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la his own intad he was partle's great-I'M! HALLO. His knowledge was of such stupend

t took in evorything upon the earth And in the heavens; but, most strange of all. He didn't know a thing of real w He know all wonders over fing or

He knew the past and future; be

le was a marvel of omniscience --He knew the secret of the hours and He was a bundle of great theories The only thing he lacked was common

J. A. Edgerton, in New York Sun. Select Yamily Reading

Sneered At

4: Y.TS a shame and a disgrace to the graduating class that any one of us should be dressed so shabbily!" said Edith Linton to a group of girls who were discussing the closing exercises of Lester Seminary, now near at hand. "Of course ! reflects on us to have a poor nebody

"Particularly since that poor nobody is to recite the valedictory poem, laughed good-natured Bussie Long. "If we could keep her in a corner, or draw attention from her by our own botter appearance, she might be overlooked; but if sho is shabby she will be conspicuously shabby that night.' "When people can't dress their children as they ought, they have no right Blanche sighed. to send them to a school like this," said

"Oh, I've heard Alga Rivers say her bills," one of the girls answered. "She says her father is too poor to send her here, and she's going out as a toucher next year."

"Why don't her uncle in California give her decent clothes, then?" Editi said. "It's an insult to every scholar in the school to send a beggar here, where the first families in the country send their daughters. Hore's Blanche Armstrong. Blanche, we're discussing Alga Itivers' dross. You sit next to her. How shall you like your elegant white silk grounding to be cheapened

by her coarse white muslin ?" Blanche Armstrong was an helross, and a leader among the girls. She was not quick in her studies and was Acton Feed Store very indolent, but she tyas not purse proud, and she had very generous instincts. She thought little of the money which was profusely lavished she would turn from them with a on hor, but a great doal of the talent flushed face; her sharp wit was unand gentus which her money could not buy. Of late she had given great dissatisfaction to some of her compan-

ions by weaking the society of Alga "How do I like it?" she answered in her slow way. "Well, I'd like it better if the scholarship covered by the coarse white muchin could be communicated by contact to the white silk grounding. If I could have writton that valedictory poom I'd be willing to make a bonfire of my wardrobe and go in coarse corge, at least for

"Oh, my! What noble sontiments! snoored Edith. "Now, for my part, must confess that I think to dress well is an necessary to make a lady as her birth, or manners, or anything

"Oh, but Alga's dress is so awfully course, Blanche!" cried Susy Ran-"It's a muslin, Just as coarse as lining, and is made perfectly plain not a ruftle or flounce on the skirt nor n shred of lace on the neck, Nothing but a narrow frill of the Toronto, Muskoka muslin. Why, It's so shabby one of our servants would be ashamed to

"You know," said a gontle-looking girl, "Alga's mother used to be a lady. Oh, I don't mean she len't a lady now, but she used to be rich; and, poor se she to, she will not let Alga wear imitation lace or jewelry. She says it's vulgar, and that a clean, white muslin, no matter how coarse, is in

better taste than any imitation." "She's right," Blanche said, rousing up to automation. "With Alga's fine figure and face, she can stand the soverest simplicity. I only wish could, for I'm disgusted with finery. "I'd like to see you, forced to wen

Alga's dresses for awhile. I" Edith "I don't think wo'd hear any thing more about simplicity." Blanche seldom took the trouble t argue any question with her compan ions. Hhe did not answer, but saunter od with her usual languid step to the extreme end of the playground.

girl sitting on a bench under the shade of a tree, with dark hair out short like a boy's, and bright, eager eyes, was reading intently in a large book the hold on her knees. "I've come here for quiet; Alga," Manche said, throwing horself on the

so many magples over there, and they've given me a headache.' an impatient, boyish gesture.

islly when dress is the subject. Of course, they've been discussing my and with a pang, Edith Linton recogcoarse, mean muelin. That will give | nized the fact. But she did her malic them enough to talk about until the lous best. She threw as much con and of the session. Don't dany it, tempt in her glance at the despised

"Why should I deny it ?" Blanche If she was straid the muslin might said, quietly. "You are above such touch them. things as dress, I am sure, and you can afford to be indifferent to their | cried, affectedly. "Oh, girls, I'm just And what it was that made the Deluge foolish talk-you who have so much dying to see that lovely dress she re-

else to think of.". "But I do mind it i" the girl gried, tume-gloves, fan, shoes to match vehemently. "It harts me to the very Herd she comes now. Oh, good gracquick. I don't mind telling you this, lously Blanche, for I believe you're my These exclamations draw all eyes to friend ; but, do you know, I'd willingly Blanche. Where was the magnificent give up most of the prizes I expect, to | tollette? A plain white muella, made he decently dreseed, and know that | very much like Alga's, delther flounces. dirace, Edich Linton, wooldn't be able laces, ribbons, nor even a breastpin, He know where people go when they to encer at men : Oh, of course, I'm but a white rose at hes neck standing saliamed to feel so, and I see your in light of one. seliamed of me for saying it; but H's a

truth, nevertheloss." Blanche sat almost astounded at disgusted with my finery I wanted a for didn't know enough to barn his this revelation. She had believed change, and I thought Alga's dress that people who possessed talent lived habitually in lofty regions, where such patty things as dress never intruded. It was the first time her friend had only wish I looked half us well as you ever spoken of her personal feelings in | dear," she said, looking at her with auch matters, and she was confounded at the revelation.

"I never thought-I never dreamed you were hurt by such thinge!" she

to keep from bureting into tears. "Why, they are constant pin-pricks, and often make me cross and irritable. I shall be glad to get away from here ; but then, I suppose I shall be obliged her eyes shining through repressed to endure the same veration wherever tears. "Yes, and you shan't make go. Of one thing I am certain: a this sacrifice for nothing. Do you think I could fall with you before me? poor teacher won't be expected to dress like rich people!" she added, bitterly. I'll do my bret, for you've made me "We're such intimate friends, you know," Blanche said, hesitatingly, petty malice of the other girls." "and we-are about the same size.

Now, why can't you wear one of my very good, indeed. Her poem was greeted with applause, and Blanche dresses that evening?" Alga put her hands over her friend's | heard more than one person ask eager questions about that handsome girl mouth. "Don't say any more, Blanche. who repeated the valedictory poem so I know I'm very foolish, but my dear exquisitely. "Such simplicity of dress mother has given me some lassons of independence that I can't forget. My dear, I don't think it would mend matters for me to show myself through life. Some years afterward ashamed of my clothers by flaunting when one day they were talking over their old school-life, Alga said : "If it hadn't been for that kind act of yours.

in borrowed finery. I only wish poor mamma had been able to get me a fow yards of lace; a muslin frill looks so cheap and dowdy. You see I'm cursed with a taste for delicate tollet accessories." "I wish you'd let me help you

"You do help me!" Alga cried throwing her arms around her friend's you restored my faith in others you neck. . "Your friendship gives me a uncle in California pays her school better opinion of girls, and helps my gotten the lesson. better nature; but you shan't help my frivolous, groveling tastes. It's all over now, Blanche," raising her bright face, where not a shadow remained. "My dark hour has passed. I had become demoralized by dress talk and spitefulness, but 'I've wakened to my marcies,' as good old Mammy Dinah used to say. It's among my 'marcles'

that kind Uncle John has given me a

good education, and my grumbling is

over until I get back home and begin to practice the 'minor economies,' as older, if I ever see them ombittered old Professor Allen calls then." This was brave talk, but Blanche, who was a slient observer, and in a way a philosopher, noticed that as the eventful day drew near Alga grew very grave, and was often foolishly irritable. If by chance she came upon a little knot of girls discussing dress, spairingly used on her companions, said the dissatisfied tenant, "is horand, of course, inspired in them a ribly draughty. When I am sitting feeling of intense dielike. They whise in the middle of the room my hair pered to each other that she was so blows all over my head. Can't you

very sight of her, and hoped she would lose the prizes. thom with a defiant air, so unlike her | hair out?" usual calm dignity, that her teachers stared with surprise. A few hours before the evening exercises Blanche, who was alone with her, said, "You are not yourself, Alga. What is the matter with you? You are so

nervous I'm almost afraid you will break down this evening." "I shouldn't be surprised if I did," she answered gloomily. "When I am angry I lose my memory, and if I forget a word of my posse I'm sure then duct. to become so confused that I shall make a fallure. Oh, you dont know all I have undergone - the hidden taunts and insults that have met me at overy turn. To-day I got a caricature of myself in the cheap muslin I am to wear. A frightful thing, with pence." a hideous motto that I won't repeat. Do you know, Blanche, I've a great

mind to go to bed and say I'm too ill to appear. I've lost all courage." "You must not do that, in justice to yourself and your friends," Blanche sald, gently. "Your uncle will grioved, and I shall be so mortified that I shall not dare raise my head.

Think of your mother, too, and forget all those annoyances." "I'll try," Alga said, with a faint unile; "I cortainly am nervous, from over-study, I suppose, or I shouldn't be in such a frame of mind. Blanche. you don't know what it is to feel that you are so disliked that your schoolmates are all watching eagerly to see you fall, and if you do they rejoice,

If I could only forget them." Toward night the graduating class appeared, dexxling in their embroidered muslins and granadines made in the most fashionable manner. "How do you like my dross ?" "Oh. it's perfectly lovely!" "What

hair is dressed !" "What . exquisite flowers!" were whispers heard on every aids. Carrying her head very high, a hot flush on her cheeks, Alga entered the room. She did not know that her coarse muslin fitted her perfectly, and in the absence of all trimmings showed

utmost advantage. "Chatter, you! I believe you, caped. . It seemed tailor and finer for the hange high."

classic simplicity. It suited her style, LIKE A WOMAN.

Blanche. I know my dress was the muslin as her eyes could express, and

gathered up her costly face flounces.as as exertion. "Where on earth is Blanche?" she

celved from Paris! It's an elegant cosstand of making fun t" Ned had the grace to be ashamed, and so should every boy be who spear. ingly uses that phrase. Women, being

ceeds chiefly in advertising the shalowness of his own nature. girls ?" she said, smiling. I was so A man was once althig, at a boarding. iouse table, floridly rhotorical inmichdoss sgainst women. Heveral looked so nice. Hut I've surprised her gentlemen present attempted to put in us mitch as anybody. I see," crossing remonstrating word, and the ladies who did not leave the table sat indig-

frank admiration. "We're such plain lovely matron leaned forward and birds we shall, I think be obliged to said, in a clear, distinct voice, "Mr. keep together to night, and I am glad Blank, I am very sorry for you." "Why, madam, why?" It was as much as Alga could do

> that you associate only with the very lowest class of women." If a nian despise women, he will do well to look clously into his own heart, to see if it be undefiled; but if it still prove impossible for him to honor

> scathing judgement upon them. "Just like a woman !" Like Florence Nightingale, Mary Bomerville, George Ellot, Charlotte Bronte, Frances Pow-

or Cobbo, and Mary Lyon ! might well relinquish all earthly advantage to be included in it. But there is even a greater comparison : construe | heard in a strent car before. the phases to mean. "Just like our own mothers," and even the most shal-

low must cease to scoff.

BPARKLES Teacher-Tell me a few of the most mportant things existing to-day which

Thomas-Us. restored me to myself. I've never forservant who was a bit of a character. son, who had reached the mature age he was asked the question "What is chievous pranks. laughing. "I found that the simpler man's chief and?" Scratching his car the dross, if it only fits well, the more for a minute or two, he leleurely drawl- thing of a torment to his teacher at it is admired, by gentlemen at least ; ed out, "Weel, maleter, I may be times, and one afternoon not long

I don't answer for ladies. You are wrang, but I'm thinking it should be ago she kept him after the others were able now to wear what you choose, his held." I see that some Pronch scientists have been able to produce artificial "I keep it as an heirloom," Alga said, with her old impetuosity. vegetables. When I married I told my husband "Nothing now about that."

egainst any one, they shall hear how silly their mother was, and what a Sorgeant-"Where are you going, wise, good friend she was blessed with. Ab, Blanche, was there another girl in Smith-"To fetch water." the world who would be willing to

an act like that?"

WISE AND OTHERWISE. "That house I have taken from you." cross and envious that they hated the do comething for the windows?"

"Don't you think, sir," replied the

house agent, enavoly, "It would be She did not, however. She took easier and cheaper for you to get your "Memma, look I" exclaimed Mary. "Those fure are just like mine."

"Why, Mary you have no fure," replied the astonished mother. "Yes, I have," said Mary, "and they are filled with kittens." An elderly and most respectable

looking man was recently brought be fore a Landon magistrate, charged with unbecoming and bilarious con-When he was asked what he had to say for himself, he mitmbled something about "doing as the Roman's do."

"Very knod." returned the Mugistrate. "Continue to do as the Romans do, Pay seven chillings and ela "What you need," said the doctor. "ls a change of scenery."

"I know it," replied the manager of the one-night stand company; "but, confound it, I didn't come to talk limit ness with you. I'd like to find out

about this buzzing in my ears."

make the purchase.

A PIG IN CLOVER. The supply of pork was getting low at a grocery store in a Maine town. and word was indirectly received that a certain farmer living some miles distant in the country had a hog to well. A man was sent out, says a writer in the Lewiston Journal, to

He found the farm, and his rap brought the farmer to the door, "I hear you have a hog to sell," he hegan, brickly, "Well, no," replied the farmer, deliberately, "I can't say that. I have a hog : I've had it twelve years ; and so

long as I have to keep a hog I may as

styllab fit!" "How beautifully your | well keep that hog." START OF THE PRACAM.

A lady on sixth street went through

Kate was tying up a hundle to go by The touch of a hand, the glance of ar spreas. "That's right," said Ned, who stood by: "tie a granny knot. Just

The parcel was not scientifically made up, but Kate had done her best, and her face flushed, as much with temper

said, indignantly .. "Porhaps if you were as polite as some women I know, you would lidve tied it up for me; in-

homen, do have their weak points, and even traits which cordially invite ridicule, but he is an unchivalrous kuight who calls attention to such blemishes; In doing so, however, he usually suc-

nantly regarding the speaker. When he at length came to a pause,

"For your social position. From what you have said, one cannot fall to see

them, let him cover his sneers as he would spots of leprosy, for he may be sure the good and great will pass

Truly, the list, oven when no farther extended, is a goodly one, and we

did not exist a hundred years, ago.

Dr. Robertson, of Irvine, had a man-At the catechiaing one Sunday evening | of ten marked by many wild and mis-

"There isn't ?" "No; the milliners have been doing it for years."

Sergeant - "In those disreputable

sacrifice au exquisite toilette just to do rousers ?" Smith-"No, sorgeant; in this 'ero Little Irene, who had just moved to the country from the city of Toronto, was sitting on the porch with her brother Edgar. They had never seen lightning huge before, so they were

> surprised when they saw several bugs llying and lighting in the air. "They are huge," orled Edgar. "No, they're not," declared Irene,

'they're matches in the air!" Guide-"Yes, sir, this town received evident uneasiness. It looked almos ts charter as a Royal Burgh from King English Tourist - ("doing" Scotland) -"Bless me, you don't say so! What an ancient town it must be ! That was

the King David that wrote the Pealms, the table. wann't it ?". WHAT A LOG OF WOOD WOULD

BAY IF IT COULD TALK. BY A PUPIL OF WOODSIDE SCHOOL I was a very little seed growing on a he were standing on something in anbig tree when one day a great with other room." came and blow mo off. I fell down on the ground under the hig tree.

In the following winter two men came and cut the big tree down and sawed it into wood for the stove, as it was too poor to make lumber. In the spring I began to grow. graw until I was about twelve feet

high whom a tree, hearing in my way, made me crooked. After I had been in the same place for about one hundred years, two men (of course not the same as had hown down the other tree) cut me down, too. They took me out of the bush with two horses hitched on a logging chain and not the chain round me. It mrt a little but I was so busy wondering where I was going that I did not mind the pain much. Boon they put me on the sloigh and took me to a sawing-mill where I was sawed into

After I had been in lumber for about a year, the man who owned me arrived at the mill to take me home. When we reached our destination he put me on the side of a new harn which he was building, and I am there

Very Best Remedy for Bowel Mr. M. F. Borroughs, an old and

well-known resident of Bluffton, Ind., says: "I regard Chamberlain's Colle, Cholors and Diarrhoes Remedy as the posrance the next morning he brought the usual custom of spring housecless- | very best remady for howel trouble. I | no excuse, ing last week. She was decorating her | make this statement after having used | "James," said the teacher, "where room with pictures, and she perched | the remedy in my family for several | were you yesterday po bor husband's ploture on the topmost years. I am never without it." This . The boy began to cry. nult, then sat down to admire her remedy is almost sure to be needed be-Alga pushed up her short halr with off the lines of her fine figure to the work and remarked quietly: "Now fore the summer is over, Why not buy said. "He hypnotized me, and made

LIFE'S VICISSITUDES.

Or a word exchanged with a passer-by, And afterwards life is incomplete; A picture painted with honest roal And we lose the old for the new ideal; A chance remark, or a song's refrain,

And life is never the same sgain.

An angered word from our lips is sped,

Ora tender word is left unsald, "I hope it is just like a woman!" she | And one there is who, his whole lif Shall cherieb the brand of a burning A line that atteres up from an oper dynic emile from the lipe of age,

glimple of loving seen lo a play,

end the dreams of our youth are ewep

HER HONORED BEAT. A pretty and stylishly-dressed young ady hearded a crowded street car on Main Street. More than one young man turned to look at this place of famining levelinass, who carried her-

saif with such an independent air. The reats were full, and the strape were hard to, hold. . She was pushed and jostled on all sides by the awaying crowd, and at last, as the car gave a audden sturt, she lost her hold and sat looked down and caught a glimpae of a black skirt, so decided to sit still, as

it was almost impossible to get up. the noticed people looking in her direction, seemingly convulsed with laughter. She knew it could not be that elie had caused it; It was nothing laughable for one lady to eit on the knes of another.

She know that she was faultlessly at-

tired, and, as the obliging old lady est still, she decided to dismiss the matter from her mind. The car proceeded on its way for few blocks, before the woman made a movement as though she wished to get out. The young lady rose at once. and turned to thank her obliging friend, when, "Oh, power!" a venerable, black-robed priest, rose up and

lunger, and such cheering, laughing and clapping of hands had never been Finding the atmosphere a trifle hot for her, the young lady signalled the car and got off at the next corner, with hurning cheeks, and not feeling

made his way out of the car. The

crowd could not contain itself any

quite so important as when she came

COSTLY DISCIPLE. A popular Montreal doctor tells this story of a bright boy, another doctor's

.His restless nature made him somedismissed and had a serious talk with him. Perhaps she was a little afraid that her admonitions were falling on stony ground. Anyway, she finally

said, "I certainly will have to ask your father to come and see me." "Don't do it," said the boy. The teacher thought she had made

an impression. "Yes," she repeated, "I must send for your father." "You better not," said the boy.

"Why not ?" said the teacher. "'Cause he charges two dollars a visit," said the scamp,

A LONG-LEGGED DEER. A huge, finely mounted antiered head hung just above the eideboard in the dining room. This trophy of some huntaman's skill was fastened sofirmly to the wall that the glistening neck seemed to be coming right out through the plaster. Robert, who was seeing this decoration for the first time eyed it with a lively curlouity and very

too lifelike for comfort. Finally the boy, asked to be excused, alipped from his chair, tiptoed into the next room, and then, flushing with om-

barracement, returned to bis place at

"What's the trouble, Robert?" asked "I wanted to see," explained candid Robert, shoopleldy, "if that animal's legs were really as long as that, or I

The language of the face and manner is the shorthand of the mind, and is quickly road. Origon S. Marden cites

DAD MANNERS.

First impressions mean a great deal.

"Can you write a good hand?" asked man of a boy who had applied for a situation. "Yase," was the answer.

"Are you good at figures ?"

"Yass," was the answer again.

"That will do. I do not want you." aid the merchant. After the boy had gone a friend said, I know that lad to be honout and inlustrious; why don't you try him ?" "Boonnes life manners are bad. He has not learned to say 'Yes, sir,' and 'No, sir," replied the merchant, "If

he answered me as he did, how will he Answer oustomers?" _____

HYPNOTISM ADAIN. "A little lad in Limington," said F. . Black, ex Governor of New York, must have studied the records of the oriminal courts, and notice & certain rather absurd plea that for some years has been advanced in extenuation of

"It was Joe Mullen's fault," he'

All sorts of orlmes. "This lad was absent from school one fine spring day, and on his reap-

everything is levely and the goose it now and he prepared for such an mego fishin' with him." Buffelo Enemergency ? For sale by all druggists, quirer.