and needs work dreadfully, and only has an old clergyman in Canada to refer to. One can't go to him there; in the lap, or the needle dropped from the I respectfully solict your esteemed patbut-I've hired her; she's coming to-mor-JOSEPH PATTON.

"Very well, ma'um. I hope she won't

ception, even amongst girls from a reform- low. Work dropped to the floor. atory," said madame. "This girl is quite | blinds were pulled up. The windows of a lady in appearance;" and proceeded to the opposite houses reflected a red glare. Vict. Chap. 9. (Ont.) to all creditors and others pected some friends.

the establishment where madame was making a fortune out of flowers, feathers, laces, and rare goods of all sorts, to say nothing of the vanity of other women. Lilly Lintorne came next day. Her

black silk dress, though very old, hung well moned; the roof seemed to be on fire. and was worn well. You may wear the From the upper floor the servants made oldest frock "with a difference." She their escape wrapped in blankets, quilts, or quite understood all that was needed, and sheets; they wrung their hands, and lahad taste in the millinery line. Certainly she looked lady-like, and amiable as well shall have been given as above required.

And the said Administrator shall not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person whose claims shall not have been received at the time, of the distribution of the as pretty; but the housekeeper was prejudiced against her; and at the noon-time lunch, which the employees took in a little room set apart for that purpose, she handed her her tea with a cold air. " Sararan, who had requited kindness and benevolence by going off with the spoons, had curdled the milk of human kindness in Mrs. Sour's heart. She looked for some sign that Lilly was not all she could be, and soon she had

and whispering in her ear :

"Come this way, if you please," led her back against the door, said :

The girl, thus addressed, stared at her strest its interior was a flery furnace. accuser with wide wild eyes for a moment,

Rush used to pocket sewing silk, and Jane aran."-N. Y. Ledger.

Burrels took yards and yards of lace, and some help themselves to pins and needles, and I've know'd the seissors to go. It's a dishonest world."

Meanwhile, the girl took from the pooks of her ulster a bottle and a couple of paper packets. In one lay two buttered biscuits. In the other, a little slice of cold ham. "You will expose me!" she sobbed. You will make me lose this little place of

mine! Oh, what it is to be poor! I never knew-I never guessed-what it would be. Everything, everybody, against one. But was it stealing? Was it really, stealing madam? See, in this bottle is only the cup of tea you poured out for me. Here are the biscuits and ham I had ou my plate. It is the half;of my own lunch. came back and took it like a thief, it true, for I was ashamed. But am I like the girls who stole the silk and lace, and the servant who took the spoons? Do you think that of me?"

She burst into tears again, and sobbed softened.

"Well, no-no," she faltered. "I guess have been hasty for once. But Sararan turned me agin human natur—that's a fact. But why couldn't you eat your lunch at

table, like a Christian child ?" "I took these things for my mother," sighed the girl. "I have not a penny to buy food with. I have fed her this way for three days. She would have starved if I hadn't. i Oh, I wish we were both dead, if I am to be turned away just as I was earning a little money. Oh, what a cruel

But Mrs. Sour, who was by this time wiping her own eyes, went over to the girl where she sat weeping, and bending over her, smoothed back her hair from her wet

"Don't! Don't!" she said. " Don't gry so ! How was I to know? You ought to have come and told me. I'll see to your designs. ma this week. Eat your victuals comfortable to-morrow, and I wouldn't tell any one for untold gold. I'll kelp and not hinder you. I guess I can't even blame you, seein' 'twas your own lunch you took. You

see, I didn't know." She coaxed the girl to calmness, and sent her home with a basket of comforts for her sick mother, and from that day the two were friends. Any one who had Mrs. Sour's good word was in madame's favor. Besides, the girl was very clever. She learned the business rapidly, soon earned a fine salary, and was beyond want, while Madame Plimsolle had every reason to rejoice that she had engaged a young girl

It was the busy time before Christmas. All the workwomen at Madame Plimsolle's establishment were very busy. On one particular night a request was made that every one would stay until four o'clock. Overwork was always well paid for there, and only a young widow, who had a child she could not well leave, excused herself. Needles flew, work was finished and boxed up. Madame toiled with the rest. Midnight passed; the small hours came. It was very hard for some of the girls to

keep awake. Now and then the work rested unnerved fingers. The city streets were as silent as they ever are. Suddenly this stillness was broken, and go and turn out like Sararan," said Mrs. | the stupor gradually creeping over the Sour. "Six aprons, and a salt-cellar, and | work-room quite driven away by the sound of a club upon the pavement, and the loud

"I'm sure I hope Sarah Ann is an ex- cry of "Fire! fire! fire!" at the door begive directions for dinner, to which she ex- Madame Plimsolle's establishment was on fire! The girls rushed headlong street Everything was on an elegant scale in ward, casting their work to the winds. Madame secured the contents of her desk

and followed. The employees were crowded in street, looking upward; the neighbors had rushed out; the fire department was summented the tranks that held their few possessions, forgetting that their lives .had

"Maggie, Bridget, Ann! are you all here? Then she screamed aloud: "Mrs. Sour-poor old Mrs. Sour! She

is up there yet!" As she spoke, a slight form darted from theranks of work-women, and flew into the burning house.

It was that of Lilly Lintorne. Amidst the screams of her companions, she made It was the third night of Lilly's engage- her way up the long staircase, fitfully lightment, as she was putting on her ulster to ed by the flames that consumed the roof go home, that Mrs. Sour stole behind her, and walls of the upper floor. The smoke was thick and black; the air hot; but the girl had tremendous courage and good lungs. way into an empty room, and setting her Happily Mrs. Sour had not locked herdoor. She had forgotten to do so, having retired " Miss Lintorne: It strikes me as rather | quite heavy with sleep. Usually she was singular that you should calculate on get- very careful of herself, her black silk dressting off without being found out! You've es and the coupon bonds, which she kept got your pockets stuffed full of provisions. | beneath her pillow in a big black silk bag. I watched you when you went back to the | She lay on her pillow amidst the smoke, lanch-room and helped yourself. Very stupified and incapable of moving. How few employers set a lunch for their young Lilly dragged her to the door and manladies, and I should think that would be aged at the same time to clutch the preenough without providing yourself with cious bag she never knew. But as the supper. I shall mention it to madame; flames caught the bed and rushed over the but I thought I'd let you know what I was | floor she pushed and pulled the old woman going to do first. I'm not an underhand into fresher air, which revived her suffiperson. Oh, dear, dear, how strange it is ciently to give her power to help herself. you can't trust anybody! They're all like | However, she had not left the fated room one moment too soon. Ere she reached the

"She's saved my life and she's saved my and then burst into tears. She looked so savings," said Mrs. Sour, in telling the Custom Work and Repairing terrified and abashed, that Mrs. Sour felt story afterwards. "I'd made my will, and an emotion of pity for her, and muttered : | left her everything I had, and that isn't a "Well, now, I didn't mean to be hard; bit too much, for she's not only saved my but it's my duty. Madame Plimsolle is life, but restored the trust in human nature always being robbed. There was Hannah | that I thought totally destroyed by Sar-

COMMERCIAL UNION. BY W. H. STOREY.

The move in the direction of Commercial Union, by what is known as the Butterworth bill, having as its advocate Mr. Erastus Wiman, and looking towards the control of Canadian commerce by the United States, I regard not only as impracticable, but adverse to every Canadian

At this juncture of our national existence we cannot afford to trifle, or make experiments, especially when the surface indications are so evident as to presage ultimate

In this matter, which is ostensibly a move to settle the fishery dispute, it is very much like "baiting with a minnow to catch a shad," the ultimate design being annexation. Whatever hopes such political agitators as Mr. Wiman may hold out to the American people, towards its acwith her head upon the table—such a young | complishment, this country is sufficiently pretty, childish head, that the housekeeper loyal to British institutions, and British connections, to maintain them at all the usual hands being replaced by figures

I submit that the fishery question should be treated on its merits. The fisheries are mechanism is simple, and only a few more either ours, or they are not. If any reason- parts are required than in an ordinary able doubt exists as to the right of this watch. Two wheels are used to denote the country to control them its settlement be- minutes - one, which moves forward once comes a question of diplomacy, and should in a minute, being geared to a second one, be forever settled by a joint commission of marked with the minute figures, and the two nations. We have no right, for every ten minutes a tooth on the first wheel expediency's sake, to sacrifice the interests engages with the teeth on the second, of the Maritime Provinces by allowing the moving it forward one figure. Thus every Americans free access to our fisheries minute of the hour is shown on the face of of the fishery question. But we are not on a separate wheel, and an ordinary hand so servile as to be bullied into a humiliating | indicates the seconds. Of the advantages sures, which is the favorite method of few people read the time of an ordinary

necessarily imply annexation, and that the be found that an error of from half a United States does not want political union minute to three minutes will be generally with Canada. Admitting this to be the made. With the new watch it is claimed case at present, would not the situation be no error can possibly occur and there is materially changed, if the arrangement in the added advantage that, at the end of years to come proved essential to American every minute, an audible click is sounded commerce and a continuation of it desirable. | 48 the number changes, by which one can Let the advocates of this scheme put their | measure short intervals of time even at case squarely in the shape of annexation, which is its true intent, and we do not fear

The thinking population of this country have no sympathy with commercial union, so called. To superficial minds and viewed in the abstract, I admit the question without references, because of her graceful may have its advocates. But to soberminded people, possessing ordinary prescience, and to whom the future of this country is everything, this movement is regarded with distrust. Admit if you no objections to the scheme, are we so insensible to national feeling and pride as to against her for the benefit of the Americans? I am not a Free Trader, but if Free Trade has to be granted to the United be unpatriotic, and I trust we yet retain glass. 'Ah, sir,' I said, 'I am a blue ribbon some vestige of this sentiment so common to humanity.

come a party to this one. We desire Cana. Nothing of the sort. He turned the talk to da for the Canadians. If Uncle Sam's other things."-Washington Post. children choose to cross the line and take up their abode with us we will welcome them, so long as they contribute to the support and development of the common

The question forces itself upon us, What of the future ? Is this country to be forever troubled with political agitators, whose purport seems to be the pullin down what loyal, patriotic spirits are trying to build up? Have we not sufficien internal agitation, the result of scheming politicians and designing demagogues, t claim our serious attention, without having this new one thrust upon us from abroad Surely we have. I look upon commercia union as fraught with danger, and one that should be pronounced upon by our people without delay. Let it go unchallenged that reciprocity in manufactures is in the near future, and further enterprise on this side of the line will receive a check, whi new industries now in contemplation wi wait the course of events.

That this country has prospered sind the abrogation of the former reciprocit treaty admits of no contradiction.

Since those days a National Policy been given us. The construction of publi works requisite to secure a consolidation the Dominion have been carried out. The great North-West has been opened up that work of startling magnitude, Canadian Pacific Railway, and to wh we look with hope as an outlet for manufactures and commerce in years come. I ask, is it just to the people of t country, who have borne the taxation quisite to the development of it, now the we have consummated our hopes, to allo a nation of sixty million people who ha not contributed a cent, not only to share the result of our labors but to deprive of our patrimony? What we need at present time is loyal, patriotic, true me men who regard the capabilities of country and its free institutions, as a boon to be prized and worth atriving to retain.

To enumerate in detail the injury such a scheme would entail on our farmers, manufacturers, merchants and mechanics, and the various channels through which their interests would be affected, suggests over it, and the minister was pleased to material for a volume. Suffice it to say have been the means of settling what might we stand to-day a people as prosperous have ripened into a congregational squabble and free as any on earth's footstool, and and split the church in pieces. we had better let well enough alone,

for offices to come along that is keeping so Be sure to call and see them at J. Fyfe's, many young men poor,

#### UNCLE SAM'S LOVE LETTER TO CANADA.

Canada, why be capricious? Let me kiss that pout delicious, Why, dear, be so coy and pettish, And so fickle and coquettish ! Ah, those eyes could pierce the armor Of an eremite, my charmer! Hut their cruel angry glauces, Tear my heart like deadly lauces. Canada, oh! hear my suing! Why evade my fond pursuing? And in wine, and milk, and honey; Well-to-do-good reputation Come and share my rank and station.
I will buy you lovely dresses, And will shower you with caresses; Don't look cross and call me "Mister," don't want you for a Sister, But for something closer, dearer, relationship that's nearer, Oh, now tell me, lovely creature, Shan't I go and call the preacher. - American paper.

#### Watches Without Hands.

The construction of watches without hands has lately attracted some attention, denoting the hour and minute, which appear at openings in the dial plate; the under the guise of commercial union. We the watch, and, at its completion, both are not an unreasonable people, and are | minute wheels show two ciphers, and ready therefore open to an equitable adjustment to begin the round again; the hour is shown settlement by threats of retalitatory mea- of this kind of watch, it is remarked that American politicians to accomplish their watch accurately, and, if the experiment is tried of glancing at the face in the usual It is said commercial union does not manner, and then naming the time, it would

A Prince's Affability. I asked Wilder about his parlor entertainments in Europe and especially about his

evenings with the Prince of Wales. "I gave my imitation for him six times," said the little man. "The last time I saw him was at Mrs. Sloane Stanley's, and he kindly set me to his right at the table. All stand till he sits, and he rises first at the please that Great Britain would present | end as a signal to the others. It is not etiquette to eat after he finishes, but he fixes that very neatly by continuing to pick at abuse her liberality by discriminating the food as long as he sees anybody else busy. He is a man of wonderful tact in

placing persons at their ease." "For instance, I took a sip of water on States, by all means place Great Britain sitting down. 'That's water,' said the on the same basis. To do otherwise would | prince, with a laugh, touching my wine-

man. I never drink any wine." "' No? he said: 'very well.' He was We have no desire for any scheme which | polite. He did not quiz me or laugh at or points to national extinction, and which banter me, as another might, and say: would certainly eventuate were we to be- | 'Aw, now, just this once, you know.'

Why He "Fooled The Girl." Mr. Redfreckle was sued for breach of promise. "You ought to be ashmed of yourself," said the judge, "My lord, it was on account of my strong attachment that I fooled the girl. Suppose I had married her and she died; my life would be bathed in gloom. I thought about the matter, and I looked at the girl and mused, · Suppose you were to become my wife and die; I should be staicken with sadness.' I can't stand anything like that. My brother married some time ago, and his wife died, and since then he has been unfit for business." "But the young lady, sir," continued the judge, "is in remarkably good health, and the chances are that she will live longer than you will." "Yes; and that was another objection, my lord. Suppose I were to marry her and die. Widow Why, the word has a sad sound! I don't want to be instrumental in making anybody a widow." The jury gave a verdict of one hundred pounds in favor of the girl

See what a little shrewdness once accomplished. Two Illionois deacons turned some calves loose in the same pasture. Two of the calves happened to be so much alike that no man could tell one from the other. One of these two disappeared. Each deacon thought the remaining calt his own. At last one of them sold the calf, and the other one insisted that it was his calf, and that the proceeds should be paid to him. There was a stormy dispute between these two descons, atd each threatened to go to law against the other. After letting the breeze blow awhile, they concluded to refer the matter to the minister, with power to make a satisfactory settlement. The minister advised them to put the \$16 which the calf had sold for into the missionary treasury, and assured them that if they had any doubt in their minds as to wnich of them it was who was giving the money, the Lord knew about it, and he would settle it justly and equitably. The Board of Missions got the \$16 and entered it "calf money." The deacons were happy

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