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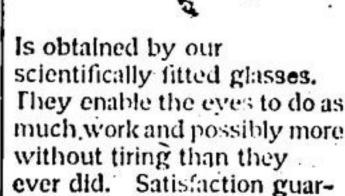
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The stranger sadty said: The path of safety I have shown, The liquer was to me unknown: Agood estate I came to own, The brightest books I ever read Then often in the village street it was my happiness to met . A friend whose voice was rich and

Who loved the path of life. Hor presence bankhing gloom and fang And brought contentment, Joy and And I with volce of lave sintere. Asked her to be my wife

And when at length the took And with me to hy dwelling came. saw at once life's highest aim . "In that which she desired ; In gladdat day or darkest, night, the made our home serene and bright

Atal courage for the grandest fight, Star in my heart inspired, And when to crown our wellded loy She bore a lovely baby boy. . vowed that nothing should destroy Her happiness and pooce; lead ved that we would faithful prove We knew the bliss of wedded love, And with the smile of heaven above,

I went with others to the bar, Then deepast sorrow came to mar The joy which we had known. So strong the thirst for drink became I lost all wholesome sense of shame; I cared not for an honored name: My heart was like a stone. Securely held by liquor's yoke, The demon so in me swoke,

flut turning from my guiding star,

That by a blindly fatal stroke, My wife and child lay dead. flut just before she passed away, The darkness brighter seemed than

While she for me was heard to pray, And in her prayer she said : --"Lord, let my husband find; For he was always good and kind I'ntil the liquor crazed bis mind : On him Thy grace hestow."

let, Louched by His life-giving hand Illa anving grace I know. To despest grief I have been brought, The liquor has my ruin wrought; In valu against it I have fought. With my last words I say : I'pon this urgent question think,

While thousands stand on ruln's Cease not to fight against the drink. Drive this great curse away. -T. Watson.

Mendinn Select Family

X cococococococococo A Rise in Real Estate.

Y YEBERTA glanced up from the C letter which she had been frowning over for the past five minutes. "Just when we sto getting along so nicely, too!" she exclaimed,

omen but obscurely. "What do you mean, child ?" quorled a gray-haired lady who was seated by offer, and are trying to head them off." the window, sowing. "Why, mother, that it's too bad that

we should have to sell the place now that we are getting along so well," apparent." Elberta roplied.

"But why must we sell it ?" naked her mother.

"Well, when we are offered \$10,000 for what cost less than \$1,000 about a year ago, it would seem to be the par of wisdom to close with the offer. You see this letter is from Lupton & Co., at Metropole, to whom we sent a shipment of chickens about a week ago. They say they have a customer who wants a place such as oursthough how they know what kind of a place ours le, I have no idea -and they suggest the price I have named, adding that if this is not agreeable to

us, they will be glad to have our views "There must be some mistake in their making so unusual an offer," hor mother roplied. "When we came here and bought the place Mr. Wil-

liams said he was sure that property ploy no agents, and do not annoy or peet cus-omers by sending out ignorant agents to solicit orders—we employ morbanics only and daty seems rather too sudden an increase in or so." The plan had had its incention in the casual rerending in that chapter in Stockton's immortal Rudder

per sanguine scheme for the realization at the and of five years of the nat sum of \$18,000, from the initial outlay involved in the purchase of 10 laying

Although Mrs. Winston had at first | sent up to the mine ?" domurred, who at longth acquissoed in what she had deemed the harebrained place," she said, "and for the past two undertaking suggested by her enthusiastle daughter.

That something would have to be other chickens." done in the near future looking to the acquirement of a regular income had stumps me," he said. "But see here! hean conceded by Mrs. Winston, but Hold out your hand." the idea of deserting the city home, with which so many tender associations were connected, and which was the principal saset left her by Kiberta's upturned palm a few dull yellow but never one like this. Usually the barrel of the mixture. father, was repugnant to her.

"But I am ame that father would have considered it the proper course to take," . Etherta had argued, her beautiful gray oyes filling with tears. 'If we stay in town we'll soon spend the little money we have, and we can at loast live chasper in the country and can at the same time rent our house in town to advantage."

And so they had sattled their affairs In town and had established them solves at Woodmont, where they had purchased a plot of some five acres on which there was a next little frame cottage roudy for their ocou-

into the intrinsoles of poultry raising, | be likely to be found in.". and harring a few mishaps, due to ignorance or mistaken went, had from that's it!" .. the first been signally successful. From the very outset Raymond ly.

Williams had been of great selstance and encouragement to them. He was the son of a business friend of the late Mr. Winston, and now held the post tion of superintendent of the Catysaye mine, near Woodmont.

He was a frequent and welcome visftor at the cottage, and his relations with Elberta were of the most friendly character, but that young lady scoffed at her mother's suggestion that their to which she referred, Raymond friendship was likely to lead to any deeper attachment. "My beart's in the chicken bullness,

she said wayly, "and I'm not going to loss it to anybody just at present. "Besides, mother," she sided. " don't share your views as to Mr. Willlame feeling in the matter. He has been a good friend to us, no doubt largely from a sense of duty. He le not rich, but he's got good prospects. and it isn's likely that he lessent his heart upon marrying a poor freckle-

faced farmer girl." The files of her delntily formed daughter, who had guarded her pink and white complexion to zealously with a huge sunbonnet, posing as a "frickisfaced farmer girl," proved top much for Mrs. Winston's gravity, and the discussion had closed smid mutual aughter.

It was quite natural, therefore, that Raymond Williams, in the capacity of family friend and counsellor, should he called upon to express his views as to the reason for Upton & Co.'s sudden and remarkable offer.

"I always told you," he exclaimed triumphently, "that land values would go up in this neighborhood, and the information you give me would seem to justify my prediction, though I must confess that this offer seems a little uncanny."

But the situation seemed still more uncanny, when on the morrow, a communication was received from Byer Bros., elso of Metropole, making no it-making the farmer and the farm specific offer for the land, but request- both glad at once. ing that no disposition be made of it until their agent, who was on his way to Woodmont, could look over the

"I wonder what sort of a game they are playing?" said Raymond, who'in passing the cottage that afternoon had been called into consultation.

"I thought at first that there must be another railroad coming in through this way; but if so they would be after other property, and on inquiry I find that no one else around here has received any such offer."

"By the way," he continued, "who are Byer Bros?" "It's a produce firm in Metropole, ceplied Elberta. "We soit them a erate of chickens a short time ago."

"And Lapton & Co. are in the same business, aren't they?" inquired Ray-"Yes; they're business rivale," said Elberts. "They watch each other's dealing's pretty closely, I guess, bocause after we had sent some chickens to Lupton & Co. we got a communica-

would be glad to have us make some ashamed of them. shipments to them." "Then It seems evident that Byer Bros. bave got wind of Lupton & Co.'s said lisymond, "but for what reason or why Lupton & Co. should make

"Buried treasure, perhaps," suggested Elberta, gayly.

"Or a gold mine," said Mrs. Win-"I have thought of that," said Rayturning to Mrs. Winston as ignoring Elberta's flippent remark "But it's ridiculous on the face of it This is an old place of cultivated garden land, and I dare say you might wash it all through a rocker without getting even a color. No, we'll have

to go deeper than that." "By the way, Miss Winston," he said as he was about to leave, "the cook at the mine asked me to look out for some chickens for him. Have you

any that you can spare?" "Yes," returned Elberts, "we have a lot fattening up for shipment, but if he will pay the market price for them

be can take all he wante." "All right," said Raymond, "I'll send down in the morning for a dozen

About noon the next day Raymond came up to the house on horseback. "I've got it?" he shouted to Elberto. who was busily engaged in conxing Grange, wherein Euphemnia unfolds some little incubator chicks into

"You have !" she answered. "Then what's the solution ?" "First of all," said he, "where did

those oblokens come from that you "Why, they were raised right on the weeks they've been shut up in the

She obeyed him, emilingly,

he uncorked it, and poured into her had had other young lady guests, "Gold?" she queried.

"Yes, gold," he replied. "Have you made a new strike?" "Yor."

sent to the mine this morning," he answered. "And I rather think that fry" of the family olinging to her explains the sudden demand for your he continued: "You say that the and the mother just an ordinary house.

"In the crops of those chickens you

"What's it ?" he interrogated cager-

"Why, I had old Indian Jake bring me some sacks of gravel on his burro from up the canyon. I wanted it for the chickens to scratch in. I know just where he got it, for I told him where to go. It isn't more than a

couple of miles from here. I've been there several thise gathering ferna, Anhourlater when, under Elbertha's guidance, they had reached the spot announced, after a careful examina-

to-Miss Winston. You will be a riol woman.". "Hut It's your discovery, not mine ! explained Elberta. "By no mount," Raymond retorted. "And yet, don't you know, I'm

"It's literally golden sands, Elber-

never been discovered." "Why?" asked Riberts, softly. "Hocatise," Jie sald, ongerly, "you must know that I love you, Illberta,

"I tell you the wretched stoff is yours," she said, a bit wildly. "No, yours," he pereleted. She stood for a moment with downcast fashes. Then she looked up at than last year's with the high prices money," cried Dick proudly. "It is

beautiful than that which flooded the

and this places a barrier between

western sky. "Stubborn man!" ohe murmur "then let it be ours."

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green manure, marl and guano will of little use. We believe in good fences, go barns, good farm houses, good stock, good orchards and children enough to

gather the fruit. We believe in a clean kitchen, neat wife in it, a spinning wheel, a clean cuphoard, a clean dairy and a clean conscience.

We firmly dishelieve in farmers that will not improve; in farms that grow poorer every year; in starving cattle; in farmers' boys turning into clerks and merchants; in farmers' daughters unwilling to work, and in all farmers ashamed of their vocation, or who tion from Byer Brus, saying that they drink whiskey until honest people are

SPARKLES. Giving Hubby a Scare. - Wifey-'John, dear, I suppose you'll angry, but I was walking through a their offer in the first place is not china store this morning and broke bluestone. Fort he lime stock mixture,

Was it something costly ?"

all you gave me." murmured a young maiden, gazing pounds of lime. These mixtures, if the editor. "Your own mental faculties for tools, and the whole universe summer. for a workshop. Now tell me," she added, "what do you find the most

difficult thing connected with your noble profession." "Paying the staff," said the editor. time, "I'm much obliged to you for of- the lime solution, fill up with water, ferin' her to me for a sister, but I have stir thoroughly and the mixture is

for a cousin." says that people can't out too many

"Porhaps he's right. One onion or linarily-does the mischief."

"What is your name?"

"Kutio, ma'am." "Well, Katle, you may come me next week, and I'll give you

"And you'll not, ma'am. I had many trials in my last place."

EVERYBODY'S QUEST. Once upon a time a young lady went yard over there where you see these to visit a friend of here whom she had friend's family, but before the firstday was over, everyone, from grandfather down to the baby was in love with her. young ladies came to see their young lady friend, and no one elee, but this girl was friendly with the whole famlly. She rend to the grandfather, helped the mother with her embroidery and dossorts, made love to the baby til he ching to her like a burr, and never went for a walk without the "small

pretty hands. Other guests had found the children "But what I can't fathom is this," tiresome, and the grandfather childish, chickens have never before been off keeper, but this young lady acted as if the place, that they have been confined they were delightful people. And so easy to apply and where properly when you begin. If you work is a hot to a yard for the past two weeks, and they were. She had to prolong her made and thoroughly applied is cer- room in hot weather, the a damp cloth there's no gravel in this immediate | visit, and promise to come soon again, | tain to be effective. The only precau- around your temples, and you will not Elberts had cithus astically plunged violaty such as this coarse gold would for grandfather, mother, young tions to observe in making are to use experience half the cravings for drink lady, and all the children, thought her "Gravel!" she oried, excitedly, the most delightful guest they had over lind. And the hest of all was that her interest was not put on at all. was the genuine article.

BPRAVING FOR POTATO ROT. Ontario Produced Fewer Potatoes in

1906 Than any Previous Year in Twenty-five. The Ontario Department of Agriculture is making an investigation into the pointe industry of the Province by Mr. H. B. Smith, B.S.A. After visiting the most important potate growing sections of Onturio, he is preparing a special report for publication. Panding the free teport which will probably show a more serious state of affairs than is generally supposed, the follow: ing recommisadations are put out with

a view to impressing upon farmers the necessity of immediate action. The treatment of potatoes to thevent the rot is a matter of extramo importance, Ontario produced fower potatoes in solfish smough to wish that it had Jikki than she ever produced in any single your in all the tlue the Procinclal . Department of Agriculture have been collecting information concerning the suranges annually devoted to farm crope. . Within the past few | shall buy some powder, and we-" said years the area planted to, potatoes in one of them. this province has degreesed by 50,000 6.000,000 bushels. Present ladications linterrupting him. are that the crop of 1997 will be lighter | "I can do what I please with my him and in her eyes shone a light more that have ruled for some time strongly maintained. Farmers, on the right kind of soil, who have planted a good | was a positive litte fellow. Benny his acronge to this crop this spring, will, | playfellow, still looked doubtful if they are able to successfully bring their crop to maturity, reap larger re- to the wood-pile where his father was turns from potatoes than they could at work, "lan't my money my own!" likely derive from any line of farming in which they might engage, and it is James. to point out briefly one or two little things that in these days must be at. with it?"

tended to, if potato growing is to be successfully accomplished, that this to buy," said his father. article has been prepared. been the great cause of fallure in pota- as I had a mind to." to growing in Ontario, yet five deliars ! preventess, will cover the entire cost for follow. Mixture, and this mixture properly | said Dick. made, and consistently and intelligenty applied, is a certain preventive of lacket have you got on? Is it Benrot. From experiments officially con- ny's ?" ducted at Guelph, at Ottawa, and at practically overy experiment station n United States, and from the practical experience of growers everywhere, for his father to ask. Of course it was Bordeaux Mixture has proven the bis own jacket. only effective remedy for potato rot. At Ottawa during the past three years, the average increase in yield from

spraying with this mixture was 14.5 pushels to the acre. Bordeaux Mixture for potato spraying is unde from the following formu la :-- Copper Sulphate (Blusstone or Blue Vitroi) 6 pounds, Unslaked lime Dick.

pounds. Water 10 to 50 gallons. As it is inconvenient to weigh the ime and copper at the time of mixing and quite impracticable to keep a supply of ready mixed Bordeaux on hand, stock solutions of the copper and lime are usually prepared ready for mixing as required. To prepare material sufficient to treat one nere of notators four times, proceed as follows: Place 72 pounds of blavatone in a bag or basket and suspend it near the sur face in : Il gallons of water in a barrel It will dissolve in a few hours, and every gallon afterwards dipped from this barrel will contain exactly 2 pounds of take 10 pounds of fresh unslaked lime Hubby (unxiously)-"How carelous! and the 30 gallons of water. Slake the lime by the use of as little of the water Wifey-"It was that twenty dollar as possible, and when all is broken down, bring the colution to standard strength by adding what remains of "How glorious it is to be engaged in | the 30 gallons of water. Every gallon purely intellectual occupation!" of lime mixture now contain exactly 2

rasturously into the admiring eyes of kept under cover and evaporation prevented, will retain their strength all In making the Bordeaux it is important to remember that these strong "stock" mixtures must never be. brought together. Pour 3 gattons of the blugstone solution into a 40 gallon harrel (an ordinary harrel holds be-"Mamma," said little May, as she tween 40 and 50 gallons), half fill the looked at her baby elster for the first | harrel with water, add 33 gallons of my.

all the sisters I want, so I'll take her | ready for use. · For applying, a spray pump will be found economical of labor and mater-"There is a man in Philadelphia who lake, and the gain in product from one year's spraying of one sere of potatoes will usually pay the ontire out of such an appliance, but it none is at hand, Bordeaux may be applied after the mianner that paris green would be applied in solution for bugs. The object is to keep the crop covered with the mix- others and gives kim his individuality ture during the season in which blight l is liable to occur, and while modern upraying machinary does this a little from applying the Bordeaux by whatever means are at their disposal. In proparing the mixture where any kind met at college. It happened that she of power sprayers are to be used, al-Raymond frowned. "That rather had never seen any mamber of the ways strain the lime solution when life should be to secure a worthy charsometimes slakes lumpy and clogs up your religious life just as much as you the nozzles. If required, paris green devotions. taking a little bottle from his pookst and the love insted, too. This family may be applied with the Bordeaux, adding half a pound of parls groon to each

Spraying should begin about July 15th and the vines kept covered till Heptomber. Four applications as required, will usually accomplish this. Home have got fairly satisfactory results from one good spraying just at thu time the disease begins to spread, and us we gain in spraying experience, the number of applications may perhaps be decreased, but ordinarily, it is it through your mouth and into your heat to use the mixture at least four stompol without doing the former any

Hordenux is the only effective loading it with what it does not re. remedy yet devised for the control of potato blight. It is casy to make and | water in your mouth for a moment pure fresh uniterials and mix these in you otherwise would," correct proportions and in the proper way, and in applying to keep the mixture on the vines during the season that blight is likely to appear.

THE SECRET OF THE LORE

God sometimes shuts the door at abute ue in. That He may speak, perchance,

And softly, heart to heart, above the May tell some precious thoughts to and cometimes whats the door and

keeps us still, That so our feverish haste, our deep Beneath His gentle touch may quiet,

He whispers what our weary beart od sometimes shits the door, and

If the His hand, whall we not walt and ses? worry line without, and fore and in, God's word may wait within for you

DOING AN YOU PLEASE. Two boys were busy in one corner of a yard making comuthing. "!

"Our father will have something to acres; the product by approximately any about that, Dick," said Benny,

"I can, and I shall," cried Dick, who "Father," asked Dick, marching up

"Why, you, I suppose so," said Mr.

"And can't I buy what I please "That depends upon what you please

"I should think," said Dick, "that if tambility to cope with the rot has the money is my own, I could spend it "No," said his father, "that does no

material and labor required to treat | "I thought everybody could do as one acre of potators with Bordeaux they pleased with their own things,"

"Did you ?" said his father. "Whose

"No, father, it is my own." "Are you sure. Dlok?" Dick thought it was an odd queetion

"Yes, it is," cried Dick, laughing. "Have you any right to go and soll

it?" asked Mr. James. "No, father, I should think not," said

"Or give It away? Or burn it up?" asked his father. "No, I shoulk think not," answered "You see, then," said his father.

that people cannot always do as they nlease with their own things." "Well that is different," said Diek. "No." said his father, "It is the same thing. Nobody can downat they please with their property. There are bounds and limits to be respected. Obildren. in using their clothes, toys, money, or any of their property, must always use them as their parents approve. Your. money, like your coat, cap, shoes, books, toys, is yours-yours to use and

to enjoy, but using and enjoying them under the direction of your parents. Do you sov. Dlok ?" "You," said Dick, not very cordially,

however. "But men can do what they please with their money." "No." said Mr. James, "men are under restraints made by the laws of the land. They cannot do just as they like with their own property. You recollect that some time ago a man was arrest-

ed on suspicion that he set fire to his own house." "I remember," said Dick. Then a neighbor came to see Mr. James, putting a stop to the conversa-

tion, and the boys went back to their "It is a new idea to me that people cannot do as they please with what heonge to them." oried Dick.

"Yet you see they can't," said Ben-

YOUR AIM IN LIFE. The best thing in this world is a good man. The first thing that a human being should recognize about himself is that his character is his distinguishable feature. It is not the amount of money, the amount of power, the amount of brains that a man has, but his character. Whatever fellow-men may may or do to the contrary, this is a fact that what separates him from le ble goodness or lack of goodness, socording to its degree. Money, power and brains have their place and exert better than anything else, there are an influence in deciding a man's postscores of farmers in Ontario who are tion and recognition but by the standobtaining quito satisfactory results and of ages, by which everyone istried n character and in God's sight, men are what they are in wishes and purposes. It is not, then; too much to say that the supreme ambition of a person's mixing with the bluestone. The lime acter. Your daily duties are part of

WARM WEATHER DRINKS.

A French medical journal save: Water should be drunk cool, but not leed, with the juice of a quarter or half a lemon in it. Mineral water should also be drunk with half a lemon. Water should always be swallowed slowly. It is not the stomack which is dry, but the mouth and throat. If you toss off a drink of water you throw good, while you injure the latter by quire. Drink slowly, and keep the

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