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and mother everywhere. And my heart is bowed within me the heavy load I bear, have fulled them on my bosom, have klased away their sorrows, have guarded them from wrong. lave they sinned? The recording angel, ere he hid his face for

New my preyer go springing upward, ardent as a glowing flame, Hail my life been rich and potent, had Would the tangles of temptation have had power to reach and lura? I must help them with their lessons, . must mand the rapped gown.

I must cool their anger town. must calm the flyfir tuimit when -unidental fa large and swell . . must share the strongthening bitter In the deep cup of defeat.
Youth with all her bloom and graces
loft me, though I hade her stay;
Fame held high her fragrant garland.

but she passed another way. breams alone, with white wings fold ed, in hope's ruine have their nest. illing all life's shattered niches with captive princess." their trilling songs of rest. Little feat retard my footsteps, since I may not walk alone;

must hold them in my own. Lord of harvest and of plenty! when Pressing round for recognition, flushed with laughter and with song, Thou wilt see upon my shoulder no ripe sheaf that I have brought. No full clusters from the vineyard Where in wearying toll I wrought. where a tired woman stands, Holding towards thee scanty glasn-

Belect Yamily Heading

inge in her weak and trembling

Mononomonomonomonomi

A Modern Cinderella By Amy Randelph.

"Oh, pshaw!" said Mies Beatrix "It's too provoking!" said Clarissa, her elder sister.

"What could have sent the little old thing!" thing up from the country at this upon her fingers. "I think the whole race of country with thread lace and bugles.

consine ought to be annihilated !" said getting ready for the masquorade fnotman had time to ring.

"Hush sh sh !" said Charless, lifting | loss Keturah. "I helped to dress her, a warning finger, "here she comes, I mem. I did."

Blossom farmhouse; and, comehow, choulders. her reception at the brown stone house on Park avenue had not been all

A small deposit will 'do. Our Furs that she had anticipated. "We were just talking about the an easy uonchalance of manner. "A ball I" oried Faith, brightening onlinen on the subject. up at once. "Oh, I'm so glad! I

Only the best materials used. Ne free brought a blue-silk dress that was mamma's once, with lace trimmings, "But it's a masquerade," interrupted Diarissa

"I suppose I could buy a blue mask?"

"Nonsense!" said Mrs. Beldon, 'you've no idea, child, how the ladies | duction," said Charless, wistfully. dress here. It isn't likely your old faded finery will be of any use. I'm corry, of course," as she saw the color rise to Faith's cheeke and the tours of some antaller party where you can lok received her most select and favorwear the blue-silk dress. And Mrs. od guests, she was just a little too late. Mayorick's masquerade is one of those explusive affairs where there's a limited number of tickets, and I couldn't think of taking such a liberty as to nek for an additional one on your

the went quietly out of the room chet needle that she bad forgotten. "Poor child !" said Clarissa. "I'm satin, and she hadn't stood up to dance corry for hor. Did you see how dis- In one sulltary set.

appointed she looked ?" resolutely. "She's so much younger | things in the world." than you, girls, and she has such a radiant country complexion--'

"Yor." Cinrises added; and Mr. Houthwick was inquiring very earnest-

to provent it P"

And when old Miss Morel called that afternoon and saked expressly ball," said Faith, smiling and color-

for Faith Blossom, Mrs. Holden made ling. some smiling excuse about her niece having a headacha. "Call her down," -said Miss Morel. "I'll take her out for a drive in thy carriage. Prest air is all she needs

lent me her diamonds." I'll go ball. I've taken a fancy to that bright eyed little rheebud of And Bestrix Holden, who would liave given the prettiest sing off her taper flygers to he seen in the l'ark with old Miss Moral, was oldiged ber-

force to go the to the little room where Palth Blossom was booking out over the dreary expanse of chimney-pots, with her round chin in het hands and a homesick sensation at het heart. "I don't think, I care to ke," unid Paitle sadly.

Miss Belden. "Mr. Southwick's mint! And the richest old lady in the city, Get your things on at ouce, or she'll my we are keeping you shut up, like a she and old Miss Morel became excel-

lant friends. said Miss Merel. "But you shall by the fervor of the Millerites, there the first team to see that the things go! You shall go, in spite of them were a number of eager watchers for wore unloaded and set where I wanted

"'I'll Roe to that," said Miss Morel. with eyes that twinkled regulably beblad her black Chantilly veil, that was worth its weight in bank-notes.

"And Aunt Margaret says -- " "Never mind Aunt Margaret," Interupted the old lady. "We'll make a nodern Cinderella of you, my dear Just you keep your own counsel, and we shall see what we shall see!" Clarless and Beatrix Boldon apparel-

ed themselves gorgeonely upon the night of the magnerade ball. "It's so lucky that l'aith has gone to her room early, with a headache," said Clary. "It doos seem hard to

Managed and the state of the st "Nonsense !" oald Boatrix. could we do, w. ighted with a little country fright like that ?" "I naw her blue-silk dress yesterday," said Miss Charless. "Such a dowdy

"It's quite out of the question that time, of all others?" said Beatrix, | she should go," s id Mrs. Belden, who twirling the rings around and around | was squeezing her plump figure into a crimson estin dress profusely trimmed

But the linck which had been on gaged to convoy the three ladies to "They're very nice in July and the ball had hardly driven away from August," said Miss Beatrix, "But, the door when the lamps of Miss oh, dear, who wants 'em coming down | Morel's close carriage came blazing to New York in this unexpected sort around the corner like a pair of flery of way, with hair trunks and paper- eyes, and Keturah, the maid, al covered hand boxes, just when we're smiles, opened the door before the

"She's all ready, ment," said breath There was a brilliant assemblage And little Faith Blossom came in, gathered that night in Mrs. Maverick's ling trees to mere shrubs, and of culti- china cupboard; so I just pointed at | Sour Grapes. - A kind of disagreeable

with a wietful expression on her disp- superb suite of spartments, but the voting plants in a similar way. The them, and says I: 'What on earth fruit we would rather taste ourselves led, childlike face, and her eyelide helle of the occasion was the beautiful slightly swollen, as if with secret young girl who came as "Summer tears. For she had come to Now Dawn" with old Miss More!-"Summer York, fully believing that her city Dawn," with robes of pink and pearl cousins meant all they had spoken in sparkling with dow-drops of tiny to Japan" writes: those gushing invitations of theirs, solitairs diamonds, and lovely golden when they spent a month at the hair floating like a cloud over her ten yards square, and in this small "Well, we had a good laugh at him,

"Such eyes !" said Mrs. Maverick. "Such a complexion!" said Mrs. St Elwas. "Such a figure," cried Miss Dubu-

and as such qualified to express an tree, exactly eighteen inches high and "Who can she be?" said Beatrix Belden, who, in the crowd, could not reach the apartment where hominge

was being paid to the belle of the evening. "The most peerless little creature and twelve inches high. that has been introduced this season, auggested Faith, who had dreamed of answered Mr. Wynfield, with admira-

catch her name exactly." "I wonder if I could get an intro-"I'm afraid the growd around her is

too great," said Mr. Wynfield. And when at last, by dint of infinite pushing and perseverance, a tern dress mortified pride suffuse her eyes; "but | and a damaged point-lace fan, Miss I really think you'd better stay quiet- Holden succeeded in reaching the blusly at home. I dare say there will be and ellver boudelr where Mrs. Maver-Miss Morel and the radiant "Summer | gor. Dawn" were gone.

Clariesa could have shed tears of vexation. She had missed an introduction to the reigning sensation, "Just as you please, Aunt Mar- understood, was a born tuft-hunter) ; lage of Elstow describes, among other son. garet," said Faith, choking down the she had rained her dress; she hadn't a things, the wicket-gate which figures little sob that rose in her throat. And chance to speak to Mr. Sputhwick, early in the story of "Pilgrim's Prowho was there as Sir Walter Raleigh, murmuring something about a cro- in costume of black velvet, classical to picture in imagination the scenes with topaz and slashed with orange described in that book will be widely

"I hate masquerade balls," said she, "It's just as well," said Mrs. Belden, spitefully. "They are the stupidest sociated with John Bunyan. Mr. Ruil Southwick called the next

> crimps in a minute. Keturah grinned like an African

> "It sin't for you, Miss Clary," said Two weeks afterward Falth Blosson

"But remember, my dear, the bridal "That wettles the matter!" said the outfit itself-the dress and vell and judiclous matron. "She shall not go orange blossoms and all—are to be my to the masquerade ball on any terms, present," beamed Miss Moret. "We didn't think, did we, Cinderella, that the prince would come so soon ?" For little Faith Illossom had won

"Hut where did he first see you "We can easily contrive one excuse | child?" cagorly demanded Beatrix Young Mt. Acton. or another," said Mrs. Belden. She Belden, who could sourcely believe the tween the mischieviousness of her boy and quick relief is almost sure to tot- 25 cents a box from The Dr. William

Emile Southwick has proposed for eyes corroborated it by means of the superb diamond engagement ring. "At Mrs. Maverick's masquerade

> "At the marquerade ball? We mu there Y' "Miss Morel took mo," said Faith "I was dressed as a Summer Dawn, in pink and white, and Miss Morel

workhox. "Faith." cried they; in an ancon scious duet, "were you the Summe Davn'-the belle-the beauty - the pheervad of all observors?' . Lidth Illoseam's chooks grow rout

Beatrix starod. Clary dropped

."L-I boliovo thore was only oh 'Summer Dawn' there," said the. "Slie is my 'llttle Oindecolle," and old Miss Morel, who had come noted leasly in, and stood behind thom. "Ohild; are you crizy?", domanded . "And, God bloss her, she has won the

THE WORLD CONTINUED TO EXIS So little Faith Blossom went-and that the end of the world would come them into a small box and tied thom on a certain day in April, and many up and set them on the shelf by the others who did not really believe were sink. "Not going to the masquerade hall?" | yet moved to superstitions uneasiness | "When we come to start, I went on the appointed day in an old New Eng- them, and I took the box with the

> It was a late spring, and there was a the way to Corinth. Ellish was comlight fall of smew on the ground. On ling with the second load. We had a the night before the dreadful date, real smart young horse at that time, there flamed in the sky a magnificent and Elijah was going to drive him crimson aurora, and the red light in the heavens with its red reflection on the enow terrified many nervous peo- all on he stepped into the kitchen and ple to the verge of distraction; they looked about, and right on the kitchen thought it signified the beginning of shelf he saw a box done up as careful universal dostruction.

> One woman, who lived alone with the china cups, and I suppose he was the back of her house close to a cenie- dreadful pleased to find I had gone off tery waked near midnight and was and forgotten them; and he made up overcome with horror. Without stop- his mind that he would show that he ping to dross she ran out of her house and along close healds the buryingground boundary toward the dwelling of her next neighbor. Her hare feet that hox, in his hands, for that horse slipped in the enow, and once she fell, | never would stand for nobody; but

but rose lininediately and ran on. Her neighbors also were awake ; the started. wife lying quaking in bed, the husband at the window. He looked out just as the wagen shook so that it scared about after hours." the frantic figure in white sprang up him, for he was afraid those cups from her fell in the drifted enowemerging, as it appeared, from the the box in his lap as caroful as he graveyard, and bathed in blood-red could, and being frightened then, he light. Turning his head, he shouted | made the horse walk every step of the back hastly into the dark chamber : "It's true, wife, the end of the world | the edge of that sent holding that box has come! The dead are rising from as careful as if it was a sick haby. .

their graves -- I've just seen the first ently took refuge in his house, and call me careless sgain. You stepped are right. still existed, the trio were no doubt re-

GARDENING ON A SMALL SCALE. The Japanese have the art of dwarf- thing, and they were set up in the and some other person's gold,

people take great delight in their min- have you brought, Elljuh?' He bur- that have some one clas reach; enture gardens, which require aspecial ried up to undo the bundle, and if it gardener to keep them down to desired | wasn't my two best flatirons! Yes, limits. The author of "On Short Leave | Elizabeth had gone to work and wrap

A Japanese garden is generally about all that trouble to bring them over. with lake, summer-houses, temples, and I guess it discouraged Ellish, for more. trees, all complete, and all in keeping he hasn't made much of an effort since with the dimensions available. The then, and he don't like to have anylake is four feet long, and full of small | body give him credit for ever trying | wheat. give us the proper time to execute the hall," said Beatrix, trying to assume que, who was an ametuer sculptress, goldfleb. On the border stands a pine- to be careful. fifty years old ; beneath its shade is a temple carved out of one piece of stone

the size of a brick. On a lofty crog of some two and a half feet standen fine maple tree, perfect In form and shape, fifteen years old

We hought three of these minature troes later ; a maple, a pine and a bama masquerade ball all her innocent life tion. "But, upon my word, I couldn't | boo clump, each about fifteen years old and eighteen inches to two feet high, growing in shallow dishes. We were told of a complete garden contained in

a shallow two dozen wine-case. turned over to the "deciphering de-Everything was complete, down to the fish in the lake, a sheet of water only a few inches square, and the footbridges over the watercourses. Teahouses there were, and numerous trees of various kinds, each about six inches high. Old as the hills these, but full of vitality, and yet never growing big-

BUNYAN'S WICKET-GATE.

A recent writer upon the objects of historical interest connected with the (Mrs. Helden's eldest daughter, be it | early life of Bunyan at the little vilgress." Anything that helps roaders road and with intense pleasure.

In the village of Elstow there is abundant material that is visably as isolated church-tower contains the very bolls in the ringing of which Hunyan rejolosil and afterward trambled. Above all, I must mention what appears till recently to have escaped at-

The "wicket gate" of the, "l'ilgrim's Progress' is commonly represented as gardon-gate or a turnpika-gate ; room. but really the term denotes a small doorway cut out of a large door. Conconfed behind a tree at the west end of went home an engaged young lady, to | Elstow Church it is just such a small doorway in the broad wooden surface of the great doof.

Through this lowly opening Hunyan must often have passed when a boy. If it were simply drawn and engraved, I believe we should have a correct picture of that which was before his imagination when he described the early stope of Christian's pligrimage.

HIS LAST KPPORT.

Miss Fidelia Crowell often romarked

that she did not suppose there was

another man in the country so careless

as her husband, Elijah. This opinion

lab's caroleseness. Hut there was o

body, and Mrs. Crowell greatly on

"Wu nuver innveil lint once,"

"My weter Ellashoth was a

good hand to pack, and she same over

and took right hold. She nacked all

and it was going on tree years before I

without using both hands, not know

could be careful if he ket out.

"I know he must have had a dread-

"He said the horse went so fast and

would get all smashed up. So he held

way, over twenty miles, and heart on

LIKE MOTHER, LIKE SON

"To my mother.

who have sone in Ireland, the post-

partment." Now it so happened that

on the very day of its receipt there an

"Have ye a lotther from me by ?"

of mind required for such an inquiry

should come at that time, struck the

clerk, who had heard of the letter for

as something more than a coincidence

It was quite possible that such a

woman might be the mother of such a

Then the clerk gave the woman the

letter, on the condition that shashould

She opened it, and lot its contents

GOOD SOME OTHER TIME.

last night father walked into the

A straight path presents physical

Lamo Back.

"Just as Jack was about to kies

were not for her.

from her son in Ireland.

"What did you do ?"

"I gave Jock a rain check.

difficulties to a crooked man.

a woman whose name was not given.

New York, America.

that city addressed simply:

livery window and said :

ful time getting late that wagen with

joyed telling about it:

over twenty years dgn.

ton plato in it.

One-tenth of ripsnod grain. One-tenth of tree and vine. One-tenth of all the yield From ten-tenths rain and shine.

was shared by the neighbors, who re membered numerous instances of Eli-One-tenth of bleating flocks, For ton-tenths shine and rain. occasion when Mr. Crowell proved One-tenth of all increase that he could be as thoughtful as any

From counting-room and mart : Ine-tenth that science yields, One-tenth of every part. One-touth of hom and press, One-tenth of mill and anina)

would begin, and I may tay top have One-tauth of every reaft. Wrought out by gifts of Tithe. never got really settled, although it's One-tenth of glowing words .. That glowing guineas hold ; Difotenth of written thoughts. That turn to thinling gold. One-tenth and dost Thou, Lord, our clothen and most of the disting;

But ask this meagte louis. When all this easth is Thine. dated lift up a towel out of a trunk And all wo have Thina own ?. Ing but Elizaboth might bave placed a SHOULD HAVE HELD HIS TONGUE

In 1813, when many people believed gaw me, And he noticed that I put an Australian bank, and brought with hinr good recommendations. The chairman of the board wont for

"Well, James," he began, "this is your first job of this kind, isn't it?"

"Yes, sir." "Your duty must be to exercise

"He careful how strangers approach "I will, sir."

enter the bank at night under any pre toxt whatever." "And our manager-he is a good

will be your duty to keep your eye on "Hut it will he hard-to watch two men and the bank at the came time."

"Two men, how?" "Why, sir, it was only yesterday that the manager called me in for a talk, and he said you were one of the host men in the city, but it would be just as well to keep both eyes on you, and let the directors know if you hung

Gravity .- A stratagem invented to conceal lack of Intellect. Eccentric. - A term applied to those whom we cannot afford to call fools.

The supposed corpse, however, pres. Now, Fidelin, says he, 'you can't over played to convince ourselves that we

and walked the horse all the way so's worst of him. Wisdom. - That which is greater not to jar 'om more than I could help.' "I had unpacked the cups the first than gold, provided it is our wisdom

UNCLE JOE'S PHILOSOPHY.

A wumman's crownin' glory ain't ped them up, and Elijah had been to allos her hair-it may be somebuddy Some men swear off drinkin' when

> Faint hourt never won a fair lady no more than it ever dld a corner it

> Don't be tew generous with good advice; yow may need some uv l yowrself later on. They's no use tryin' tow most a how-

not face tow face; he'don't dew bizniz people-and such feats are many-is that way. They's tow kinds of a "man with a

gets that he is but a hose with the Don't worry about what people are goin' t' say ; 'rather consarn yewrealf office people despaired of finding the absout what you'd say of yo was in right one. However, the letter was their places.

> but the wumman who is waitin' fur the proposal soos tow it that he finds

GAVED BARY'S LIFE.

There are many mothers throughout

Canada who do not husitate to say So he took the letter, observed the that Haby's Own Tablets have saved postmark, and asked the woman where the lives of their little ones. One of her "b'y" lived. She gave the name of these is Mrs. John Shortilt, George the place with which the letter was town, Ont., who says: "I have no stumped. Some other questions were hesitation in saying that Baby's Own naked and the answers noted down. Tablets saved my little girl's life From the time my little girl was three months old, she cried all the time with open it on the spot and return it if it indigestion. She was frail and puny; her food did her no good, and I was literally worn out taking care of her. proved conclusively that it was really | The doctor treated her for some time, and flually told us he could do no more for her, and we did not expect she would get better. It was then that I learned of Haby's Own Tablets and decided to try them. Before I had given her a hox of the Tablets there was a great improvement. Her digestion was much improved, and her howels, which had been terribly constipated, moved regularly. From that time she began to thrive splendidly, and is now as healthy a child as you could wish to sac. We are now never This allmost is usually caused by without a box of the Tablets in the chountation of the muscles and may house." Baby's Own Tablets will be cored by applying Chamberlain's promptly cure all the miner allments Palo Balm two or three times a day of bables and young children, and the and rabbing the parts vigorously at mother has the guarantee of a governeach application. . If this does not mont analyst that this medicine conafford relief, blad on a place of flannel | tales no oplate or harmful drug. Hold

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y about her the other day." nor to the parler concert to morrow, nor to Mrs. Kissingen's kettle-drum on Friday." "Int, mamma, how are you going | the heart of Kmil Houthwick.

evening, however, and Miss Boldon "Give me the card, Kutty," said she "Gentlemen are apt to admire that to the maid, "and I'll take down my

prepare for her wedding.

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In London Answers there is told a "I had six of Grandmother Crowell's. story of a watchman who threw himolina copa. Ol course I set aqualderself out of work by his stupidity. He able by thom, and I nacked thom my. At the time of the Millerite delusion soff, just as careful as I could. - Ellian had been engaged by the directors of

blm and proceeded to "post him up"

china cups with me, and hold them all vigilance." "Yes, sir."

"No stranger must be allowed to "It seems after Elijah got his load

as could be. Elijah thought it was man, honest and trustworthy; but it

Elljah fetched it nonieway and got

SOME DEFINITIONS.

Holiday .- A thing happily conceived to make us approclate the restfulness "When he got here he was as of work. pleased as he could be, and says he: Argument. - A device generally om-

when morning dawned and the world off and left grandma's cops on the sink Temper. - Something that at once sholf, and I've brought 'em myself, guts the best of a man and betrays the

space is found a park and demesus, but he was considerable riled about it, they are so full they can't hold no

One of the most remarkable among the feats of the post-office in finding

recorded by a recent New York paper. A letter was received at the office in hoo;" he who uses it an' he who leans In the mad race fur fame man for-The letter came from Ireland, but as manners uv the long exred verlety. here are in New York several women

It a good thing to hov a high aim. but don't pint the muzzle uv the gan as bigh os your own nose. Irlehwoman came to the general de-The man who hossortates is lost,

The fact that a woman with the cast, himself ag'in. To people who always ploy the game of follow your leader a glean of Intel ligence looks like a crime.