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"You can talk all you want to, Vic, about your '98 wheel, with its 81 gear, two-point. bearings, quick-repair tires, and what not, but my '96 is all right, and I won't be in the rear on club rone by a long shot." At the same time Jack Roberts, a bright looking chap of athletic built, gazed admir-

ably at his companion's new bioycle with all its improvements. "Ob, you'll beatout some of the boys, replied Vio Nicols, patronizingly, "but your 68 gear and antiquated omnibus, Jack, put

you in the rear division." Some of Vio's cronies laughed with him They were assembled this May evening at their clubbonse in one of the upper wards of Brooklyn. No one thought of going out for a ride, as it was windy and threatened Antibilious Pills

"So you think you've got a cincle, Vic? said Jack, his gray eyes flashing a little. "Woll, I can't figure you in it with that wheel, old fellow."

Jack was some what nettled. Vic's father presented his son with a new wheel every year, and the boy was enabled thereby to set the pace for most of the members of the club, a fact that made him rather boustful. Jack's parent, s couldn't afford formula and when taken according to direcsuch luxury, but he felt pretty sure he tions they are a specific for habitual concould beat his rival on anything like even

In cases of Neuralgia, Nervous or Bilious "Well, I won't call you a better man defiantly. "What's the matter with racing Brown's, at Valley Stream, and back to-

night?" asked Vic, craftily. "I'll go, if you think it won't rain." "Hold on. Trifles like rain and punctures won't count. They'll be no excuse. We'll have the wind at our backs going out, and we'll buck it coming back. A 25-mile race like that ought to prove some-

thing, What do you say?" "I'm with you," and Jack began some hasty preparations. Some of the boys tried to discourage the

rivals from racing at such a time on such "Don't you know there's been wheelmen held up nights out in those woods?" orled

little Will Jenkins. "Newspaper stories," laughed Jack. It was 8 p.m. before the boys got their tires inflated, the bearings oiled and the

lamps filled. But they started promptly For a few minutes they pedaled over some roughly paved streets, and the raw wind made both begin to repent their rash venture. But soon they struck fair tur!

and macadam roads and sped along at great speed, the wind at their backs. offer and we will make you a proposition Slowly but surely. Vio drew away from Jack, though his legs were not moving as

fast as his rival's. Their road wound along through alcopy villages, past fields and farms, into dark patches of cool woods, which brought. vividly to the boys' minds the stories of wheelmen waylaid and robbed by men who sprang suddenly from the leafy coverts. Vic was considerably in the lead now. Looking ahead; Jack could see but the faint

ray of light thrown on the ground by his rival's lantern. -"That's all right," muttered Jack. "His high gear and the wind favor him now, but I'll hold him coming back. Give me a low gear for pedaling against the wind."

The faint, ghost-like light now disap peared around a bend in the road, and Jack began to feel lonely. "It might be better for us to keep together coming home, anyway, thought Jack as a crackling noise reached his cars, as if

someone were moving among the trees and underbrush on his right. The wind moandismally as it swent through the branches. and more then once Jack thought in his excited state, that he detected flory eyes in the dark depths, which glared at him as he swept by.

But the momentary fear passed away, and as he emerged from the woods he began to really enjoy his ride. He was perspiring freely, and some of the up grades made him puff, but at this be smiled as he thought of his rival's high gear.

At last the lights of Valley Stream gleamed ahead, and Jack wheeled into the yard of the appointed roadhouse just as Vic was mounting to return. "Good-bye, Jack," that worthy shouted. "B'pose I'll see you later at the club ?" "Just ring when you get there," Jack

esponded, "I'll let you in." Glancing at the clook as he entered, Jack noted that it was 9.85. The proprietor of map. the place knew both boys and had beard. of the race from Vic. He chated pleasantly until two wheelmen, apparently, well-todo business men of middle age, entered, inquiring their way. They laughed and joked about their predicament in being out a night like that, having missed the last

train to the city. Right after them same another bloyclist | for whom he risked his life." who impressed Jack rather upfavorably. It wasn't long after this event that Jack one of the gentlemen displayed in paying | Vic.

his bill. But while the boy was taking a SPEAK SOFTLY GIRLS. critical survey of his wheel outside the Do you speak softly ? Has your volce

man came out, got his wheel and rode off Jack purposely delayed starting away little, as he didn't want the man for a traveling companion. When he did get off he was six mirrates behind Vic, but he had faith that he could eventually catch up. Jack now began to work in earnest. He bent over his wheel and pedaled swiftly

along the old Merrick road, though the

wind was now in his teeth and the light of

his lantern flighered fitfully. Past Springfield he flew, and shortly turned into Locust Avenue, without catching sight of Vic or the rough-looking stranger. He heard nothing now but the whir of his wheel and his own bard breathing. He was bent on winning the race.

Bump! Jack uttered an angry ejaculation. passing over the railroad track his light

had been jarred out. "Well, I've got no time to light it now," he muttered and worked the faster. Now he caught sight of a faint light ahead. "That must be Vic-I'm overhauling him!" he thought, joyfully. "The

man had no light!" He was approaching the point where t Rookaway road intersects when the chain on his wheel jerked and creaked ominously. "Fato's against me!" growled Jack. "It needs graphite."

(Moow ! Moow! by, all the class.) He aprang lightly to the ground, pushed his wheel over against a tree, the trunk hich was hidden among the bushes, and bent down to apply the lubricant. He was busily engaged when he was startled by hearing low voices proceeding around the bend, and presently a man came into view After gazing anxiously down the road the man attered to his concealed com

> "That other kid ought to be along. W don't want him around when we hold those fellows." "Well, how're we goin' to know who's

who ?" was the groff return. "I'll tell yer. I'm going down the ros a bit. If the gents pass first I'll signal you with my dark lantern an' you do the trick If the kid is first I'll do nothin' an' you do

"All right. Harry up ; there's a coup' of lights coming up now. The man approached, and Jack's hear beat wildly. Discovery seemed almost certain, but he held his breath in an agony

of uncertainity. So close did the highwayman pass, his eyes bent keenly down the road, that the boy easily recognized him in the gloom as the suspicious character he bad seen in the tavern. But he passed on, and as his footsten died away there was a silence, broken only

by the soughing of the wind through the tree tops Jack was in a fever of excitement. Turn oither way and he would be confronted by either one or the other of the midnight mauranders. "Yet I can't stay here and see two fellows murdered." He shuddered

at the thought. Then he ventured to stand up. A twig crackling under bis foot seemed as a rifle report. There was a moment of terrible suspence, and then Jack heard something moving steathily toward-him in the bushes.

That settles it. His nerves tingling, the lad grasped hi wheel and half lifted, belf pushed it inte the roadway. As he sprang into the saddle a missle of some kind whistled by his car. Then he peddaled desperately back along

He beard a long drawn peculiar cry at his back-a signal of danger to the man ahead. Jack bent desperately to his work. He saw the lights of the approaching wheelmen, uttered a warning cry, and the next moment something fell with a dull thud in front of his wheel. There was a crash; Jack felt himself hurling through space; then he struck the ground and

Dazed, he raised himself to his knee wheels in trim, the chains lubricated, the time to see a dark figure leap toward him with upraised hand. Instinctively the boy raised his arm to protect his head, and thereby warded off a blow from some in-

strument just like a sand-bag. The wheelmen were now on the spot : the highway man sprang into the woods and disappeared. Jack explained hurriedly, his arm hanging limp at his side. "My poor boy," said one, "you're badly

burt, I fear." "No; 'twas a glancing blow," said Jack, though his face twitched with the pain o "Well, lad, we owe you much-you risk-

ed your life for strangers. But come, we must get out of this." As the gentlemen were armed with revolvers they felt no further fear of an attack. Jack's wheel was picked up somewhat twisted, but helound that he could ride. it, holding on with one hand; so the trio proceeded cautionaly on their way. The highwaymen had undoubtedly fled, for

they encountered no opposition. Meanwhile, worn out but happy, Vic wheeled into the club grounds as the clock was striking 11. He was given an ovation. "I've beaten him out of his boote!" he

But as time went on the members became worried about Jack and resolved on going in search of him. Anxious parents thronged the club house at midnight, wondering what detained their sons. Just as a relief party was about to sally forth a shout was heard and Jack rode slowly up. over a log on the road his lamp being out. The crowd got nothing frither from him

and dispersed, disgusted at having lost so much sleep for nothing. "I feel sorry for him," Vio said, "but doesn't he feel sore over his defeat." Some people opened their eyes when they got their papers the next morning. There was a full account of the dastardly attempt to hold up two prominent business men of New York while wheeling on a

lonely Long Island road and how a brave Brooklyn boy, named J k Roberts had frustrated the biglawaymu The club members waited on Jack in body that day, and Vio was their spokes-

precisely the proper pitch, and carrit adopt itself on the instant to the room you suddenifenter? Have you learned that you must never whisper in a church-for whispering is always very audible therebut speak in a low, firm tone? Can you laugh properly and daintily, as an ideal girl should? Can you control your voice, using one tone for one occasion and another for another, at will? Can you talk animatedly and with enthusiasm, without throwing your arms about, your head too; far back and without moving your body ? For if you cannot say yes to all these questions.you are not a perfect and properbeen many criticisms, as well as praises, levelled at the American girl, and one of

she talked too loud and too often did not Now, American fathers and mothers say the time has come for reform, and the new calt of speaking softly has been started. Should it happen that you have never heard of this oult, and have not yet learned the art of soft speaking, dainty laughing and all the rest, you still need not be dis-"in the same boat." If there were not there would be no need of this cult, and would not be flourishing and possess its

of girls are taking lessons vigorously.

inger tips, who has the softest, prettiest oice herself-Mme. Mendosez-is the spostle of this new cult, and to her 'studio," on Fifth avenue, New York, come each day troops of girls, singly or in classes of six and eight, that they may be in the fashion. It is, in fact, a rage in a mild way. Only those girls blessed by nature or by very early training with voices that are properly fashionable can afford to keep out of the procession, and all the others of the sets wend their way daily to the "studio. It is not alone by example-though ex ample has a great deal to do with it-the the oult of speaking softly is taught. The girls ranged about her, Mme. Mondose: asks each of them to speak in her ordinary conversational tone. Then, stepping to the piano near by, she strikes a note. If high in the treble it is meant for a girl whose tones are naturally barsh and guttural; if

down in the bass, for a girl who speaks shrilly and in a half scream. "That's for you!" she says, singling on a girl. "Now try and see how close you

osn pitch your voice to that." There is yet no attempt to get the girl to speak more softly, but us each tries to alter her touce to get on the pitch of the musical note assigned to her the tendency is to keep the voice down. Without trying to reproduce the note itself a girl after half a dozen starts falls somehow into the cadence of the sound, or she approaches it. To get precisely this is no part of the teachings of the new oult. But one trial after another gets the voice out of its old ones. The groff voiced girl is more deleut the girl of the squeaky tones drops without

knowing it into a voice that is more No exact point of meeting is there and no similarity of tones sought after, but the deep voice and the abrill one, the mass. voice and the voice that seems to come from the bottom of the throat, are cajoled and pulled along until they commence to lose their disagreeable peculiarities and are

on somewhat common ground. Now, this is but the preface. It is not so much the object of the cult to change ices as it is to control them. And yet the two go together in a measure. Once; by this plan of nasal gymnastics, a girl can alter her tones at will, it is a simple thing for her to learn to speak softly .- New York

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public encourage it. I have a liceuse from the commissioners my traffic is lawful, even Ohristians countenance it; and if I do not bring these evils upon you somebody else will. I know the Bible says : "Thou shult not kill;" prononnces "wee unto him that giveth his neighbordrink ;" and enjoins me not to "put | Chicago Times-Herald. To a volley of questions he answered a stumbling-block in a brother's way." I simply and a little sullenly that he'd fallen also read that "no drunkard shall inheris the kingdom of God," and I cannot expect the wages of iniquity and fatten on the ruin of my species. I shall, therefore, carry on my trade with energy, and do my best to diminish the wealth of the nation, impair the health of the people, the safety of the

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THOUGHT IN WORK. The faculty to read the thought of another through his work is intuition. The power to express a thought ! y a noble action is genius.

There are many great thoughts which

are never expressed by an adequate action. The thinker has not mental force enough to bring his strong feelings into proper manifestation. Still those who have intuitive power to see through his poor attempt at expressing his thought may discern the fine motives which underlie his mishapen, efforts. The painter's rude, vague figureswill show to those who can understand what grand objects he has longed to express. And the writer's thought, though ly modern New York girl. There have clothed in uncouth language, will tell to those who read between the lines all that the writer longed to say and could not. the chief of these has been for years that But those with intuition enough to read below the surface are few and rarely met. modify her voice when occasion called. Generally the world reads only what it sees on the outside. So those who would appeal to the greater part of the people must learn how to express what they feel for if they despise proper expression, their thought itself may be despised by those who judge entirely by the expression. And most people do. To our own couscience it

couraged, for there are hosts of other girls | is necessary that our motive be pure and our thought be right. To the looker on or reviewing this eplendid regiment, asked hearer something more is needed. We who smoug them would volunteer for the may act from love, but our act must also Ashantee expedition, and requested that present popularity. As it is, any number | be levely. We may speak out of kindness, | those who decided to do so should step one but our speech must be kind or our motive | pace forward. Expecting a response from A foreign woman, continental to her may be misunderstood. The headwaters of a little stream may

be clear and pure and sweet and abundant. .But if the stream flows into sight through rabbish and mud aud tofuse, it will be scorned by those travellers who cannot go back to the source to prove its purity and beauty .- Harper's.

A NEW YORK WOMAN CURED HER, HUSBAND OF

DRUNKENNESS. One New York husband has been cured of the drink habit by his wife in a novel namer. The couple have not been married long, and up to one night last need lies, may our response be as prompt week their wedded life had been one blist- and hearty as that of the gallant Scotch ful dream. On that fateful night the young | Guards. woman had a rade shock. Herspouse came home drank. It was the first time she had seen him under the influence of liquor and in fact it was the first agnouncement she had that he drauk. Her presence of mind came to her and she was quick to act. Pulling her husband from under the table where he had fallen, she shook him

in no gentle manner to waken him. "Get out of my house. You don't belong here," she said. "I don't know you. My husband is a sober man. Pick up your hat and go. You cannot stay here." . She picked up his bat and coat and after helping him on with them, led him to the door.

"Do you mean to tell me that you are not my wife?" he demanded. "Why certainly I'm not your wife." "Then I'll go and throw myself into the river," he said. He did not go to the river

though, but to the Thirty-seventh Street

"My wife dossn't know me because I'm drank," he told the sergeant, "and I want to be looked up." He was accommodated and in the Westside Court was discharged. The wife was cooking breakfast when there came a knock at the door. There stood her husband, sober but pale.

"Now, you look like yourself again," she said happily. "It wasn't my Frank who came here drunk last night." .. And the husband as he sat meekly down to breakfast, vowed never to drink again.

A DESPERATE CASE. private soldier found himself, one day

an inmate of a military hospital. Im mensely pleased with the comforts of his new quarters, and blissfully conscious that his pay was steadily consolidating while he was doing nothing and feeding on follypop, he was positively sorry to find bimself feeling as well as ever he did one morning, worthless add thirty-five million dollars s The doctor came around as usual with the clinical thermometer; which he gently new and ample stock of choice wices. While the physician's attention was insinuated beneath the soldier's tongue. distracted, however, the instrument was deftly transferred to a basin of hot waterand gravely returned to him with the mercury standing at 120. "Great heavens!" exclaimed the doctor aghast, his professional nonchalance shattered, "You ought to be dead man; nobody was ever known to

survive anything like that. Get to bed at once, your case is desperate."

MAJAH PUFF'S SAYINGS. The most contemptible tyrant is the iahside tyrant. "To laboh is honohable," is one of th things mo' honohed in the breach than in

the obselvance.

applies to women as well as to men. Does Confucius' assertion that "woman is the mastehpieco" signify that he was s married man. It is strange that Abou Ben Adhem's name "led all the rest" because he loved

"An idle brain is the devil's wo'kshop"

his fellohmen, when he would have been anathematized had be shown such an ahdent love foh women: It is abgued that the hatplu is now woman's most fohmadible weapon, but her

tongue, like some old make of awo'd or musket, still has its tehrols foh many .-THE-WORD OF COMMAND.

A short time ago, whilsts certain genera a drunkard-maker, without repentence, to was inspecting a regiment on the march, share a better fate; but I wish a lazy liv- at Malta, he saked a young subaltern what ing, and am deliberately resolved to gather | would be his next command if he was in command of a regiment passing over a plain in a hostile country, and he found his front blocked by artillery, a brigade of owralry on his right, a lake on his left, and his retreat out off by infantry. "Halt! order arms, ground arms, kneel down, say

your prayers," replied the subalteru.

THE TOBACCO PLACUE. The tobacco plague is becoming so welligh universal, in the streets, on shipboard. in the railway train, at the hotel, and even in many parlors, that those who do not smoke, and who are averee to inhaling the Diamond Dyes, because the daily, demand sickening fames of others, are more and is so great for those guaranteed and worldfamed coloring agents. more at a disadvantage. It is time to pall a halt, not only by law with the boys, but to their elders as well. This right ought, her first dyoing operation will never use in all suitable ways, to be asserted, until it other-makes. Bright strong, clear, lasting

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LOVE TO THE END. "A basket of flowers, my darling," Thedear old man said to his wife,

"For one who has been for a life-time The joy and the pride of my life. "They are not the flowers of our childhood Or youth's tonder roses of June, But the beautiful blossoms of autumn

With which our old hearts are in tune "The beauty, love, never has faded For me since the first day we met; Still softening a face full of kindness,

And one the world scarce can forget. "Tais byo is a true golden wodding Goodgold; that is free from alloy; Our fifty-year koyage has brought fruitage Our tenderness, comfort and joy.

"Our bark has well-righ reached the harbor Our anchor lies roady to cast; With band clasped in hand, over ready, Wo'll love, still love on, to the last.

"A basket of flowers, my darling," -He said with his gray head cast down, "Our dear little grandchildren clamor To weave you a fair bridal crown." "NO VOLUNTEERS."

A story is told in Over Land and Sea that ught to be helpful to us in these days when so many fields are being opened op and each is calling for volunteers: During the late war in Ashanton the chief officer of the Scotch Guards when one or two only, the officer turned away for an instant. When he looked again he saw the regiment precisely as he had seen it before, all in unbroken line. "What !" he exclaimed ; "the Scotch Guards, and no

volunteers ?" Another officer replied : "They have all stepped forward and volunteered. There are dozens of ways in which we are called upon, silently, if not literally, to volunteer our services, and do our share toward belging along. It may be in the home that we are needed as volunteers; school. When we see where the greatest

A HELPFUL CLUB In a large western city, during a great financial depression, the number of women and girls in danger of starvation from loss of work and wages was so great that the more fortunate ones concerted together in some measure to ameliorate this condition of things. Sowing rooms were opened in charge of experienced scamstresses, and dressmaking in all its branches, as well as plain sowing, was taught. Sixty women of wealth voluntarily superintended this club, two women for each day of the month. An appeal for pstronage was responded to so liberally that even the apprentices were paid ten cente an hour for eight hours labor with a contributed and bountiful luncheon served at noon by the lady patronesses. Another branch of the club an intelligence office accompanied this department, where one could be supplied at the usual rate with service of all sorts. Also a sale in the way of a woman's exchange of edibles and textile fabrics was made one of the departments .- "How to Improve a Town," by Mrs. L. E. Chitten-

den, in The Chantauquan for May.

A USE FOR THE USELESS We should hesitate before pronouncing anything useless or worthless, and consigning it to to the waste heap. An interesting paragraph in the Pathfinder tells of the wealth that has been added to the nation by the discovery of certain vegetable products which were once considered peeless Thirty-five years ago, cotton seed, except the comparatively small amount planted, was not considered of sufficient value to be given cover from the weather. Now the products from what was then considered year to the productive wealth of our country. And now another new industry has been discovered by which the pith from cornetalke can be made into cellulose, which promises to add many millions to the value of the corn. orop. In the West, two fuctories at which corn stalk cellulose and corn pitch collulose are manufactured are now in operation; and it is said that the discovery of the uses that can be made

of corn pith is one of the greatest scientific achievements of the age.

COMMON SENSE In the great race of life common sense has the right of way. Wealth, a diploma. a pedigreo, talent, genius, without tact and common sense, cut but a small figure. The incapables and the impracticables, though loaded with diplomas and degrees, are left

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