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#### Paetry.

AN IDEAL. She was not fair ; but in ber face

There was a purity of soul That gave each feature perfect grace, Lit up and beautified the whole. Her hand was not the "lily-flower" Or "drifted snow" that poets sing; But in its touch, so firm and kind,

And little children clung to ft. And all the paor she clothed and Know what a cool and sootling touch It hald upon thoraching head. Her laugh was low, and seldom heard;

Her sympathies went quickly forth Another's joy or wos to meet. Her croed? Ab me! she was not one Who thought her own the only way, And thanked her God, like him of old Who "went" in his pride to pray. jut pressing on her upward road, She strove to win all hearts And counted no man wholly lost

Sho know heaven's gate was opened Sho knew how great the joys with-And, in her perfect charity, She would have had all enter in.

-Bunday Magazine. Relect Family Reading

Stephen Augustus Higgins In A Gray Sult

DY RUBY HOLMES MARTYN M Chenchenenchenenchenenchen 44 TO'D take a young chap into th store If I could flud one to suit me," said Simoon Pratt.

The other man thought a moment, "Why don't you take young Fielding for the job?" he asked. "Dick Fielding P" "Your be's out of school and looking

welly close to get along." "He's a bungling-looking boy," obooted Mr. Pratt. "Dick's a plain, red-headed lad, but

fancy he wouldn't come amiss for asked Dick. your job," returned the other. ho store, Sam."

er go in for usefulness!"

"Htove Higgins is a likely sort of secreted Mr. Pratt. But the other man shook his head.

than as second clerk in Simeon Pratt's | when Mr. Pratt's back was turned. grocery store was offered to Dick Fielding. He readily and gladly ac-

contad the proposal. For some weeks his senior clerk man- | Lucy," he explained. aged Dick to perfection, and the fad "And you are not going to stay wit did the bulk of the work that demand- | me two or three days?" she asked.

with oil, Fielding!" commanded Steve | stay," she said. Higgins of his junior clerk. Then he "Sincere regrets that I can't, Lucy returned to the perusal of the morning | But do you know of a follow here by

The lad ploked up the kerosone can Ing the subject abruptly. and obayed, even though he know there was not the slightest reason why. he should be called upon to-walt upon Higgins. Mrs. Cummings when he was very busy putting up some orders to take out, while Higgins sat reading the he might do. He's clerk in Simeon morning paper. But Stove was tem- Pratt's store." porarily in command, Mr. Pratt being away in the city for a few hours of anything about him, Lucy?" trading, and Dick felt bound to obey

for breakfast, too, Dick," said Mrs. | when I went down to get some things, Cummings, when he came back with | she said.

Mrs. Qumming was a little lady who he make?" fived all by herself in a tiny house at hings that had come to him through on that would have solled if he had

As he got her small purchases they alked pleasantly together. "Hurry up there, Fielding !" said liggins over the top of his paper. "Is business terilbly rushing this ton-

norning, young man P" bluntly asked Mrs. Cummings. Blie looked keenly at Steve as she spoke, and he wiggled uncomfortably se her bright eyes rested on him. But another oustomer happened in then. and he hurrled forward to make him-

self agreeable to the newcomer. "Oan you give me some good cheese, Dick? I don't want much of it, but brother Ned's coming out before teatime, and he likes cheese," continued Mrs. Oumnilogs,

"Mr. Pratt told us this morning that he would try and have unother cheese the taste of most," explained Dick. "I don't want it then," said Mrs.

came plainly to them. "We have a very fine, mild cheese here: A pound?" | Springfield, leaned over the table.

teered Dick. "I'll go khout five o'clock | gray suits !"

"That's plenty of time !" will Mrs. Qummings liable door.

Cummings. "I'm glad this minute for every cooky I ever gave you!" Dick shuffled his feet uncomfortably | kitchen. at the compliment, and changed the

morning, Mrs. Commings," he said. "I aln't in any terrible hurry for fore supper," be explained. them. And don't you go running off |to-night without brother Ned's getting | brother," invited Mrs. Cummings.

r and more gayly dressed: .

The red leaned into Dick's face at the Her sinile, godn woke, most passing words, and the color hurt blin so with eat slient for some time. nortification that he had to swallow hard to keep the angry words back. .

> "Yes," he said, "I'm thinking of goshead in: there isn't the ghost of a Commings. chance for him to show what he is The next day Steve Higgins was Then he followed Clara from the nade of, to make himself known to thinking of his fate with a frown on people or amount to anything!" "Where do you think of going?" seked Mrs. Olbbons.

nament position soon," he replied. "We shall miss you here," she said. But at dinner time, when her family ommented unfavorably on the choose Mrs. Glibbons had purchased that morning, her regret that Mr. Higgins was soon to depart was not so acute a

"Hurry up and take Mrs. Gibbone things right around, Fielding !" order ed Illugins while his quatomer was still within hearing distance. Dick did not make any reply. "Just take a word or two of advice

from me, Fielding, If you want to get

on and the in the grocery husiness. Don't take time and bother to fusa with old women who have only them solves to feed !" he went on. "Mrs. Cummings is all right!" fended Dick hally.

Higgins laughed loudly, and smooth ed ble hair with a allow right hand. or work. I rather goess Mr. Fielding's "I'm going to take a place up in the being sick has plached his family city pretty soon, Fielding. I heard a vacancy in II cke & Company, and cent in my application for the place, he explained condesendingly. "Are you going to get the place?

"Oh, probably I can have plouty o "I like a slick-looking thap around references, and they wrote me that "You've got one slick-looking fellow | view to-morrow forenoon. Hicks & now, Sim Pratt: next time you'd bet. Company are the largest windesalers in Springfield." Dick shouldered a busket of guida

derk. He's ambitious, too, Stove is," without making any comment of regret that the senior clerk was to take | quickly. his departure. As a plain matter of "Somehow I ain't so fond of Steve, | fact, Dick Fielding Inwardly rejoiced at the thought of being free from the And so it came about that the post- constant bullying he was subject to Late that afternoon brother New Austen sat at his sistor's tou-table. "I'm just here over night on husiness

ed the solling of clothes and fingers. "I wish I could, but I can't; I almos Finally Fielding began to wake up to gave up coming out at all, we're the fact that he was being "managed" busy at Hicke & Company, but then compound the limit called for changed my mind for the sake of a bit of a visit with you."

"Take Mrs. Cummings' can and fill t "I did so hope you were going to

the name of Higgins?' he asked, chang-"Stove Higgins?" "He signs binself Stephen Augustus

The little lady nodded brickly. "That's just what you would thin

"That's the man. But do you know "Only what I happen to take notice orders under the existing circumstan. of when he's around. I've seen him good many times at the store. Truth "I want just a bit of your best coffee to tell, he was there this morning

"What sort of an appearance does "He ant roading his paper, with his the end of the village. Muny a time chair tipped back, and told Dick to get Dick had gone to see her, and the good my things. He had a light gray suit

Mrs. Cummings' hands were of thessed | handled any korosene or molasses," "Is he good-looking?" "Fairs but not so handsome as I thinks for.'

"Do you think this young Higgins is valu, Lucy?" asked Mr. Edward Aus-But Mrs. Cummings did not reply

directly to his question when she "He told Mrs. Gibbons he had some very fine, mild cheese, and out her off a nound just after Dick had told me the chuese was strong. Whom he thought I was out of hearing he told Dick it took him half a day bothering to wait on un old woman," she said. Mr. Ned Austen brought a vigorous flat down hard on the tea-table.

the world over." the one we have is too strong to suit business with him because the way he noted this morning was so discourteous that it just roused me into being angry. And it did Dick, too, Loould

And as she paused, Higgins' voice just see." The manager of Hick & Company, "You don't need to blame yourself And as his customer assented, he at all Imoy; it would have been bound want over to the cheese case and began | to orop out sometime, and we should have found it out. Mr. Stephen Hig-"I can't manage it so as to come gins applied for the vacancy in our exclaimed, drawing a colored handkerdown here again this afternoon, Dick," store, and I thought to give him a obief, evidently containing luncheon, It usually arrives about 4.87 in the do not want any clerks of that type. "If it's here by then, I'll bring it | We want honesty, truthfulness and | ers.

"It's me with the choose. Mr. Pratt couldn't get it out on the early train, "I'll bring down these things this and it didn't come until just now. I've just been hurrying to get it around be believes that parents who make chil

"Why, Dick !" said Mrs. Cummings,

I the store. His customer was young- red hair, and the spotlessness of the Mr. Handlon was connected, was

When Dick was gone, Mr. Aisten "Lucy, Hicks & Company need a boy badly. Do you suppose Dick Pielding her if she had got something in them Mr. Steve Higgins leaned gracefully | would come and take the place? It

"Truth to tell, brother Ned, I think ing away from here; this little town is it all probability Dick Fielding would ! no place for a young fellow to get he only too glad of the place," said Mrs. "I'll get it for you. Excuse me a min-

his face. "Just my luck to lose a good chance! A fellow has no chance in a small town "I hope to go to the city for a per- like this!"

#### A PRIEND IN NEED.

Now and then one reads of an incident which is almost startling be cause of its aptness. The following anecdote, told by the founder and former president of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, is an illustration of this, and also of the principle that reason and the law of right and justice lie at the bottom of human character, and will in the end prevail. Mr. Angell was engaged in preparing his exposition of a quarter of an hour, during which the crucities of the slaughter-houses when his work was brought to a standstill by bis inability to obtain in writing the testimony of witnesses. Two tion upon whom he had confidently relled had, from fear of personal danger,

backed out, and others had followed their example. Disheartoned at what seemed the inevitable failure of his humane project. Clara hung back, and said she wanted Mr. Angell was sitting in his office one day when a man came in and said. without preliminary explanation : "Are you forming a society for the

prevention of cruelty to animals!" "Yes," answered Mr. Angell. "Well, I want to join it. Here is ed out that Mr. Bond had not worked some money for you," and he laid the problem right the night before. down a ten dollar bill.

Angell, entering the name on the book. The stranger mentioned a sub- claimed Clara. "Teacher says we urb of Boston. Mr. Angell looked up | shouldn't just work for the answer "Do you know anything about the which it is worked. He worked in slaughter-houses there?" he asked. "Well, I guess I do. I've run one of All eyes sought Mr. Bond, who them for twenty years, and I'm going | mockly confessed the justice of the

animals, and now I'm going to see if I can't do some good." "What sont you here?"

"I don't know; I just thought I'd This was exactly the opportunity needed by Mr. Angell. Here was a man who from his own personal experience had seen and sickened of the edinafrigid temperatein winter, and in horrors of evil the society wished to summer no care is taken to protect its him without a trace of anger or even

and in the next hour enough testi- ered with a worsted cap of the bright- angel !" exclaimed the bachelor, warmmony was given to fill out a report | fet and gayest design and color. The ly. "Most women would have witherwhich was the means of doing away black hair is cut in all sorts of fan- ed that clumsy boy with a look, it with the slaughter-house brutalities tastic ways, just like the hair of the they hadn't scorched him with words."

### finest abattoir in the country.

HIS METHOD. Doctor Frank, who was the joker of the family, was visiting his sister. "I nurse-maid. The kimono is made world, len't it? full of disappoint dare may you don't approve of that extra large at the back, with a pocket mente." dish, doptor," said a guest, pointing to of sufficient size to hold the baby, some lord cucumbers. "Not at all," whose round head reaches the back of was the solomn reply. "It is absolutely unfit to be eaten by, any one who has not the digestion of an ostrich." "Dear me, Frank," said his sistor.

me to give the children any P" "They should not be allowed even to smell them !" "Well, if you're so serious about it, movements are impuded, and it plays I don't believe I shall venture to take with the other children as unconcerned

"No, thank you, I think not," said the guest in some plaren. "I always have eaten them, but you know I've a long fourney to take to-morrow, and I can't afford to be ill." "Then, since everybody refuses," sald Doctor Frank, "I'll take the dieli,

If you please. I'm extravagantly fond of occumbers, and I find this method ensures me a large supply." And after that day overybody tool moumbers and almsed the perfidious

## A PRIGHTPUL ACCIDENT.

A labover was on his way to his work the other morning as a "through" train year. Not only this, but the judge of would put me out !" yelled Finnegan. was about to pass a little station, the local Police Court says there has "Me insides is blazin' loike a matchwhere a crowd had assembled for the | been a decrease as well to the extent | factory !" "That's the kind of young mon we find "way" train, due in a few moments. A child who had strayed to the edge of for orininal offences such as may be "I don't want to prejudice you the platform seemed about to lose her charged to the use of liquor. here on the early afternoon train, as against the young man if you have any ladance in her effort to get a good view of the oncoming engine.

> place of safety, and was himself grazed | sale of liquor. by the cylinder, which rolled him over on the platform pretty roughly. Several people hastened to his assistance, but he rose uninjured, although with a face expressive of grave con- position on some interesting experi-

"Confound it! Just my luck!" he | ed his teacher the following :-

"What is it ?" inquired the onlook- ennything wrong, their mother can't "Why, the salt and pepper's all over | both of 'em so us to make sure. We've

pen if she didn't boil 'em harder i".

HELPING OLAHA.

when she let the knocker into the Arithmetic la not Clara's forte. Il this does not trouble her greatly. the cannot solve the problems in her daily lesson her mother can, and Clara dren study arithmetic against their will "Just come right to and see my should be responsible for their examples. Mrs. Hamilton usually gives There way a strongth most comfort, a look at you !" she said, and hurrled It was a plain, red-haired boy in up her evenings to Clara's arithmetic; blue checked overalls that Mr. Austen Phut not long ago, the Chicago News "It takes you half a day to wait on | saw, but the man did not notice the says, she came short one problem besome old women. Eichling!" ancered plainness witen he saw the honest, bauks Mr. Bond, the president of the Higgins us Mrs. Commings passed out good-natured features beneath the baking powder company with, which

visiting them and had to be entertain-After dinner that evening Clara's eyes were so red that her father asked "No," said Clars, beginning to cry on the counter and taked to his dusto- would be a splendld chance for a young again. "Mama couldn't get one o those old examples, and now I'll have

to stay in at recess to-morrow !" "Don't cry !" exclaimed her father. ute, Bond."

with the problem. Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. Bond discussed every subject under the sun while they waited for Mr. Hamilton to return. At last they heard blin in the and declare that the answer in the book was wrong. The man who wrote the book did not know what he was about -that was all.

said the answer was right." Now Mr. Bond had more than once muttered the sufferer, as he drew out in his district school-days been pro- the little plug cock and the steam nounced a "born mathematician." He | escaped with a rueli. promptly offered to work the problem for Clara, and the dog-eared arithmetic was turned over to him. Af. or

quiet of the room, he announced that the problem was solved. So Clara went to bed liappy. The next evening, as soon as dinner was over, Mr. Bond complacently offered to help Clara with her arithmetic. giving Mr. Hamilton at the same time a sly dig about his officiency.

only his bard broathing disturbed the

her mama to help her. "Oh, do let Mr. Bond help you! He can do them so quickly!" exclaimed Clara's mother. Still Clara shook her head, and when they continued to urge her, she blurt-

"Why, he had the right answer," "Where do you live !" inquired Mr. | said Clara's mother, in confusion. "Yes, but he didn't do it right," ex but should know the logical steps by

backward.

### to quit. I've done enough crusity to blunt accusation.

JAPANESE BABIES.

Judging by Western Ideas, Japanese bables have a hard time; yet, says the San Francisco Bulletin, there are no healthler children in the world. The Japanese baby is dressed and undresslittle eyes from the full glare of the The questions came thick and fast, sun. In winter the small head is cov-

and establishing what was then the Japanese dolls imported into this The bables of the lower classes are umbfrells and smiled quizzleally at his generally carried on the back of the wife, "but-she's wanted a new ummother or little sister; sometimes the brella for a month, and now she small brother is obliged to be the knows I'll got it for her. It's a sad the nock of the person carrying it. It le not an uncommon sight to see childron who are barely old enough to toddle, burdened with a small brother unexally, "then you wouldn't advise or sister sleeping peacefully on their back. At first one expects to see the child stagger and fall beneath the

#### any myself. Mrs. B., will you have us if it were not loaded down with another member of the family.

BENEFITS OF PROMISITION.

weight, but apparently none of its

lous advance the probibition move- knowing what the anmothing should ment is making in the United States is be, spied a bottle of Tobasco, and profound in the desire to avoid the de- cooded to season the bivalves, not wise moralization of labor, by the drink ly but too well. traffic. There is abundance of evidence to indicate that the cancellation | he thrust it into his mouth, then leapof licenses is having the effect desired. | od to his feet with a roar of pain, and In Atlanta the police records show that | began denoing about shouting like a loss than one-third the arrests' for | madman. drunkenness have taken place since probibition went into effect in that rushing to the table, "keep still, or Il olty than there were made during the put you out!" corresponding months of the previous ..... !! P.p.put me out, is it? Of wish year

While prohibition may not wholly probibit, it cortainly does seem to have Quick as a flash the workman jump- the effect of very materially reducing ed forward, tossed the child back to a. the evils inseparable from the licensed

of 50 per cent. In the number of arrests

#### JOHNNY ON TWINE. When asked to write a short com

once, Johnny, after much labor, hand-

"Twins is a haby, only it's double heat licks sleepin'. When twins do tell which one to lick, so she gives it to it with this understanding. the rhuberb ple, and the egge-well, I got twin's to our house, and'd swap B. A. ROBERTSON, Drug-Then there came a knucking at Mrs. kept telling her something would hap- 'em enny day for a billy goat or mos'

#### A FOREST GRAVEYARD.

The birds brood silent in the under A stricken ghostliness stands each stark tree,

The healtsting river glides less free, Fearful of the inviolable hush ; lleyond the stream a solitary thrush Bings, and the sun's deep orimson

Is dropping o'er the land, but breather to me

No hope the wintering shadows cannot crush. turn to go, and in the littered leavos Stumble upon a shell, a shapeless

withered rose, haddled together O secret grave, sure no sad mother The little ward of death thou guard'at Be I thy mourner, child, and thou

· may care! -George Herbert Clark, in The Canadian Magazino.

## BLOWING OFF BTEAM

Mr. Jenkins was spending a day at home, battling with a toothache, and room, and went into a close session making things generally animated for

lile family. "Good gracious! How hot it is in this room, and what a noise that radiator is making !" he said, as he entered his wife's sawing-room, to which she adjoining room throw down the book had retreated for a few moments respito from the strenuous life in the

library. "I suppose this sort of thing goes on every day when I'm not at home to "No, papa," piped Clars. "Teacher attend to matters. No wonder you all feel cold when you go outdoors!"

"Now you see how simple-" began

Mr. Jonkins; but just then the rush

of steam changed to a trickle of water, rapidly increasing in flow. He endeavored to replace the plug. "Hang it i" he reared, as he dropped the plug and assumed a variety of attitudes, nursing his fingers. "Here I've scalded myself to death, and the water running all over the floor, and nobody attring! Itun to the telephone, somebody, and call up the plumber and tall him to send a man directly, and-In the name of com-

some clothe instead of-What are you laughing at ?" "Why don't you try turning off the steam?" she saked, in a tremulous

mon conse, Mary, why don't you get

A DISENCITANTING VIEWS. It is unsafe to judge by appearances, even the most agreeable ones. The hachelor who is interested in the experiences of his married friends was in a car with a couple with whom he

The young wife had her umbrella well out of the way of those who passed up and down the car, but a lumbering, overgrown boy, on his passage to the door, managed to hit it with one foot, fall over it, and broak it before

was acquainted. It was a rainy morn-

"Oh, I'm sorry I broke it !" - stammered the unfortunate, with a scarlet face. "I-I'd like to pay-" "Nover mind. I'm sure it wasn't your fault," and the lady smiled up at Irritation on her face.

he regained his balance.

"She is an angel," said the married man, us he picked up the pieces of the

"Well, I must say your wife is an

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"Ol say, yees kin bring me two

dozon oyesters," he said sirily, as he

took a sent in one oft he finest restaur ante in 'Frison. The oysters were soon set before him, and Finnegan, looking about him for The principal cause of the marvel- something to put on them, and hardly

Impaling an oyster upon his fork,

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