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home in Philadelphia early in the morning; up town to his uncle's office.

Saxion, Uncle Joe's oldest boy, occupied That's all we ask you to do Saxton was going on the trip too, and his

desk was closed. door of the apartment.

will do it for a very small Ned went over and opened the door, bu finding his uncle in close convenation with expenditure of money. Never a man, he closed it again and remained before have we been able to outside, hidden from the clerks by a low offer better shoes for the partition.

of the cierks said, evidently referring to "Yes: lucky ohap, eh?" "I don't know. If my old man was i

hundred dollars."

state, and all that." "I don't know how that is, but I'm dead ure that his father is just on the brim of rain. If he weathers this dull sesson it will be pure luck and nothing elic."

"Ah, bere you are, ch?" said Uncle Joe cordially. "Saxton's just gone home. Dear, dear, I don't see what Perry will do

"You see, Saxton looks out for the details of things, and it's impossible to "There is no butter in this cream;" "You find a new man to take his place at a mo- are right," said the lady, "for I've churned ment's notice. And another thing, I would it in my chara, but I wanted to see you not want to trust everybody."

his breat b. "Would you be willing to trust me Uncle Joe?" he asked huskily. "Oh, yes; you're just the chap I'd like to have, if you weren't going with us," returned the merchant carelessly. "I sup- est a bit of something, John? Now what Exchange.

But here Ned interrupted sgalo : "Uncle Joe, is my father in bad shape?" o blarted out. "Eh, what's the boy thinking of ?"

"What do you know about it demanded Mr. Strange groffly. "Nothing, that's why I ask, I never heard a word about reverses at home, although I noticed father seemed worried a good deal more than usual; and I just Damas' eyes lit with me mories. He rate exertion, to bring round our fireside bright

take those clerke! So they were chitter- AN OBJECT LESSON IN DRINKING

HEROES OF WAR AND PEACE. I'm glad they did it," cried Nol. "Tell Ay, that is a story that takes obb's breath, How the mon rowed out in the face of death. Row od as calmly as fisherman may

But mever was fish not hauled in the weather That rifle and canuon and shell together "And does to suppose I would go . off Rained on those sailors who drew from its be Canada and spend a lot of money The wise sea serpent and crushed its head. summer? I won't do it." Heroet of war are they | - Song and story Shall add their names to the list of glory.

For the horoes of peace and the martyrs father and mother would be very much They fight their battles in shop and mine; They die at their post and make no sign. And the living envy the fortunate dead As they fight for the pittance of butter

They herd like beasts in a slaughter pen; uncle," said Ned eagerly. They live like cattle and suffer like men. Why, set by the borrors of such a life. Like a merry-go-round seems the battle

And the deadly cannon with bellowing

And the open sea and the open boat,

Poetry.

Who haul their nots at the broak of day.

But where is the story and where is the song

Oh, what are they all, with death thrown in. To the life that has nothing to lose or win-The life that has nothing to hope or gain But ill-paid labour and bods of pain ? Famo, where is your story, and where is you For the martyrs of peace and the victime

Select Family Reading.

-ELLA WHERLER WILCOX.

Clear Grit.

BY W. BERT POSTER. "There is no use in telling Ned," said Mr. Strange, shaking his gray head sadly. Somehow the past few months the head had grown very gray indeed. "It is bad enough, mother, for Nellie and Bob to know. We'll let the boy enjoy his vacation as he al ways has; there's no need of spoil-

ing it for him." "But you know what we had plaqued to let him do this summer, and he has been ooking forward to it all the school year. "Ah, I forgot that! He was to go with Uncle Jos and the rest up to Canada, to stay till October. It will cost two or three hundred dollars, I suppose.

"I'm afraid so, busband." "Well, we must find the money some where, that's all," declared Mr. Strange. "His emjoyment mustn't be spoiled by these business troubles. We'll retrench in some other way, mother. Let the boy be

a boy as long as he can," And so, when Ned came home from school for the two days before Uncle Joe's grand hunting party was to start, the cloud of trouble which was hanging over the home was carefully hidden by all hands. Other men in business were weathering the hard times and Mr. Strange hoped that he

He did not realize that he was not treat-

ng his son fairly by hiding from him facts with which everybody who knew him was familiar. In truth, he was saving Ned a great deal of unnecessary worry and materially adding to the enjoyment of that famous trip into the Canadian wilds. groffly; "I'm no baby. The next time you But as it happened, Ned learned of his father's reverses in a mapner which made the news all the harder for him to bear. The party were to start from Uncle Joe's

Ned went over the night before and walked He was a frequent visitor there, for desk himself, and Ned often ran in to see him when he was down from school, or had come over from Harrisburg. But

"Mr. Strange is in his privats office, Ned," said one of the clerks, noding to the out. the buyer kindly asked him to smoke omission. It costs so little to say nice hope. This lad had no one, and it might when another ass struck in, whether by

"He's going to Canada too, is he?" one

the shape his is, I wouldn't want to go of

for the summer and spend three or four "Oh, I reckon Strange isn't so bad off as it's reported. If he is, I don't see where Ned gets his money to sport around. He goes to the most expensive school in the

At that instant the door of the private

without him here. If I hadn't promised She said: "If you can I will buy it." him so long ago that he should go with us he left the churn, promising to come and I'd make him stick to his deak. I really prove it next morning. The lady put the don't see how he and I can be off all sum- cream in her own oburn and brought the mer." and the busy man shook his his head | butter, took it out and poured the buttergravely as he sorted over the paper before milk into the vender's oburn. He came

Ned looked at him strangely and caught | sale and no further conversation.

pose I shall have to let things fly this | can I get for you?" summer, and lose money by it. I don't

til want you to tell me. What is the matter with my father's business?"

heard something which makes me believe to his deek and returned with a note which faces and happy smiles, and loving, tender |he is-is bamkrupt !"

Uncle Joe. "How did you hear? Bother | a hundred. Bury two of em."

ing, were they? "They hid't know I heard, and if it's so,

"Why, he is in a bad shape; there's no denying it. But he didn't want you to know, for he thought it would and your

they are sericoping and saving at home all "Hold on, hold on !" oried Uncle Joe. "That's no way to talk, young man. Your

troubled if you should go back to them instead of going with me." "Then let me stay here and take Saxon's place. They needn't know but what I've gone with you. I can do his work and be earning something too. Come, say yes,

"Why, Neddle, I don't see how it can be

done," began the merchant. "You show grit-clear grit, I must say; still--" But within the next half hour the whole affair was planned, and when the hunting party took the train the next morning for thd North, Ned saw them off and then went back to Saxton's desk in the office. And he did faithfully stick to his job all summer. He boarded at his unclo's house and kept nis a unt company; and he really had a very jolly time dodging friends and visitors at the house who would be sure to know him and report his presence in Phila delphia to his father and mother. But the

latter were blissfully ignorant of his prox-Uncle Joe wrote frequently to his brother that "Ned was all right," and as Ned never had been much of a letter writer, the folks at home thought his silence due to the

boy's usual careleseness. "As long as he is having a good time don't care," said Mr. Strange wearily though I don't know but we made a mistake, mother, in letting him go. I believe I shall weather the trouble, but where the money is coming from for Ned's next year's school expenses, I don't see. The money he will spend on that Canadian trip should

have gone toward those." And Ned, grinding at the work in the hot city office, read Saxton's glowing accounts of hunting and fishing excursions, sometimes with tears in his eyes. Still; not plate, monster guns or torpedoes. once did he feel sorry that he had sacrificed it, and with all his regrets, he had never experienced more quiet happiness. "How would I have felt afterward if my

going up there had belped to oripple. father?" he thought, "I should never have forgiven myself." When the hunting party returned shout the first of October, Ned accepted the handsome sum his uncle presented him for his services and hurried home. was not as big and brown as they expected to see him after his "summer in the woods," but he looked happy. And I tell you be was happy when at the dinner table the first night of his return he laid

summer, with the amount given for his vacation expenses, on his father's plate. "My boy-my own dear boy !" cried hie mother, her voice full of tears. Now in common with other fellows of ois age, Fred abominated tears. "Come, mother, don't ory," he said

the whole sum he had earned during the

and father are in trouble you must not treat me like one." - Our Boys and Girle.

A FARMER OUTWITTED. A farmer sold a load of corn in a town one day. When it was weighed he slyly stepped on the scales, and then drove off to unload. When the empty wagon was weighed he took care not to be in it and congratulated himself that he had cheated the buyer in good shape. The grain dealer called him in and after figuring up the

load, paid paid him in full. As the farmer buttoned up his coat to go selves a dozen times a day for like sine of with him and then talked over the price of, things, and the result in another's pleasure hogs and the crops, and the likelihood of is out of all proportion to our trouble the Maple Valley Railroad building up that . "Praise to the face, open disgrace." No way, until the farmer fairly squirmed in uneasiness about his chores at home.

At last he could stand it no longer, and said he must go. The dealer quietly said that it was not to be thought of; that he would insist on doing what he pleased with his own property. The farmer saw that he had indeed sold himself in one sense at least. He acknowledged his cheating and compromised the

affair. Now when he markets grain, he

A FAIR TEST.

does not stand on the scales or sell himself with his load.

A travelling peddlar of patent churns called at a farm house in Lewiston the other day soliciting patronage, and learning that the lady had a churning of cream on hand, was auxious to churn it. The lady said she had a patent churn already, but the man insisted that his was so much better than any other churn made that he could get two pounds more butter from the cream than she could from her churn. the next morning and churned and churned but got no butter and exclaimed at last. get that other two pounds." There was no

ANYTHING BUT THAT. A poor man lay dying and his good wife was tending him with homely but affectionate care. "Don't you think you could With a wan smile he answered, feebly

"Oh, no, John, dear," she answered promptly, "you can't have that. That's for the funeral.' A CHEERFUL GIVER.

somewheres. I think I could do with s

little bit of that.

Some one once went to Damas pere for 50 sous to belp bury a friend. What was he?" Dumas asked. "A ballid, sir," repli I the borrowar. he thrust into the man's hand. "You say it costs fifty sous. "Tut, tut I not as bad as that," oried

Several lessons have been taught the world by the recent engagements occurring both in the Orient and the Occident be tween the navies of Spain and the United States. Those interested in gunnery have received much instruction. The relative merits of the fast orniser, easily manouvred and the more ponderous and slowly-handled battle-ship have received considerable re adjustment in the minds of experts. The torpedo boat, that terror of the hours of darkness and a still, cramped harbor, has proved to be more of a nightmare than grim reality. Many opinions have been changed ; sure prophecies have been proven to be absurd assertions, and the nava architect of to-day has already decided to

consign to the limbo of obscurity many the devices and plane most approved of b dock yard authorities three months ago. Perhaps the most conclusive fact brough out by the recent fights on both the Pacific and Atlantic is that the use of intoxicants of any kind previous to or during a nava engagement is a snare; that, to quote the words of Holy Writ, on such occasions "wine is a mocker, strong drink is a braw!

er (R. V.), and whosoever is deceived there When Dawey, in the grey dawn of Ma 1st, cautiously felt his way into Manilla Bay, he had his sailors braced up with cup of coffee, and, wakeful and alort, the watchful gunners, who had been standing in their places the greater part of the picht were ready to take alm with a clear head and steady hand. When Sampson opened fire on the forts of San Juan, he also issued to his sailors a libation of coffee. Rum or other intoxicants are not served out to the

United States navy. But it was different with the Spaniards. Hunted by their own authorities from the Santiago trap, Cervora and his officers forgot to copy from the up to-date American sea-captains, and, following the traditions of the European pavies, issued generous supplies of wine and strong liquors to the desperate sailors in that forlorn hope Heavy with intoxicante, the Spaniarde fell an easy prey to the enemy, who not only outnumbered them in ships and in men, but in seamanship and in that morale which is a better and safer thing in peace

or war than an extra portion of armor Had six American vessels, mauned by a coffee-drinking contingent, issued from a long-pent harbor and tried to break through double the number of ships handled by men muddled with wine and rum, they would have got through, or, ship for ship

the enemy would have gone to the bottom or on the beach. The cause of temperance has been aided by this demonstration at sea of the benefits of abstinence from intoxicants when serious work is to be done. The coffee cup has knocked out the wine glass and the grog

pannikin.-Goderich Signal.

PRAISE TO THE FACE. I once saw a father walk up to a map his little boy had drawn and pinned on the wall. He stood before it a long time in silence, and in silence walked away. The little fellow was sitting in the room, and his father knew he was there. He watching with eager child's eyes, waiting anxiously for a word of approval. As none came, his poor little face fell unhappily. Straight into the next room walked the father, and said, carelessly: "Robert has take them to Havana. drawn a very clever little map in there.

Look at it when you go in." "Did you tell him it was clever ?" asked a judicial listener, following from the room where little Robert sat. "Why, no. I ought to have done so. never thought to mention it."

"Well; you ought to be ashamed of yoursolf," was the deserved reply. "Go back now and tell him." We ought all of us to be ashamed of oursuch thing. The proverb is wrong. Praise to the face is one of the awestest things or earth and there is no disgrace in it, unless untruth enters, or unless the praise is undescreed. It is the more grateful because no one may ask for open praise and receive it by asking; its fine flavor is quite gone

and is but flattery .- Harper's Bazar.

ABOUT SOME BOYS. were to carry it into the water. The blocks and wedges were knocked away, but the massive ship did not stir. Just then a mervonely, and bent and kissed him again, little boy ran forward and began to push to the frantic applause of soldiers and the ship with all his might. The crowd civilians, while the boy walked on braced broke out into a laugh ; but it so happened that the vessel was almost ready to move; the few pounds pushed by the boy were only needed to start it, and away it went into the water. Now, that was a little

thing, but you see what it did. Oftentimes the little things you do don't seem of much account. But they are One spring morning a little boy planted a single seed in a bank of earth. It grew, budded and blossomed into sweet blue violets unseen by the child planter. It also seeded, and the seed fell out upon the bank of earth, and next spring more violets grew; and so for years, increasing every season. The boy, now a man in a foreign land, desired to visit his obildhood's home. When he saw the bank of violets he remembered how, years before, he had planted there a single seed. "Can it be," he said, "that all there have sprung from the single seed I planted? I will never waste a single seed." Oh, dear children, remember the importance of little things .-

THE LOVE OF CHILDREN.

"Well, I seem to smell a ham a-cooking Tell me not of the trim, says Mary Howitt, precisely arranged homes where our hearts, to make us unselfish and full me' John, I am going to order ouffs for free of cost. of kindly affections and sympathies, to you, with gold buttons !' And all this in give our souls higher aims and to call out the short space of ten years l'antalanta all our faculties to extended enterprise and Constitution. earth with little children.

THE COUNTRY CEMETERY. The loving care bestowed upon this spot is an index of civilization, its absence a mark of ignorance or of dae regard for the things of this world. The fact that a deserted and untidy corner of the town is cemetery, is the greater reason for the expenditure of labor upon it. Usually such work must be done by a comparatively lew, out;of love or public spirit. But i these organized a cemetery association, or improvement society, their work would be more likely to be continued after they, too, are gone. Corporations don't die.

In deciding upon the nature and extent I the adornment to be bestowed, consider the molives. The park, the roadeide, the open spaces of the town are diversified with trees, fountain, shrubbery and greensward, for the pleasure of the people, and because it is a paying investment to make town as attractive as possible. It is the wish, we are sure, of the most reverent of hose whose cherished dead lie in the parial-ground that the place be not cold and awful, but a sunny spot where children shall love to wander and none feel shudder to walk its paths. How shall our loved ones be remembered, unless there be eyes to read the memorials we creet? The fantastic imagination of a Hawthorns created for the old-fashioned cemetery with its urns and cypresses and weeping willows, the phrase, "Death's pleasure ground." No such grewsome description far as nature can make it beautiful without ostentation, or a suggestion of the oarnal it is a park. City cemeteries in these days are among the choicest products of the landscape gardener's art, and are thronged

on Sundays and holidays with happy, reverent humanity. A committee composed of persons of fine feeling and sense of propriety will know by instinct how far the adorament of the roral burying ground can go without the violation of good taste. Trees, flowers, shrubbery, a rivulet or a fountain, beuches where strollers may rest, belong there, Eogene Field, upon whose grave the flowers now bloom, fancied the angels loving to linger in these pleasant paths. One of his sweetest poems contains these

Go angels walking to and fro, singing their Their radiant wings are folded and their eyes are bonded low.

As they sing among the beds whereon the flowers love to grow, 'Bloop, oh. sloop !___ The Shephord guardeth his sheep. Fast speedoth the night away, had been, we wouldn't be in this one on Soon cometh the glorious day; Sleep, weary ones, while ye may,-Bleep, ob, sleep !"

Bearing in mind that the cemetery

ground in the country more deserves reverent care and wise adornment, no one need experience any difficulty, in deciding

how to deal-with this problem. A MOTHER'S KISSES. A recent traveller to Spain, writing in Blackwood's Magazine, describes a touching scene witnessed at the departre of a regiment for Cuba. All day long there had been heard the measured tread of soldiers, marching through the streets; all day long gaily bedecked boats had been passing to and from the vessel that was to

pretty sight-the impetacus action of a number of asses were tethered. Ascounsel portly, good-looking and well-dressed lady, was addressing the court one of these who noticed a young soldier walking began to bray. dejectedly alone down the pier in his All the rest of the men had friends, their

be divined that he was carrying a heavy | the counsel's contrivance or not, who shall desolate heart over the seas. The handsome woman burst from her with his hand to his car, and said ; group of friends, took the boy's hand and said, "My son has already gone to Cuba. He is in the regiment of Appalusia and court. sailed two months ago. You may meet

him, Pepe G.,; take this kiss to him." She leaned and kissed his cheek. An English boy would have shown awkwardness, but these graceful southerners are never at a loss for a pretty gesture

and a prettier word.

The boy flushed with pleasure, and still In an English dooky ard a great ship was | holding the lady's hand, said, with quite a to be launched. An immense crowd matural gallantry, without smirk or silly gathered to see it glide down the sides that | smile, "And may I not take one for myself and fishes being fed to twelve apostles? as well, senora ?" But where does the miracle come in ?" The lady reddened, laughed a little few moments meditatively. Then be

and happy.

dat day all didn't bust." WATER SYSTEM OF LONDON. The water supply system of London covers 815 square miles, and delivers daily through 5,147 miles of pipe, 187,580,233 gallons, of which 107,000,000 gallons come from the Thames, 51,000,000 gallons from the river Lee and the remainder from springs and arterian wells. The per capita Sunday after she came I went into the consumption of the 5,675,270 inhabitants is 35 gallons. The reservoirs, 54 in number, cover 584 scres and have a capacity of 1,-935,000,000 gallons, and there are 120 great any one word while I was talking; then filtering bods, some of which, it is said, can stre looked up, and, pointing to the door, absorb 1,000,000 gallons of water per exclaimed: "Now look byar, Marse George minute. There are, also 33,065 fire hydrants. The water system is at present kitchen!" I went, and as near as I can owned by private companies, but the im-

no distant day. "THIS COUNTRY OF OURS."

A United States crossroads editor in

addressing the pupils of the village school

said :-"The possibilities of progress in this country are great. When they first caught there are no children, where, as the good me and brought me to this town, I hadn't have made the Diamond Dyes their chos-Germans have is, "the fly-traps always a shirt to my back, but in two years' time en and only dyes for domestic dyeing. hang straight on the wall." Tell me not I was wearing shirts, with bone collar The faith of all is so firmly established in of the never disturbed nights and days, of buttons, and it was not long before collars the powers and excellence of the Diamond

THE RED CROSS.

Go where the soldier lies Upon his mossy bed. Under the blazing skies And raise his drooping head, Bind up the bleeding wound On field of battle given.

And let bim feel stound

The fragrant breath of heaver Afar from kindred dear And from a mother's care Go wipe the falling tear And stroke the matted hair. Bring back to chock so white

That kindled there of yore Or should that soldjor die,

Bo there to close his eye And make his dying sweet Yo Red Cross legions, go, Where war brings dire distress;

And let the darkness glow

Go follow in the train Of Christ your Lord divino Across the battle plain Beneath your crimson sign. His blood your banner dyed On cruel Calvary,

Of human agon y. GEORGE W. CHOPTS

READY-MADE ANSWERS On the flap of a tent at one of the camps o: United States volunteers waiting to go to the front is pinned a card on which is

To VISITORS.

Glad to see you always. We are not afraid; not yet. We know we are liable to be shot. get hir.

We might be sick if we stayed at home. We are not dying to get into the hospital. We may die after we get there. Yes; if we have a chance, we shall shoot. Would we kill a Spanisrd? Ask Dewey.

We are forry wo are going to leave our wives, and our children, and our sweet-If you are our wives and children please do not weep and make a scene in camp.

If you are our sweethearts, you know what to do, but be careful. The officer of the day may be a bachelor. We were never in the other war. If we

account of our age, and for some other The tent leaks when there is rain. We have had some leaks. Yes, it is cold in here when it rains. Are we warm enough at night? Not as

walking over the mangled remains of our comrades and dead horses, and that have vultures in the air are especially fascinating

represent us as facing bursting shells, and

he guard, so that he may show you wher

Always glad to see you. AN EVEN EXCHANGE. case in an assize town where the court-The twilight had begun to deepen when house abutted on the green. A fair was in progress, and just outside the court's the correspondent saw a startling and

movies, mothers, relatives, and the usual red. But presently, when it came to gallaut effort to look elated and full of summing up; the judge was in full swing

> louder? There's such an echo in the WHERE THE MIRACLE CAME IN

"Well, Uncle Rasburry, how did you

"What was it about?" "It was bout dem seben thousand loaves an' five thousand fishes bein' fed to the "Seven thousand loaves and five thous-

DR. LORIMER'S COOK. "When I was first married," says Rev. Dr. Lorimer, paster of Tremont Temple, Boston, "I had my strict ideas about Sunday observance. Mrs. Lorimer had a colored aunty for cook, and on the first remember, she had hot dinners Sundays

to Follow.

The example of millions of women who the tranquil, unanxious hearts where child- , were put on me then I climbed into a coat Dyes that they would not use any other ren are not. God sends children to enlarge and only yesterday my good wife said to make, even if the common dyes were given

The flush of health once more And to tho oyo the light

His brave heart coase to beat,

With love and tenderness

Take it and stay the tide

We don't know how we will feel until we We are liable to be wick.

We don't know what her we shall be glad when it is all over. Most likely.

We went through that at the house. Besides, it unnerves the boys in the other

God's acre; that his acre belongs to every man, woman and child who would seek its shady paths; and that no other plot of warm as we expect to be. We are fond of war pictures. Those that

> to a young soldier in camp. If you have tears to shed, please notify

> Chief Baron O'Grady was once trying a

Instantly the chief baron stopped the travelling gray, with a knapsack strapped speaker. "Watt a mornent, Mr. Bushe. he said, "I can't hear two at once. The court roared, and the advocate grew

> say? Anyhow up jumped Mr. Bushe, "Would your lordship speak a little

> like the sermon?" "It was a pow'ful sermon, Marse John."

"Well, Marse John, de mer'cle, cordin' to-my perception of de circumstances, is

Uncle Rasburry soratched his head a

kitchen and told her I did not want any Banday work so she could prepare the meals for that day beforehand. She didn's you just go in dar and I'll tend to ma mense pressure brought to bear by the as long as she stayed with us." people will probably make it municipal at

> Valuable and useful goods abould not be experimented on with poor and untried package dyes. Ruin and for of goods and money will meet the users of adulterated

Impure blood is an emony to health, and dyes. Follow the safe example of earth's your reward.

hearts. My soul blesses the Great Father | may lead to serious disease. Hood's Sar- millions and use the Dismond Dyer, and every day, that he has gladdened this gaparilla conquers this enemy and averts success, happiness and pleasure will be.