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Hor stock of waws to make much more While none too clean's her kitchen floor? The gossip. Who through a window blind will poor Bliguld no observer be too near, While in her pantry's something queer?

Or at a crovico place ber.oyo While in her butter's many a fly? The gossip Who never yet was known to fail In making up a wondrous tale While in her pantry stands that pail?

Who'll scale a ladder up so high

Select Family Reading.

There was a little old-fashioned safe i the depot at Dumphrey's Glen, but overyknew that it never contained anything of special value. It served well enough hold the books and papers of the office and a little loose change, there was practically no business done at Damphy's. If it had been otherwise the station would never have been left in charge of a mere girl like Lona Stearns.

From the Clouds.

Fifteen years ago it was quite another story. At that time Damphy's Glen was in the midst of its boom as a prospective summer resort; and whon Lena's father bought the barren little plot of gravel and bare granite upon which he had erected his store, he had paid for it at the rate of 840 a Tront foot, and had trouble in getting it at that. But he had died long since, broken in fortune and in spirit. The big dismantled "Sanitorium" on the hill was utterly abandoned. Half the glass in its dark, dirty windows was broken; equirrels scurried over the sagging verandas; the warping shingles blow down from-the-roof-in-every-storm-j-the-caves were a hive for wasps and hornets. The streets that were so hopefully laid out led nowhere. "Park Avenue" started well but soon lost itself among brambles and bushes; its pretentions; name hung askow

from its rotten post, held by one rusty The store, however, was kept up, for there was still a little country trade. Mrs. Stearns lived with her daughter in the upper story, and managed to sell, or barter, across the dingy counter, cotton, thread, nails, molasses and patent medicines enough to pay the interest on the mortgage and live. Lena, who was now eighteen, had to do something of course; and as she was unmistakably a bright girl, and had mastered bookkeeping and telegraphy, she easily obtained the unimportant position of station agent at Dumphy's, where she sold half a dozen tickets a week, flagged a train when there was a passenger, and boarded

at home, Lena was not only bright and efficient, but decidedly pretty. This fact had been discovered by John John Seurgin, the station agent at Pino Ridge, ten miles above; it was a source of regret to him that he was not the only discoverer. As it was he perversely turned his back on the well stocked stores at the ridge and did a suspicious amount of trading at the Glen. He also did more telegraphing at times than business seemed to require. The wires must have felt a queer thrill as some of these messages pulsed them-though the words were as trivial and remote from the

sentiments they voiced as in any other rastic courtship. Though scarcely any money over found lodgement at Dumphy's Glen, a good deal passed through it. About 20 briles below were the great saw mills at Sabine Falls. and every week a heavy cash box was expressed thither from the city to pay the men. The train which conveyed it however, scarcely ever stopped at the little flag station; but there was one notable

It was about the middle of March, and beavy rains had stripped the hills of their white winter cloaks. "They're just like in the latest spring styles folks who lay off their wraps too soon." thought Lens, drawing her fleeov "fasoinator" more closely about her neck and shoulders-for the sky had cleared and the air was growing frosty-"They look as

if they were catching their death of cold." She was standing on the platform watching the belated express as it rounded the curve. To her surprise, it slowed and came to a stop, though she had not flagged it. The door of the baggage car elid open and the agent jumped out, dragging the

cash box after him. "Shall have to leave this here to-night, he explained. "Bad washout at Tamarack Creek, three miles down, and we can't get through to Sabine possibly; orders are to run back at once. Haved wired to the mills to send men down by the road, and they'll be here soon. It'll be all right; nobody else will know the stuff's here. Come. we'll put it in the safe for you."

So Lens opened the safe while the agent with the help of a brakesman brought in a box. It.was a soug fit, though slie pulled out all the books to make room for it Then the men boarded the train, which slowly backed up the line until it was out

of sight. The girl ro entered the depot, locked the door, threw a fresh supply of coal on the fire, and waited alone for the messenger from the mills. An hour passed, and another, and another; at last the hand the clock stood at 11, and still they had

John Sturgin was sitting alone in the licket office at Pine Ridge. Thoughts Lena were upperment in his mind-a thing not unprecedented-but to-night his head is full of fancies. He knew about the ory and agricultural implements, and to do all kinds of steam-fitting, horse shooing and general blacksmithing. Woodwork repairs performed cash box, for he had spoken with the express agent as the train backed through. "I'm afraid the little girl was worried about that money," he mused. "She isn's used to that sort of thing. But it can't

> have been in her hands more than half an hour." The telegraph at his elbow was clicking in an uneasy, irregular fashion, but he had scarcely noticed it. All at once the signal sounded loudly. This was followed by an unintelligible rattle; oven his practised

a moment's silence, came words-broken and fluttering-but to his quick apprehension they sounded like an articulate cry.

"O-O-O-Help!" Then a confusion of clicks-and again the instrument seem ed to cry out : "F-O-save-L-" He sprang to the key and tried to telegraph, but he could get no response. The wires seemed badly out of order. Ho

> would not do to waste time. He ran out of the depot. "Look after things, Mac," he called to the baggage man. His bioycle was leaning against the building; be bad brought it out that day for the first time since winter set in With a quick push and a leap he was in the saddle, bounding along the dim, frozen

Dim-yet for mere starlight the night seemed wonderfully luminous. But the light was fitful; there were moments when all seemed buried in darkness. Then the landscape brightened as if the moon had emerged from behind a cloud. But there was no moon; he knew that the moon would not rise till morning was near.

The railway circled the foot of the bill but the road ran straight over the summit By strenuous effort he had already reached the crest, and the hard driven wheel leapit felt the downward slope.

the aurora borealis. Near the horizon lay | we git to K-; that's, where Jimmy and | when one afternoon he was summoned a bank of dusty haze, through which the | Nelly live." stars gleamed faintly. Above it wavered a pale phosphorescent curtain, which shivered as shaken by guets of wind from behind which ruddy streamers shot up to the very

He was now running down the rough | ain't." rack with a violence that almost defled strength; the machine heaved and palpi- still when a great bearded giant of a man wildly amid the rate and stones that he could not avoid. At a charp turn in the road he swung out so far that he felt the hind tires slipping on the icy edge and barely esacped plunging down the embankment then the depot flashed into of both

After that the bicycle must have chosen ts own course, for Sturgin was not conscious of guiding it. For the sash was raised, and against the yellow lamplight he' saw the dark outline of a man crawling

through the opening; another followed. The last had scarcely disappeared, when his wheel came to a stop in the deep sand saddle, pulled a 44-colibre revolver from his hip pooket and sprang to the window. The depot consisted of a single room; the safe and telegraphic apparatus were on the further side. In the middle of the floor stood Lena, deflant, with clinched hands and glowing cheeks, looking straight hugo desperado was holding close to her

"You unlock that safe right quick and no onsense," he was saying.

"I won't; I can't," cried Lena. The other intruder, a seedy little fellow with thin lips and hatchet face, was at the safe examining the look. He turned toward "Ye might as well save trouble," he said.

shan't burt ye, if ye behave." tempt. Her blood was bolling. bridge is down-swept away by the freshet

if we have ter." With a sudden motion Lena pulled the kep from her apron pocket. The big ruffian beside her snatched at it, lowering his pistol as he did so; but with the quickness of a cat she flung the little piece of steel through the open door of the stove. where it slipped down among the glowing coals. The fellow caught up the poker

and plunged in into the red-hot mass, but while his back was turned she had darted across the room and jerked open a drawer "Throw up your hands, you sooundrel." The command came in a hoarse roar from the open window. The desperado wheeled, eaw a flerce livid face glaring in from the outer gloom, saw also a leveled

weapon, and suspected more behind. He dropped his pistol and obeyed. Laying his left hand on the sill, John one bound. There is no record breaker like love and anger in things athletic. with fastenings of the nearest window : but when he glanced over his shoulder and hands of Lona, as she stood by the open | was established in the city of New York."

drawer, he desisted. "Give it up," he said coolly. "Ye got me, sure, little girl; though how them fellers got across so quick beats me. Now don't get parvous with that popper of

Sturgin, his voice still quaking with excitement. "Now you two brutes, stand here, face to the wall, hands up. Lena, please send a message through to Grand-

port for a train and a posse." She sent the me stage as she was bidden but the steadiners was gone from her hand and the color from her cheek. She felt faint; she threw open the door and gazed up the track. The night had grown very dark, though a filmy veil of auroral light atill flitted now and then across the starry back ground. At length the rumble of an engine was heard-a welcome sound to Sturgin whose arms were so palsied with weariness and nervous' tension' that he could hardly hold the pistols. It was just as well that his prisoners were so placed that they could not see him. Soon, however, they were in the hands of the deputy his unselfishness. sheriff, and the strain was over.

"How did it happen, dear, that you tele- | blood purifier, cures nervousness.

ear could make nothing of it. Then, after graphed me for help so long before these villains reached the depot?" "I telegraph !" she oried, "Why I didn't couldn't, I hadn't the smallest chance-

until after you came, just in the nick of time and saved me, John." "Ach I" exclaimed burly Mac, who was standing by, "It'll be them northern lights done-it-likely .- You-know-what-a-fiddlefaddle they'll make 'long b' 'the wires, an' much alarmed. Something was wrong- set all the soun'ers clackin', An' I'm horribly wrong-at Dumphy's Glen. It thinkin', Sturgin, somebody's whim-whams

done the rest.". "It was a message straight from Heaven," murmured Lepa. And doubtless both she and Mac were

A TOUCHING SCENE. It is always charming to see children manifest tender affection toward their parents, and this is still more pleasing when the "children" are themselves men.

and women. The writer remembers being on a railcoad train several years ago when directly in front of him sat a kindly looking, snowyhaired old man, evidently unaccustomed to travelling, and as manifestly in his "second childhood." He was very talkative, and he told me all about the journey he was

taking .--"I'm going out to Iowa to see my son ed forward with a fresh-burst of speed as if Jimmy and my daughter Nelly. Just felt wholly at ease when taking his beer. think ! I ain't seen either o' them children He would not have taken, it alone. Over glaring at him over his gold rimmed spec-Suddenly the air seemed full of rosy for most six years, and if they ain't tickled and over again he acknowledged to himself tacles. light, as if tinged with the glow of dawn. to see me I'll be be mistaken. An' this that it was the laughter of her chums that Though he was now running at a break- train seems to fairly drag. I get so im- took his courage away and so things went neak pace, he glanced upward. The sky patient every time it stops at a station! on. A year slipped by, and beer had was aflame with the flickering pennants of Wish it'd keep right on an' never stop until | become an almost everyday drink with him

He began gathering up his few belongngs when we were still an hour's ride from

"I want to be ready to git right off when zenith, and flickered and waned and bright- | we stop," he said. "Jimmy and Nelly'll ened. It was a magnificent display; but both be at the depot to meet me, although, as the descent was becoming steeper every | they live nine miles out in the country, moment he was oblidged to keep his eyes and there sin't need o' both o' them comin'. But they'll be there-you see if they.

. When we reached K -- the excited old control. The overstrained tubing gave man started to leave the car in eager haste. under his weight to the very limit of ite But the train had not yet come to a stand- | may go." tated like a frightened horse, and shied fully fifty years of age, hurried into the car.

"Here I am, Jimmy !" little old man right into his arms and hugged him, while tears stood in the eyes

A stout, plainly clad, middle-aged woman appeared at the car door, and cried out "Father !". Then she turned and called to someone

on the platform, "Here he is! Here's father !" "Nelly, my girl I" said the old man. of the station yard. He dropped from the the platform were seven or eight grandchildren of from five to twenty years of

> "Here's your gran'pa!" said Nelly joyfully, and a great hugging and kissing time knows you've taken a 'smile' now and Of course, the passengers in the car and young while you can." Tom still said

> a lady on the car who said : loved and revered by his children and grandchildren, and I only wish that such went into an emply car, and kneeling on exhibitions of affection were more common."

-Unidentified.

FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE In recounting the ministrations of John We know what's here, and we're going to Wesley in Georgia, where the famous have it. This is biz., understand. We preacher sowed the first seeds of Methodism in America, the Rov. W. J. Scott, D. D., in The girl glaced at him with angry con- the June Ladies' Home Journal, claims that Wesley established the first Sunday. "There sin't going to be no one to help school in the world, at Savannah. In conshe sin't no good anyway. We've got to children of the parich. His devotion to have that key, fur we sin't got no tools children at times almost amounted to inhandy. Be lively now. We kin be rough fatuation. Children were likewise equally attached to him, as shown in their intercourse with him. Both on week days and Sabbaths he gave no little attention to Western Pair is the proper place to do educational work. As a preliminary labor on the Sabbath, before the evening service, he required them to convers in the church. at which time he catechised them thorough-

ly and furnished them with additional teaching from the Bible itself. "In the present Wesleyan Memorial Church, in Savannah, Georgia, there is a of children crowd for Sunday instruction. The original school was less in number, but it was unquestionably the first Sunday school in the world. When taught by tofore, and which they feel sure they will Wesley it numbered between sixty and have. seventy-five scholars, but from all accounts there were few, if any, Indian boys in his earlier classes. A very high authority, Sir The building formerly occupied by the Sturgin leaped through the window with | Charles Reed, M. P., LL. D., of England, is clearly of the opinion that this Sunday-Meanwhile the lesser villain was struggling and that it antedates by a half century the secular instruction of Robert Raikes at Gloucester, England, as well as the first caught the glint of another revolver in the school in America upon Raikes' plan, which

JUST FOR FUN. "So you want to write for the papers, do you?" asked the great editor kindly of There is also a storehouse from which will the young man who had come in to ask | be sold all kinds of animal food at the lowyourn; I'll rest easy, an' I ain't got no gun | for something to do. "Yes, sir," replied the applicant, modestly. "Do you intend "Give me your pistol, Lena," said to support yourself in that manuer?" "O no, sir. I only wanted to write for the with the exception of improving the Hack- to all others. Diamond Dyes commend papers in order to support myself while

I'm getting an education." picture of Miss Willard and Lady Somerset. She was interested in her mother's story of these two famous temperance ting upon their character, but could not ! ticipated. remember their names. "Mamma," she exclaimed, "this is Miss Willard; but is the other Lady Turnover ?"

THESE GIRLS LOVE ONE AN-OTHER.

that Jack Mortimer danced with me six times last night? Clara-I should think very highly of

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THE BRAKEMAN'S "NO."

A fine young fellow was Tom Jeffreys; strong, pleasant and good looking. He was but eighteen years of ago when he began railroading, but he could set a brake with the best. When his clear deep voice announced the Stations, people listened and made no mistake. Old ladies caught the gleam of his pleasant eye, and lot him holp them on and off with grateful surprise. Mothers with more chidren than they could manage, tired men bundle laden, and old men, recognized a friend and made use of him. Nor were the railroad officials blind to the young man's

on the list of names that meant promotion The young brakeman's easy-going goo nature, was, however a draw back in one direction. He disliked to say "No." When the train reached Boston he always had two hours to spare. In that time some one of the boys were sure to say "Come Tom, let's go the barber's." Now this sounded very innocent, but in the opened on a stairway leading down into a drinking saloon. Here the men used to gather, a few at a time, to take "a little something." Tom usually said his good humored "No," that meant a reluctant "Yes," and ended by going, He never | mind.

from the barber's shop to the office. "Jeffreys," said the superintendent when he entered, "I have been very much pleased with the way your duties have been performed in the past, and I find we need another conductor." The gentleman suddenly stopped and then the pleasant smile was gone. . "Mr. Jeffreys, your breath tells me that you have been drinking." -

"Only a little beer, sir, said poor Tom, flushing crimson. "I am very sorry," replied the superintendent, "but that will be all to-day; you

The young man left the office downcast, disheartened. What he had been wishing "Jimmy !" called out the old man eager- for, what he had so nearly gained had been lost through his own misconduct. As he "Father !" cried the son, and he took the | thought of it the good natured lips took on a firmer curve. The next day one of the

"Comin' over to the barber's ?"

"No," replied Tom. "O, come on; what struck yer?" "That barber has shaved me all he will !" was the answer.

Although Tom's "No" seemed very determined in its sound, there was yet some thing wanting in it. He felt it, and when The son and daughter both had an arm after a few days the real longing for a around the father as he left the car. On glass of liquor became felt, it seemed as if the "No" would become "Yes," in spite of

"No use in lockin' the barn door, now," said his chum : "the hose is stole, the super' again, and he'll never forget it. Better be Why that's proposterous! Lots of things may be true that seem absurd to you. the bystanders on the platform smiled; "No," but the little negative grew-weaker down the black muzzle of a pistol that a but I think that most of them agreed with and weaker; the next thing would be "Yes." When this was almost accom-"It is a beautiful eight to see an old man | plished, spurned by his danger and remembering his early training in the right, he | that didn't seem to me exactly"-

> the floor, prayed for strength to resist. "And then," he said, "I learned to speak a 'No', that all the men on the road couldn't turn into a 'Yes.'" OUR AGRICULTURAL FAIRS.

The Victoria Jubilee days are now of the bis financial standing)-I wonder, my past and the next important events of the year will be the agricultural exhibitions of Canada. There are quite a number of these fairs; but none of them is of more importance than the Western Fair at moral character of young men I associate ye," the fellow continued. "The road nection with his other labors, which were London, commonly spoken of as Canada's with, and I'm afraid she'll ask a good many indeed prodigious, Wesley soon after his Favorite Live Stock Exhibition, a title questions." -and the fellers from the mills won't get arrival in Georgia, in 1736, began to provide which is largely the fact, and due to the here yet awhile. Yer ma's too far off and for the Sauday-school instruction of the especial interest taken in these depart. get references from half a dozen minments by the Management, who are anxious to do everything necessary for the comfort of both the exhibitors and their | splendid. Then after that all you'll have animals, and have, in this way established | to do will be to get references from half a in the minds of buyers and sellers that the

> The large and commodious buildings erected last year for the cattle, sheep and swine, and thought to big too fill, was proven to be altogether too small to accomedate | to be the first to accord it. It needs tact the increased entry, therefore the Directors have decided to remove the swine into new quarters this year, and are having a there is no one in any parish in the land Sunday-school room into which hundreds | building erected 156 feet long and 86 feet wide, in this way they purpose providing all | partment of church work, and most are far the accommodation necessary for the reception of a very much larger entry than here.

Fortbur provisions have been made for the comfort of stookmen and their friends. ladies of the W. C. T. U. has been placed a little to the south of the main entrance to school was the first founded in the world, the cattle and sheep building, being altered so as to provide a large hall, comfortably scated, to be used as a place of public comfort and meetings of the several associations during the fair, also a room provided with stoves to prepare food for themselves and animals, thus preventing the danger arising from the use of those small coal oil stoves, etc., in or near the stock buildings.

By the prize list just received the premiums remain much the same as last year ney Horse Class, adding a class for general | themselves to all who use them, because purpose teams ; and in the poultry a class | they are the strongest, brighest and fast-A little girl we heard of the other saw a for half bred fowls, the coming fowl for the est, and the easiest to work with. farm, and four new varieties of pheasants. Diamond Dyes, like all other perfect and We note a new departure in the Dairy | popular preparations, are largely imitated Classes, by opening one for domesto cook- in style of package and the way they are women, and a few days later was expatia- ery, and from which good results are an. put up. These imitations are worthless

Many handsome special cash prizes have | of goods and dangerous to handle. Great been donated for competition. The special | caution is advised when buying dyes for attractions are not yet completed, but the | home use. Ask for the "Diamond"; see committee's selections in the past are a that the name is on every packet. guarantee to the visitors that a good afternoon and evening entertainment will be Mand-What would you think if I said provided for each day. The special train service and excursion rates are being arranged from all points.

> We are requested by Mr. Thos. A. Browno, the Secretary, to say that all Fair dates are September 0th to 18th.

YESTERDAY, TO-DAY AND TO-

They-loved-and-laughed, they They throw the happy hours away; That's the way the world good round

That's the story of yesterday. They talk of fate and calculate. And keep accounts and measure and wei

That's the way the world goes round That's the story of to-day. They'll see on high in youder sky The God whose power destroyeth sorraw That's the way the world goes round ; That's the story of to-morrow.

-Philadelphia North American

helpfulness and popularity, and, although ONE HONEST MAN. Tom did not even dream of it, his was one "If I tell the old man that I want to go o a funeral, he will think I am going to he ball game, and then, of course, I shall have to stay here," mused the bookkeeper. "But that won't do at all. I must go. can't think of staying away from Uncle John's funeral. Poor old uncle! He was always kind to me. I'll go if I lose my job for it. But, no; I'll not lose my job. I'll barber's back room was a green door which outwit that cruety old Moneybags or my name is not Lewellyn Ledgers." And walking briskly into the private office he addressed the head of the firm as follows : "I should like to go to the ball game this afternoon, Mr. Moneybage, if you don't

"What's that ?" snapped his employer,

"I should like to go to the ball game this afternoon, sir. I haven't seen one since

"The ball game?" Mr. Moneybage fairly gasped with astonishment. "Yes, sir. You see, I've got a little noney up on the game, and naturally I am nterested in the result." "Well, you are a most original young

man," replied Mr. Moneybags, "and I like your straightforward manner. Now, if you had attempted to palm off on me any of those time worn lies about going to a funeral or anything of that sort, I would have refused point blank. As it is, I shall let you go. You have been working bard of late, and I think a little recreation wil

As Mr. Ledgers put on his coat and prepared to leave the office the typewriter gir heard him chuckle quietly to himself and

think."-Isaac Andennon in Now York GOOD GROUNDS FOR SUSPICION.

"Honesty is the best policy-I don'

"You say you do not consider his reputation for truth and veracity good?" said the "I do not," replied the witness.

"Why not?" demanded the lawyer.

"Well, returned the witness thought-

fully, "I have heard him tell one or two stories that sort of gave me that idea." "Were the stories ever proved untrue?" "No-o-o; I can't say that they were." "And you would brand this man as one whose word is not to be relied on merely because you heard him tell one or two stories that seemed to you improbable?

Can you recall any of those stories?" "Well, I remember once he told about building a dock with no tools but a hatches faced man and a sawfish, and somehow But the lawver was satisfied to excuse

the wifness without going into any further

HER BRIGHT IDEA. Mr. Slimpurse (who has been accepted by Miss Wealthy, without inquiries as to

darling, if your parents will give their consent? Miss Wealthy (thoughtfully)-Ma has always been very particular about the

Mr. Slimpurse (joyfully)-Ob, I can Miss Wealthy (delightedly)-That's

dozen bankers, and vou'll outch pa. RESPONSIBILITY IN We all need responsibility. It rouses us and helps us to grow, and churches ought and judgment to divide it fairly, for all are

not equally fitted for the same thing, but

who is not able to help along in some de-

more willing to do their share than church officials always know. THE ONLY PERFECT DYE-

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These popular dyes have banished from

the homes of Canada madder, fustic, log-

and adulterated dyes, ruinous to all kinds

Strangely enough, a person can go o mile without going afoot. The bicycle didn't really put on airs till

the pneumatic tires came. To prevent pale and delicate children from lapsing into chronic invalids later in applications for prize lists, programme, life, they should take Ayer's Sarsaparilla, Sturgin sat holding both Lens's hands | Pure, rich blood feeds the nerves. That and their map of Western Ontario will be together with plenty of wholesome food in his. "I can't understand it," he said. is why Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great appreciated and filled with pleasure. The and out-door exercise. What they need to build up the system is good, red blood.