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I've wandered far in many lands,

Of handsome face and courtly grace.

With gold and jewels well adorned,

But there's a little wife at bome

And has old-fashioned ways,

These giddy gadding days.

Her voice is low and musical

In stature the is small;

Superior to all.

And notions seldom entertained

And of comen kind she's to my mind

The queen may rule in greater state.

To a loyal dame that I could name,

She has ber throne within my beart,

In peace we dwell, and thrive so well-

So homege give to whom you will,

Of mald or matron-young de old-

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Surprise Party.

ET MIRT EVLE DILLES.

Ever since his mother died-good

soul !- Cass Newbold had lived wlone or

the farm. It was a fine farm ; well worked

productive; set about with fine stone

ence; not a bit of it yellow and dried and

peglected. The apple trees bore apples

with no women in it, but he perer dreamt

around; didn't want to talk and be bother

sugh feelings dor if encouraged. So the

side and looking down in the valley, the

sight be saw made him foel, as he said, a

"There they were, the whole of 'em,"

said he to himself. All Kenah Commins

Cousin Bill; Cousin Kitty Spruce, and

"I suppose they think it a the victoris

worry about," he said, angeily. "As if

wouldn't be willing to dine the village, if i

myself. What am I to do? | Confound it

a party sprung on me like this! I've s

mind to get my rifle and pick 'em off se

into it, he down behind the baskets, throw

a big cloth cover over him, and hide until

they were all gone. They were welcome

to his house, his well, his feel, his tea-

Feeling this a divine inspiration, he pr

coeded to carry it out; and when the

yellow hat followed the black bonnet, an

a little scoop, lined with pale blue, appear-

ed side by side with a big shade hat

pink as blush roses, there was no sign

kettle, but not to his company.

Case Newbold anywhere.

voice. " Not be himself !"

of women."

want no company."

sort o' queerish."

said another village beau.

line laught him," mid Kezich.
"I'tell von, we'll see a real nice place.

You ought to set your cape for our Case,

"Thank Heaven I hid myself !"

Cass to himself, hehind the baskets.

if he wished 'twasn't wicked to swear."

tes-table.

and baskets.

onske or a tornado !"

And all the charms rebeare.

In either prose or verse;

Is not disposed to rosm-

Will ever raise a song of praise

For the little wife at home

And there she holds such ever

With subjects in command.

To India's coral strand,

But oh, I do not envy her.

Her wishes I anticipate.

My little wife and L.

Her least requests obey;

Her will is mine and mine bers,

And that's the reason why

Nor from allegiance swerve

Whom I am proud to serve.

And wield a sceptre that extende

And many dames I've seen

And sweet, engaging mien!

In fine apparel drest;

Who pleases me the best.

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"Old bachelors are so queer," said the pink boarder, gigging.

marks to the baskets. "Leave what I

have to Aliot and Peter. Catch me at

"I'm inost afraid to stay," said the blue boarder, throwing his boots into the WAGOD. "I kind of wonder at Kitty Spruce bring-

ing us here." said a heavy voice broken by tugs at a pair of shoes with side elastics not yet broken in. "I-agh-I kinder thought he'd be auth conplessantish. Thank goodness they're on." "That's real mean of you, Uncle Jeff,"

clicked almost against Casa Newbold's attentive car. "Why. Caes isn't unpleasant; be's only quiet. Some people go about shouting

with nothing to say ; now when he speaks it's worth hearing." "Good for Cousia Kitty." said Cass. "Takes tarnation airs, I think," said

Alick. "What! Because he don't care for your company?" raid Kitty. "Why, he's a great reader, and, when he wants to he can be interesting."

"Anybody'd think he was Moses or Absulom, or whoever that wisest old fellow in the catechism was," said Peter. could talk book, too, if I wanted." "You'd better read up a little more Bible, anyway, and find out what Solomon

was usmed," said Uncle Jeff. "Well, I own Cass is smart, but I like a fellow that's got a bit of welcome for you says, 'Come in and take a bite,' or 'Jump in and ride, or has a word at the store, or goes into the smoking-car take a cigar with

you, if you meet coming from the city. It's right, that is. Now, sin't it ?" Even Cass could not say "No." Aunt Mahala piped in again: "He's soured, poor Cass is. He was disappointed in his youth. Maria Jemima Pillkins give him the mitten, and he haint

been hisself since. Disappointed old bachelors is generally dumpish." Cass was scarled in his concealment. "What an idea !" he gasped ; "as if ! ever wanted that cross-eyed, red-haired Maria Jemima Pillkins!"

not worm-esten knobs of dingy hue But again the sweet, clear voice of Kitty pumpkins were golden and melons green Spruce came to his rescue. in their time; grapes bung purple on the "I never believed that was so. It was wall, and there were pink peaches and big all Maria Jemima's brag. Some girls are egg-plums to be had for the gathering like that He never saked her-never. Each year Cass banked a solid sum and She was siways saying she'd refused somebought himself a new suit for best occasions; body; and whom did she marry! Jest but his life had no warmth in it; he graspthe meanert thing in the village-poor and od no man's hand, and sat at no woman's homely, and hateful. Why, she'd have indiped at Cousin Cass. He was very He read a good deal, and was careful o bandsome then, and worth up of the other his books. He paid his workmen promptboys: so be is now."

ly, but not liberally. There was his house "Only he's got over his beauty, I suppose," said the blue boarder. of taking a wife, though he was strong, "No, he hasn't; he's better looking than healthy and young, for the matter of that, ever," said Kitty

Somehow, as he said to himself, he wort of hated folks; didn't want 'em Alick. "What d'you mean !" ed;" and the feeling grew upon him, as "He is a paragon," said Kitty, decidedly I wanted you to see we had one man left when committee vening, he stood near over here. That's why I got up the party. his big, red truck wagon, leaning on its Borrow a Webster's dictionary as soon as

you can get one, Alick. their baskets and tolled on toward the house folks, from Hopside : Aunt Mahala, and cloth, arose flushed and excited on the other

Miss Jones, from the city-children, boarders, neighbors-all ready to give him s surprise party, as he saw by their kettles cross, and bashful, was he? He had no them-that was all! Kitty shall not have stood up for him for nothing-Kitty, who wanted me to, if it would let me get off by

thought him handsomer than ever. And so, as the new shod feet struck the porch the door opened, and Cass, with Bis toilet made to perfection, his glossy hair they come up the hill ! Aunt Mahala's black hat first-bang! down she goes. then Keziah's yellow bound -ping! Then Bill - Folks ought to be abot that can come a visiting like that-like an earthtake pity on a lonely bachelor ! Walk in !

Walk in !" However, he did not really mean this, and as the tribe vanished in the valley open. He set chairs. He begged the ladies prior to respressing on the brow of the to take off their bonnets. He was delighthill, it occurred to him that he could chest them all. The wagon was high and deep, and full of empty baskets. He could climb

one remembered. They supped, with many dditions, from the bachelor's larder. They danced to Ben's fiddle. They were led into amiability is approved of, but strong emothe garden, and made free of the roses. And after cotting Alick and Peter out with | disfavor. People freeze each other. They the summer boarders, Cass found bimself are properly conricous at times, but you at liberty to devote the rest of the time to Consin Kitty Sprace, who didn't mind it in the least, and who looked as pretty as if she had been sixteen again, and as happy as if she had been six.

"A Virgima reel for the last dance!" cried Under the checked cloth cover he lay at he host ease, and listened. The great body came Old Ben drew his bow, and he sat at the head forwarded to Kitty, bowed, retired, came down with his right hand out.

to a pages somewhere near him, and he "Now, folks, we all want to change our They had danced so, years before, in the tramp shoes for them we've fetched along, great hall over the market, where the balls and I propose we do it herd. Put the old boots into this wagon, and go up to the

"Do you remember, Kitty?" he asked. "Yes," she had time to say, as they orned and parted. "Who does the work " saked a boarder's The left hand now. "No : old Ben does it. Poor Annt Car-

"I was awfully in love with you then, Kitty." "Don't believe it." Away again. Both hands now.

"I am still." some of you city girls. Though he's afraid "Oh, let me go; you spoil the figure." Away once more. Now dos a dos. "Oh, how interested I am," said the "This time I mean to have you."

Back to her place in silence; a pressure of the hand in the chain. Now the wild gallop down the middle and back again. "Life was dead," he' whispers; "you "He's very queer," mid a young man's came and waked me. I believe you loved I tel you, he's queer; no politeme then. I believe I was a fool to go and ness into him. I shouldn't wonder if he'd say nothing-to live like this all these send us packing; say, 'Get out: I don't years."

"Yes, you were a dreadful fool. What "Smart Alick!" said Cass under the could a woman do?" They have taken their places at the foot "Or shoot us out of the garret window,"

The dance goes on. Ouser, old, romping Che feld pane of conscience. never forget you -that dance in which an his den." said the city boarder in blue. " More like a bear," said Alick " Well, be's getting oldishir kinder bald, n most forty, I should say. Bon't feel as if ladies would admire to hev him round," said Agnt Mahaia. "You've got to excuse

whet it receives.

things. He an't bad. I reckon he'il leave all he has to my boys, and I allers eas to o' fetched on by the surprise party." them : 'Respect your Undle Cass, of he is The mind is enriched, not by what it " I wish that old woman was at Jerus-

CEMS OF THOUGHT. Bad thoughts quickly ripen into bad

ifse as above ourselves. Be quick. You can't use a minute but once-make the most of it.

the desire of doing good.

se able to do without it is power. An unkind word falls easily from the mouth, but six coach-horses cannot draw it | the silken-crowned head, the little heart back again. You just bring a couple of little quarrels said a bright voice, as a little pair of shoes

> We cannot judge for one another; we ave each our peculiar weaknesses and The first condition of human goodness is

As "violets plucked will never grow ought to be in each relation. I rise early again," so a good name, once lost, will and I sit up late, and "-she hesitated, the never be regained. Cultivate forbearance, till your heart | bread of sorrow, for I am unable to live up

something to love, the second something to

yields a crop of it. Pray for a short memory as to all unkindness. When a kindly face greets us, though but passing by and never knows us again nor we it, we should feel it an obligation.

Never look back. You can't help the on the other side of it. "And you are the mistakes you have made. Don't make any victim of a morbid conscientiousness. more. Don't think of what you have There is such a thing as being over-ready achieved, but of what you may accomplish. to scourge corselves for omissions and coma simple innoceut and inexpensive pleasures. We may thus aid in diffusing that spirit of contentment which is of itself rich

and a permanent possession. A bad habit broken away from is a good day's work. The earlier a habit is formed be stronger the hold it has. Private personal babits are more difficult to get rid of and have a more demoralizing effect than

THE BOY WHO SMOKES.

public ones.

BY META LANDOR. "The effect of tobacco on school-boys i o marked as not to be open for discussion." So wrote Professor McShary, President o the Baltimore Academy of Medicine. Dr. Wilard Parker asserts that "tobacco

rainous in our schools and colleges, dwarf. ".baim bas veod gai Dr. Drysdale, the senior physician in the Loudon Metropolitan Hospital, speaks of medical students "who have entirely destroyed their intellect by the use of tobacco." In Vermont a bright boy of fourteen fell strangely behind his class. His teachers could not account for this; but the incapacity increased till he sickened and died, when

it was found that he was killed by tobacco. to which he was in the habit of belging himself secretly from his father's store. Dr. Decaisne, of Paris, lound by investi-"Oh my !" sneered the pink boarder, "be gation that even the restricted use tobacco by children leads often to a change "I thought that was an unberails." said in the blood, paleness of the face, emaciation, palpitation and intermission of the heart, diminution of the normal quantity | wider fields beckon as they may." of blood, corposcles, difficulty of digestion !

and slaggishness of intellect." With these last words the party, flinging and by desire to get situations as book. time and way the Father will make plain more shoes into the truck wagon, picked up keepers or to become art students. Pro- the path to the more conspicuous usefulness and Cass, crawling from under the cover. he can invariably recognize the user of talent which is now apparently neglected ? side, and sped by ways he knew well home- absolute inability to draw a clean, straight | better for anybody's picture, or poem; but His pride was up... He was crusty, and test the handwriting of every boy who antagonized, one's friend anubbed or

THE SEEDED TEXT I wonder whether ministers ever preach in these days against people's laving each other too well! It used to be a great point all a curl and his handsome face beaming with some of them that we should not with smiles; stepped out to greet them. " make idols " of each other : but it occurs "This is an unexpected pleasure," he to me that I have not heard that danger said, warmly. " Are you really going to alluded to for a long time. I fancy that it is because those who have an opportunity of watching human nature and receiving He threw the shutters of the big parlor | many confidences of all sorts have come to the conclusion that the danger is all the

other way. fal, benign, courteous, as no one had ever le "Love one another," is the text we now need to hear expounded. I am afraid, for I That was an afternoon and evening every | believe that never were good people so cold. never was there so little tenderness and constancy manifested. A sort of lukewarm tions of the best sort are regarded with meet few men of the Damon and Pythias order, or few women who even believe that they can find truth in their own sex Marriages are talked of as though they were business partnerships, and coquettish widows, dressed principally in jet, marry before a year of mourning is over Widowers vie with them in haste to be on with a new love, and you are surprised to

> hear that the merry, smiling people about have " lost children lately." So long as people have possessions of gol and diamonds, and bricks and morter, and bank stock, they seem happy. Forlorn faces betoken loss of cash or property

Wives go to Europe " to educate their children " and leave their husbands alone ! to make money for them. Children turn their backs on their parents without remorse. Mothers cram their little girle into boarding-schools, and leave them there to save the trouble of saring for them.

Perhaps the world has not changed at all; but if it has not that old text was never needed, and the good preachers wasted their breath in arguing that a crowd of creaares who seldom love each other half enough should conquer their effections.

AN ESSAY ON BREATHING.

The following was submitted by a schooloy as his " composition," on the subject of breathing :- " Breath is made of air. breathe with our lungs, our lights, dance-jolly old dance, with its ill-paired | liver and our kidneys. If it was not for our couples all put of time, and Ben's old fiddle | breath we would die when we are asleep. all out of tone. Those two who lead it will Boys that stay in a room all day should not breathe, they should wait till they old love bloomed again, and two good bearts | get out of doors. Boys in a room make long kept asunder by foolish pride, melted | bad, unwholesome air; they make carbonat last together, and made one greet happy | leide-carbonicide is poisoner than made dogs. A heap of soldiers was in a black But all the village folks know is, that | hole in India, carbonicide got in that there Kitty Sproce and Cass Newbold got mar- | hole and killed nearly every one afore mornried unexpected, and the match was sort ing. Girls kill the breath with corsets; that squeezes the diagram. Girls can't holler or run like boys, because their disgram is squeezed too much. If I was a girl passively receives from others, but by 'its I'd rather be a boy, so, I can holler and run

and have a great big diegram.

OUR DAILY DUIY.

My friend and I were sitting in her flower. sweet parlor, the summer evening falling An effort made for the happiness of others | softly from golden sanset fo starlit dask, birds drooning their vesper songs in the maples on the lawn, and the baby of the household, in his cradle scross the hall, There is no nobler motive of action than drooping into happy sleep, and awakening now and then for a moment to call, " mam To have what we want is riches, but to ma! mamma!" "Yes, my darling, mamms is here!" the young mother would

answer, and down on the pillow would go And I want to tell you now. quite satisfied with the blessed thought that mother was year. By and by the baby boy into your family and they'll breed like was fast asleep, and then we had our talk. "The question with me," she said, " is

not what I can do every day, so much as what I can leave out. I grow so tired of trying to round the measure of every day's daty, omitting nothing, slighting pothing. yet fulfilling every obligation, keeping my hand on every string, being just what I dark eyes filling with tears-" I eat the Of a toal and hango man,

to my own ideal." "You are over worked." I said, looking at the sweet face wistfully, with the comprehension of an older woman who had gone through the same sort of struggle and out For many of the greatest meu There is such a thing, too, as being unjust

to, and impatient with, one's own soul." "I have many interruptions," sighed the little woman; "so many needless inter " As, for instance?"

maid, let the mistress plan as best she may. | nevertheless, by no means equal to that of will forget that she has used the last grain the stope mentioned below; but asbestos of salt or of sugar till the very instant these | can be woven, and the fibres of amianthus are needed, or will mention that bread is wanted or butter must be bought at the most inconvenient time for the purchase of these articles. Every wife has had expericuce of the dear husband's facility for making work at unexpected moments; bring. ing you a pair of trouriers or scoat to mend, or begging you to piece out a worn nudergarment that it may bold together a little flexibility of a piece of India rubber. When longer, and this siways just when your taken in the hand and shaken in the direchands are already full to overflow. Every of its flat surfaces, it will bend backward mother knows the incursions the children | and forward with a dail sound. The move-

looks as though principalities and powers | poward over an inch. had arrayed themselves against you." ".We are agreed," I said, " are we not, direction, -in the plane of the flat surfaces, that the life within the doors of home is of

the greater moment, so far as our respons-

ibility for it is in question ? One must take care of her own little garden spot, let the | tiobs under pressure. | This is what is "Yes: by all means!" " Then why not take the daily duty, how-There is another point to which I want to ever jusignificant it may seem, as the east of Death Valley. call your attention, for some of you will by heaven sent gift, trusting that in his own fessor Oliver, of the Naval Academy, says which allures, to the cultivation of the tobacco "from his tremulons hand and It is not certain that the world will be line." I know of a merchant, who used to if one's husdand is neglected, one's child so hard." applied to bim for a situation, and invari- | wounded, the little home-word is the worse. hospitality, no frinedliness ; he was a die ably in this way detected and invariably I have often been struck with the beauty appointed old bachelor. Well, he'd show rejected tobacco-users .- N. J. Independent. and pathos of the simple inscription carved somewhere on the stone over a lowly grave. I forget the place, if I ever knew what was its name, but I shall never forget the legand,

She was so pleasant!' It is a wonderful thing," I went on musingly, " to te pleasant in all circumstances, seldom ruffled, always

that best test the metal in character. In our meeting and performing them aright the true heroism consists." "If one could only realize it," said the little dame doubtfully, "there would be comfort in such a conviction. But you must concede that it is hard to give up the chance of writing a book, which thousands of people might read and enjoy, because your boy wears out his stockings at the knee, or your girls have the measles; or your friends per-

desultory talk."

is a great deal in the point of view!" "I believe you are right," said Miriam, gave him the money, but I thought I rising to light the lamp and draw the due | wouldn't interfere again."

A NOVEL ADVERTISEMENT.

The following story, which has never be fore appeared in print, is told about th editor of one Maine's most prominent dailies: When a small boy, his father, now one of the most prominent men in the State, was then running a print ing office and publishing a weekly paper in one of the best towns in Kennebeck County One day the advance agent of a show came along and ordered some posters printed upon cotton. His order was filled, but for some reason he neglected to call for them and they were thus left on the printer's hands. The printer's wile ran coross them, and as cotton was then high, she took the cloth home and used it to line a pair of pants she was then making for the editor above mentioned, then a boy about ten

grew threadbare, and at school one day he acoidently tore the seat out, leaving about one foot of lining exposed to view. This in itself would have made the boys smile, but they laughed till the tears came when they observed the following words stand out boldly upon the lining in largetype: "Doors open at 7.30. Performance

As the months rolled by the pantaloons

It is needless say to that the boy was sant home to his mother in tears.

years of age. .

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PRICE THREE CENTS

THE MAN BEHIND THE PLOUGH

I may not be so much at singing As your much experienced chaps, My voice il may be husky.

And a little loud perhaps. For I have been a-ploughing With a lazy team you see: Aud it keeps me very busy With my get up, whos, hap, goo

But if you pay attention I have just a word to say. -About a great mistake you make, You make it every day in dealing out your praises.

Too often you forget the nisu That walks behind the plow. You talk about your learned med Your wit and wisdom rare. four painters and your poets.

They get praises everywhere, They're well enough to make a show But I want to tell you now. This world would never do withou: The man behind the plow. .

I like your great inventions. And I'm glad you're getting smart. like to hear your music. For it kind of cheen my heart; But that 'ill never reach the stomach

So not 111 call attention To the kind of things that can, Now boys; don't be too anxious To leave the dear old farm: Your father's health is failing. Soon he'll need your routhful arm. If you're honest in your purpose, At your feet the world will bow.

Are those behind the plow.

PLEXIBLE STONE. A contributor to the Christian Union describes a flexible stone as "a geological curiouty." If the reader has a chance to see the splitting of granite, with wedges, he will gain some idea of the flexibility and elas-"O! every housekeeper knows how the ticity of that variety of stone, which is.

are as soft at silk. This geological ouricaity is in the office of the acting chief clerk of the War Department at Washington. It is a piece of stone weighing about one pound; thirteen inches

in width, and one-third of an inch thick. There is no doubt about its beings genuine stone, but it nevertbeless poersees the -darlings though they are-make upon | ment-is more of a laxisy in the adhesion her mornings and afternoons. Every wo- apparently, that an electicity.

man finds how difficult it is to deny herself When held horizontally by one end, the to her friends, though they consume time other drops and remains in that position." to no good purpose, and if you want to paint | With the two ends supported on reste, the pictures, write poetry, contribute to the free centre can be pressed one half inch papers, do anything to influence the larger | below the middle line. | With one end held world-life beyond your own doors, it really firmly on the desk, the other can be bent The movement is not confined to the out

> -but the entire stone seems to be constructed on the principle of a universal joint, with a movement perceptible in all direcknown as itscolumite, or elastic sandstone It is stated that a whole mountain of it exists in Southern Nevada, a shortdistance

> > "NEED I GO TO SCHOOL?"

chinnie, one morning, as his mould was

" Johnnie, how did we fell that big tree

Oh, father, need I so to schools said

getting him ready. "I don't understand books, I never shall. I had rather cut wood with you in the bash, and whatever

esterday ?" asked his father. A stroke at a time, and keeping at it. answered the boy. "Exactly so," said the father. "A word at a time, and keeping at it, will make you a good reader; a syllable at a time, and keeping at it, will make you a good speller; a som at a time, and keeping at, will make you good in figures: a thought at a time, glad to see all who come, always sending, and keeping at it, will make you master the

their contact with you. The little daties ing at it, Johnnie, and you will be a after all, are the true heavenly opportunities scholar." " Is that all ?" asked Johnnie.

" All," said his father. "I do not know but I can do that," said Johnnie. And before six years from that time he stood first in the highest class at

hardest book in the world. A patient keep-

THE JEDGE AND THE THIEF. Judge Gilbert, of Brooklyn, when at Coney Island one day, with his particular friend, Soperintendent Campbell, of the sist in paying visits when they and you Police, missed his snuff-box. The supershould be engaged in work rather than in intendent was lucky enough to discover the thief and fleze him before he could get Ah! but fancy, dear, that the boy and clear. Upon this the man fell upon his the girls were not here for your loving care, knees, and, with many tears, bosought the or that they were afraid to ask mother for | judge to pardou him and not expose him to whatever they needed. Fancy that you had ruin; for he was a poor man in great destino friends or acquaintances to present the tution, and this was the first offence against myrlad claims of frendship and affection. the laws that he had ever committed, Fancy, still further, that the angels sympa. Judge Gilbert was greatly affected, and not thize in your efforts to make the home only let the offender go, but gave him a circle full of cheer, and think that the work | dollar bill. Shortly after this, having you find ready to your hand is of the Lord's | occasion to use his snull box, he found no own appointment. Then remember, that signs of it in the pocket where he had rethe apparent waste may be a rich prepar. placed it, and turning to Superintendent ation for some coming leisure in the by and | Campbell, he said : " My snuff-box is gone by, and you will not be discongolate. There | again!" "Yes," replied, the latter, " I saw the acamp take it a second time, when you

EXTINGUISHED BY BEES. Two or three years ago, as Queen Victoria was journeying from Balmoral to Windsor, the royal train was stopped by something, the like of which had never before happened in any railway man's experience.

The signalman at a certain junction had lighted his lamps, and everything apperently was safe for the passage of the royal train. As the train approached, however, the engineer noticed that one of the signal lights had been extinguished, and instantly brought the engine and cars to a standstill. On inspecting the lamp it was found to contain a swarm of bees so namerous that

had evidently been attracted.

they had but out the light, by which they

A QUEER TRUNK. One day Laura and ber sister Gertinwere ooking at pictures together. They came to picture of an elephant, which pleased Laura very much.

ogbing. " Nose! That isn't his nose! That's his k." said Gertie, who is ten years old, and knows a great deal, of course. Laura was silent a moment, and her ittle face looked sadly paraled. Then she

Ob, what a funny nose !" she said,

"Well, I den't see how he can get his clothes into that thing !"- Youth's Com-

said with a sigh :

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