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liking of the superintendent was quite se

effective with the plain folks of the dir-

triot. Although they never saw her when

she was aught but bright and cheerful,

there were times when her dark eyes held

a sadpere that belied the fun and sparkle

and keen humor that showed itself in

many ways. There was much criticism

of "these normal ideas" that replaced the

good, old-time ways. This was born good-

naturedly. "I had rather teach school,

than keep school," she said quietly, after

the expression of the views of one who

believed in saying "frankly and flatly"

up the collar of his light, fall coat.

teacher from down east boards.

"Who's that sprace young feller, Lime ?

thought he could get me to carry him

proachable as ever, but I can't stand

"She hain't come home yet,"

Bassett said when she answered his knock

Ruth was sitting at her desk trying

softly, "that the best thing you can

for you to say so than George. Ron now

The ten-year-old pugilist stopped for

little tin dinner pail and hurried home.

"Irving, you wretch!" A transfiguring

A day later Superintendent Adams sat

sorting his mail. He tore open and hastily

read a letter that seemed to displease him.

'I thought I'd got hardened to this sort of

thing," he exclaimed, running his fingers

through his bair with a funny gesture.

This is the seventh teacher that has left

to be married this year, but I thought this

one was really interested in educational

problems. Life work, indeed!" he snorted.

Then he wrote: "Dear Miss Lincoln :-

"Of course I will release you and wish you

the happiness which you deserve, but I'll

never pin my faith to an educator of your

YOR SHT HTIW CO OT TAHW

had nothing to show for his years of labor

but a mere living and a good, big account

on the debit side-the money spent in

The father, although not having the

education af his brother, had some years

ago engaged with the Bradley-Garretson

Co., Limited, of Brantford, Ont. first as

canvassing agent, being promoted from

ime to time until now he was in the very

front rank with this company and making

lote of money. He has also seen a lot of

rex again .- Sincerely, J. L. ADAMS,"

light shone through the moisture in

but I'd hate to tell him so."

and find him ; good-night."

nakes it harder, you know."

eyes, and her tone spoke volumes.

The unknown passenger apparently

suspect it.

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When my paw was a boy. There was a lot of wonders done When my paw was a boy; How grandpapa must have loved his When my paw was a boy; He'd git the coal and chop the wood And think up overy way he could To always jist be sweet and good-

When my paw was a boy. Then everything was in its place. When my paw was a boy; How he could rasele, jump and race, When my paw was a boy! He never, never disobeyed; He best in every gamehe played-Goo! What a record they was made

I wisht 'at I'd been here when My paw he was a boy; hoy'll never be his like agen-Paw was bis model boy; But still last night I heard maw Raise up her voice and call my paw The worst fool that she ever saw-He ought of staid a boy! -Georgia, Chicago Times-Herald

When my paw was a boy!

Select Family Reading.

Two Quarrels. BY BEINETTE LOVEWELL.

down, but I warn't no sech fool." "Then you have had experience in graded failed to find any beauty in the dreary work, aside from your regular course? stretch of dying vegetation, and muttered, Superintendent Adams asked in a surprised as the slightly stiffened mud covered the ione. The eyes of the girl before him met his with a frank smile.

"Yes, I taught two years. Did you think it impossible?" The gental superintendent made gesture of remonstance. "It is an unusual case for a well-salaried teacher of a graded school to apply for a position like this; may I'see your testimonials?"

gazing ouriously at his uncovered head with short-seeing eyes. I donno'se While he scanned the papers she handed remember her sayin' anything about exhim, the candidate awaiting his decision pectin' anybuddy. Her questioner caught looked from the window out along the sight of a pair of distended eyes and quiet street, then back sgain to the small younger edition of the face before him, and room whose outer door bore the inscripthe bige eyes sparkled mischisvously. tion "OFFICE OF THE SUPERINGENDENT OF "Thank you," he said pleasantly. SCHOOLS." It was in the village high school think I'll go over to the building if school building, and faintly across the corridor is out." Turning, he directed his stops she could hear the murmur of reciting voices. An advertisement of the Perry pictures and a catalogue of a teachers' door closed behind him, he heard distinct agency had fallen from his desk to the

"I could hardly ask for anything more satisfactory than these or from bette authority," the superintendent said, as returned the envelopes; then abroptly, Have you ever lived in the country, ?" "I have been so fortunate," The reply

came quickly. "Are you willing to bind yourself f any given time, Miss Lincoln?" I am willing to accept a year's engagement." In some way, the easy replies of this girl seemed to the superintendent different from the eager, lawning ones of most of his applicants; he was not a young man, but

his voice had the impetuousness of youth

as he asked suddenly, "Do you mind tell-

ing me just why you want to try this

thing ?" The faint flush in her face deepened, but her eyes did not leave his face as she replied, "I am perfectly willing to tell you this. When I secured the position at home, almost immediately after graduation, I considered myself fortunate; I enjoyed the work exceedingly. But during the last year I have made the decision that the study of educational questions will There-are two kinds of men be my life work, and I want a broader scope than I have at present. My knowthose who are obliged to dress ledge of existing conditions in rural disroughly while at work and tricts is wholly confined to the little I have read. I want-to-know-by sofual-experience." · She hesitated. "I am willing to volves no difference in attire. tell you too, that events have so shaped For the laborer we have heavy, themselves in my life outside of school that and MOULDING | substantial boots; for the I desire a complete change of environment. comfortable, You must not think, Mr. Adams, because you are sorry, or have me, Ruth. Let's I have never lived in a farming communsensible shoes; for the boys | icy, that I do not realize that living in and girls good knockabouts, such and in a city- like my own are two different things. I want to know of real country life and to see and mingle with what I believe to be the truest type of

> winning smile upon her face. "Won't you Admiration showed itself in the gaze the superintendent. "I shall only be too glad, Miss Lincoln. I believe you are the kind of person to enjoy the life you will come in contact with ; to find the seemingly unavoidable obstacles in your school work an incentive toward abolishing them. I am fortunate in securing your services." Ruth Lincoln rose to her feet; she had the air of one unused to defeat. "Will you tell me exactly how to get there?" she

> the old New England stock." Again the

Superintendent Adams laughed her perplexed tone. Pointing across the street to the postoffice, he showed her conveyance of a type fast dying out in New England. The canvas-covered top formed a canopy, edged by the rolled side curtains, at the back a trunk was strapped : ne of the two horses had dropped his head and with closed eyes was patiently switching away flice.

"That," he said, "is the stage; come here by train, as you did to-day, and a two hours' ride on the stage will take you to the centre of the town. Someone will meet you there and carry you the other three miles." He watched for a look of surprise or contempt in her expressive face, but saw none, and as she thanked bim and left the office he said half aloud, "That is an unusual girl."

A week later found Ruth Lincoln estab lished as teacher in district Number four. Blissville. The small room whose dingy walls replaced the delicately tinted ones she had lett: the huge wood stove instead of the gilded radiator, and the lack of the many conveniences she had thought necessary made her long for a moment for her last year's third grade back in the new city building. "Their poor little aesthetic sensor," she murmured. They surely need help." The many obstactles that rose in her path can only be appreciated by those who have taught such a mixed school. But here was one of those fortunate spirite that enjoy conflict, and she faithfully studied, remedied and in many cases

perfected errors.

Ruth boarded with the family of a farmer and found ample opportunity to learn by experience of their everyday lives. winning way "that had incited the has when she entertains. A HUSBAND'S STRATEGY.

The life of the physician is a hard one. but at the same time not altogether prosy. Like a confessor, he is necessarily intrusted with many family scorets. A prominent physician who has

moved to another city was on a visit friends here recently, says the Louisville Courier-Journal. As the guests at dinner smoked their oigars and tobacco smoke was forming ourle toward the ceiling some very good stories were exchanged. The physician told the following experience, which, he said, was one of the queerest he bad ever had :

what she thought. From the first, the allegiance of the children never wavered. "I had just made my rounds," said ho, As the term wors away the sad lighte in "gone to my bedroom and put on my the brown eyes cou'd be noticed oftener, slippers and lounging robe to spend an but the honest interest and sincere friendhour or so with my family before retiring. liness for all those she came in contact I had not been in long before my door bell with did not change. If she made physchrang violently and an excited whistle came ological studies she never allowed them to up through the speaking trumpet, as at that time there was no such a thing as the The last day of Indian summer had telephone in existence. I answered the faded and the chill of November had settled over the dreary landscape, when the old stage driver left a young man at the street, as he was thought to be dying.

post-office on his afternoon trip. "T'wont burt you none to walk; tain't more'n three miles," he told his passenger as he turned door. I drove out to the number indicated, when I found the neighborhood in great excitement. From the comments 1 learned that Mr. Smith had quarreled Americans fell to talking aloud in English a loafer questioned, watching the tall figure striding down the road. "I dunno what with his wife, and that in a state of his name woz," was the reply. "He's goin' down to John Bassett's, where the by taking arsenic.

found the man with his head thrown back about him that is not just like the Turks orator, and some as a literary man and and his respiration labored. I felt his answered the other. pulse and to my astonishment I found it perfectly normal: I could not for the life of me see how a man near death could have such vitality.

polished brown leather of his shoes, "I While I was making these investigations know I'm a confounded fool to sprint off his wife, who was very hysterical, was perhaps." orying bitterly and betraying herself for up here; ten to one she'll be as unaprefusing to grant her husband his wishes. 'Oh, John,' she said, 'if you only get over this I will never refuse you such a trivial thing as a few thousand dollars.'

I began to think she might become neane, her distress was so genuine. While I was looking at the patient I noticed a strange expression on his face. I had sent for a stomach pump, and was waiting its arrival. The patient managed at Louisville, Kentucky !" to give me a pathetic look as he winked his eye. I was perfectly nonplussed how to proceed, as I felt that the man must be

toward where, at the top of a sharp pitch, a little white schoolhouse stood. As the of it. I ordered everybody out of the This one had afterward left Egypt, and consider about a minister's work is: What ly in shrill tones, "Warn't be handsome. room when the pump arrived. I adjusted taken an important rank in the service of kind of men has he made? It ready to begin operations. In the the Sultan of Turkey. look into the eyes of Jimmie Gates; one intervals Mrs. Smith's shricks were hand rested on his drooping head, the other patting his worn little coat sleeve. "Tell me all about it, Jimmie," she said. "Why did you quarrel at all, let alone Finally he said: 'Doo, for God's sake, among Americans generally. fighting?' "I dunno what we did get don't use that pump on me ! I'm all right, mad about, honest, Miss Lincoln," the but don't give me away.'

offender broke out, but we did get orful There I was in a predicament. I had, mad, and then we fit. Honest, I'm sorry, however, elicted a confession from the patient that I had already anticipated. Ruth's day had been an unusually hard one, and her tip quivered as she lifted pump and administered an emetic. Jimmie's chin. She was thinking of another quarrel between older children. man was made sick of his trick before They, too, had been "orful mad." I wan you to learn right now, dear," she said party to some sort of a fraud and I had to these. carry out my part. I made up a number when you quarrel about nothing at all it of visits and ran up a big bill. to say you are sorry, quickly. It grows When the man got well, he called on me harder every moment; it is much better

ligations. I married a widow of considerable property. She was old enough to be my grandmother. I wanted several moment to stare at an intruder who was thousand dollars to make a trip and have coming boldly into the room, then took his a good time in the east. She refused to grant me the request. So I thought I might frighten her into giving it to me. I great interest. When the last Rath bowed her tired head on her deak and longed to cry. The sound of a firm step naturally concluded to try the suicide caused her to throw back her head and scheme. I bought arsenic, went up to my room and left a note to my wife, bidding turn a flushed face to a familiar figure that was bending over her. Her hands were her goodbye and regretting that I had speedily imprisoned in two gloved ones. annoyed her by asking for her money, and a pleading voice with an irresistible The scheme worked admirably, as you teasing note, said, "Would you rather say know. Here I am with all the oash I want. So old man, make out your bill top to bottom.

'Scoundrel !' escaped me, but I 'consigded that I would at least have some of the profits. I made out my bill for \$500. The fellow never hesitated, and said that it was reasonable considering the service I had rendered him."

A SELF SACRIFICE.

Not all the heroes were at Santiago. One of them came forward recently in Topeka, when the Santa Fe railroad found it necessary to reduce the force employed

in the freight department. Among those who were to be discharged was a man with a wife and half a dozen children, and his salary was the family's only income. Lines appeared in his face as the expiration of his term of service drow near, and his eyes told a story of suffering and despair.

Dean Waters, a fellow employee, saw all this. It made him sick at heart, and his A conversation was held a short time ago folks saw that something was the matter, etween husband and wife concerning the but he kept his thoughts to himself. For a future welfare of their only son. The week he watched the other workman suffer mother was for giving him a profession, in silence, and at night he could not sleep but the father thought the professions were crowded, and suggested starting the boy in for thinking of the hardships in store for this man's wife and little ones. Then be made a resolve. Going to the head of the The father's reason for being opposed to his son entering professional life, was that department, he said : he had a brother, who, while very clever,

"If I resign my position, will you keep "Yes," replied the head of the depart-

"Accept my resignation," said Waters. And he left the room without another word .- Topeks Capital. A TRYING TIME. There is almost certain to come a time

in the life of every young man when he will feel that he is without the sympathy the world, having been sent to Australia, of those on whom he believed he could most surely count. To one bubbling over South Africe, England and the United States. It was therefore not to wondered with enthusiasm it is certainly disheatenthat he was opposed to his son taking up a ling to find certain older persons refusing profession, and the son in question had a to share his arder and even questioning the

liking for money and travel, it was finally wisdom of his conduct. It would be well decided that he ought to follow in the for the mature and the experienced to footsteps of his father and colist with this set with discretion. As for the young old reliable Publishing House, copecially man, if he yield to temptation and sit down as he had just received a good salaried offer in sourness of spirit, disheartened, with his faith in man shattered, is will be a There is a current prejudice against terrible mistake. No, no, the true man, housecleaning, but every real woman likes with heart stayed on God, will continue to to tie her head in a towel and stir things do his duty as it is given him to see it without regard to what man may say or

up from garret to cellar. do. Especially will be guard himself Man is known by the company he keeps. against a morbid and sullen and over-Woman is known by the companies she sensitive habit .- Exchange.

"TYPICAL TURK."

At a recent private banquei Washington a gentleman related an amu-log occurrence in which he had been one of the actors. It took place in Turkey, just before the Russian war of 1877. This gentleman and another American interested themselves, as they travelled, in studying the various Oriental types which

were encountered along the way. Their interests in minor types vanished before, a magnificent specimen of the Turkish army officer who entered the train

one day. He was dreshed in the fullest and most superb of Turkish uniforms, with red fez on his dark head, and abundance of gold lace on biscoat, Great spurs glittered a good many years ugo, and he doesn't on his boots. He was accompanied to the train by several orderlies and servante, who placed his luggage in the compartment which the two Americans occupied.

and his skin was almost of the dolor of summons, which was to come quick to bronze. As he climbed into the compart-Mr. John Smith's home out on Chestant | ment, he apologized in gool French to the filed a statement, reciting his bereavement Americans for disturbing them. I hastily put on my overcoat and responded as best they could, in the same ordered my horses around to the front language, insisting that they were not ation. No terms were offered by the

about their companion. exasperation had attempted to kill bimself | "Typical specimen of the Turk that and more peremptory, until the last one fellow is," said one of them. I went at once to his bedside, where I "Rather; and yet there is something

> "Possibly. Just note that hard and oruel expression about the mouth and chin." "Yes. He's a terror, probably. And yet I don't believe he's a Turk. He must be some other sort of Oriental-a Cirosssian,

"I'd like to know just where that fellow was born." "Bo should 1." The Turkish officer, whose face had worn an expression of stolid unconcern all through this dialogue, here took his cigarette from between his lips and turned to the Americans with a smile.

Gentlemen." he said, "I have no objection to gratifying your curiosity as to my native place. I was born The astonished Americans were profuse

in their apologies, which were accepted with the best good nature. It turned out that the "Turk" was one the several Confederate officers who, after lectures. The master achievement of the determined if the fellow was imposing on the close of the Civil War, had accepted me that I would make him get the worst service in the army of the khedive of Egypt.

"Life in the open air in that part of the heart-rending. I scanned the patient's world had tent a dark tinge to the swarthy face slowly and saw he was perfectly skin which is not unusual among conscious of everything that was going on. Kentuckians of good family -or indeed,

BABY BLY'S NAME.

Baby Bly was such a sweet little thing that no name seemed to be good enough Without further inquiry I put up the for her. Papa proposed to name her Kose; because her cheeks were so pink, and administered a very severe one, and the mamma suggested Violet, because her eyes were so blue, but they both agreed that she was through with it. I had been made a ought to have a better name than either of

"I will make a list of all the pames can think of," said Aunty Lou. "Mamma can cross off from the list one name that and said : 'Doc, I am under many ob- she does not like, and then papa cross off another, and so they will take turns till all the names are crossed off but one, and that one must be baby's name. So she wrote a long list of names, beginning Alice and ending with Zoe.

> finished she reached for the pen; but her little hands seem never to know where they are going, so it is no wonder that Everybody ran to catch it, but it was to late. The ink had run in a black stream all over the list, and blottedet from

Baby Bly watched the writing with

chosen her own name. She has blacked out all the others on the list, and has just "To be sure," said mamma; "and what name could be awester ?"

So baby now is little Mary Bly.

architectural skill to future generations. WILLIAM'S LUCK. Here is a good story of a man called William who is engaged as a windowcleaner at a certain great hotel in London. One morning William, instead of doing his which is longer than the word of

paper, and, as bad luck would have it, the follows : manager looked in. "What's this?" he said.' William was dumfounded. "Pack up your things and

go," said the manager. So poor William went to the office, drew the money which was owing to him, and players." They ought to be a long-winded then went upstairs and put on his Sunday | set. clothes. Coming down, he went to say "Good-bye" to some of the other servants. and there he happened to run across the manager, who did not recognize him in his

"Do you want a job?" asked the "Yos, sir," said William. "Can you olean windows?"

its columns appounced with unconscious "You look a handy sort of chap. I only gave the last man 220, but I'll give you 250. "Thank you, sir," said William; and in balf an hour he was in the same old room cleaning the window this time, and not

reading the paper .- Tit-Bits. HE WAS GREEN.

The Louisville Commercial prints a story

at the expense of a gentleman of that city, | feel sorry for him. not sparing his name, which is bere This gentleman, wishing to take his amily into the country for the summer, looked at a small farm with a view to

Everything was very much to his mind and the negotiation was nearly completed when the question of hiring also the armer's cow came up. She was an excellent cow, the farmer said, and even after feeding her calf would give five quarts of milk a day.

"Five quarts a day !" said the city man; "that is more than our whole family could Then, noticing the calf, following it

mother about the pasture, he added : "I tell you what, I will hire the small cow. I think she's just about our size."

A crust of bread and a corner to sleep in, A minute to smile and an bour to weep in,

And never a laugh but the means come double : And that is life! A crust and a corner that love makes preclous, With the smile to warm and the tears to

And that is life!

Colonel N. O. Borders, the genial claim agent of the Burlington in Missouri, ouce paid a claim for a "death loss" without investigation of the facts. It happened speak of it very often for fear he might induce other "attorneys for the plaintiff" to resort to similar tactics. An old plug of a mule belonging to one Jones got on the right-of-way over in Linu County one day, and the obsequies occurred soon after the west-bound train came along. Jones which he broadly hinted was susceptible to amelioration by a pecuniary consider-Company, and he put the matter in the fee wrote the claim agent several lettersfifteen or twenty-each one getting hotter fairly sizzled Still no answer. Judge Brownlee bas a great reputation as an poet. He resorted to atrategy before

"Our donkey stood on the railroad side, Your train came whizzing by-And knocked our mule sky-high

No bell was rounded o'er the hill, Nor friendly warnin' toot, And if you fall to pay your bill-By Goorge wo'll cutor suit,"

THE PULPIT AND THE PEW. Between a minister and his congregation

And one, at least, of the most decisive

Years passed, and in later times, when "But see here," said papa: baby has architect and patrons were dead, cleaning operations in the roof revealed the fact that

> MORE THAN SESQUIPEDALIAN. A correspondent sends us a German

work, was amusing himself by reading the forty-two letters printed recently. It is as " Napolitanerdudelsackspfeifergesellschaft This word contains sixty letters. It

graphs which testify that "bulls" are not confined to Ireland.

of this journal will not appear."

It is more blessed to give that to receive

A PROVINCIAL REPUTATION.

Hamilton's Marble Works, Guelph, is the some of very active operations at present. He will ship shortly monuments for trection at Sarnia, Ridgetown, London, Berlin, Hamilton, Stratford, Galt, and other points. No better indication of the superior work and material supplied by this old and reliable netablishment, than the unsolicited orders a distance which come to Mr. A Hamilton proprietor. A large shipment of and includes a number of attra

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A pint of joy to a peck of trouble,

And joys scom sweeter when cares come after. And a moau is the fluest of fells for laughter:

A LAWSUIT AVERTED. He bad straight black hair and mustache, Presently the Turk lighted a cigarette | hands of Judge W. H. Brownlee, a and settled back easily in his seat. The prominent attorney of Brookfield. Brown-

> his quill and ground this out: The driver pulled or open wide

Jones' check for full amount came or

there is an action and reaction, so that the minister makes the congregation, and the congregation makes the minister. When one speaks of a minister's service to his people one is not thinking of paw rents. and offertories, and statistics, and crowds ; nor of schools, and guilds, and classes, and minister is to form character and to make men. The chief question, therefore, to

questions by which the members of a congregation can be judged is: What have they made of their minister ? By that one does not mean what salary they may give him, nor how agreeable they may be to him, but how far he has become a man and risen to his beight in the atmosphere of his congregation. Some congregations have ruined ministers by harrassing them till they lost heart and selfcontrol and became povish and ill-tempered. Some congregatione, again, have ruined minlaters by so humoring and petting thom that they could endure no contradiction, and became childish. That congregation has done its duty most effectively which has created an atmosphere so genial, and yet so bracing, that every good in its minister has been fostered, and everything potty killed .- Ian McLaren in the July Ladies' Home Journal.

HOW HE PROVED IT. When Sir Christopher Wren was building the town hall of Windsor, a fidgety member of the corporation-so the story goesinsisted that the roof required further support, and desired the architect to add more pillars. In valu did Sir Christopher assure him that the danger was imaginary ; he knew better. The slarm spread, and the great architect was warried into adding the desired columns.

the supposed additional supports did not touch the roof by two inches, though this was not perceptible to the gazer blow. By this ingenious expedient did Wren pacify his employed and manifest his own

word, copied from a German periodical,

means, approximately speaking, "The Neapolitan aid association of bagpipe

INDIAN "BULLS." The newspapers published in the native congue of India occasionally contain para-

One paper, on the day of its birth, cam

out with two blank pages, and in one of

simplicity that some "specially interesting matter" had been held over "for want of Another journal printed this brief announcement: "Our next paper day falling on Christmas Day, the next issue

When a man is henpecked, even the women who would treat him the same way

especially when your cook makes better strawberry shortcake than that sent over by the woman next door,

and Bootoh Granito has just be