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want to run away from all the din Of feet and horse and bell and gratwant to lose myself completely in A trackless wood, through which want to leave the whistles and the their acquaintantes at the fatherns. . Of atom exhaust, or petrol, miss the

Of men with teams about a until girt Where coarse mouths slaver girl, who makes the best of everywant to let my body and my face Do as they would a while, without Of confellness or clearfliness or grace. Or anything that Bears the stigma want to strotch my arms far f rth

and reach No other human-nothing else that o go where sob of mine or laugh or much to David the last night we were Assuits no ear -such wish the fown there. He took it very well, but he breath gives.

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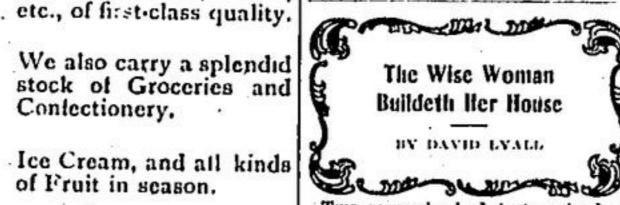
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The hurt dog's yelp, the heat-sick infant's mowl-To go where are but earth, wood, stream or sky! -Chleago News.

Belect Yamily Meading



accident missed the boat train.

Out of this small incident arose whom neither of them had over seen. Finding they had two hours to wait | read deflance in them. for the next London train at Exglad to turn into a tea-shop to spend | room?" half an hour. It was very crowded ; sitting. One of them was middle-aged | mention names in a public place. little heightened, perhaps, by the fact might live to thank us yet." that in the purenit of their calling in own kind and class. They ordered tea, | wedding ring hung rather toosely. and while they walted, talked inconsequently, precisely as if notody were before. It was very unwise to listen. forget that the world is very small, are really fonder of gossip than any of after all, and that the birds of the air us."

what things people will discuss in a much stress on what these young men City Ticket Offices, ground floor Traders carry all sorts of undreamed-of "They spoke the truth, nuntie, the two ladies were rather allent, and both men gathered the same impression

> "I wish you wouldn't go home to night, Gladys," said the older woman, Monday." Georgie ; don't say any more about it. | post.

Why, I've been here quite three "And when will you come back ?" "I don't know, perhaps never." "Nonsouse, child; don't speak so rooklossly. You've enjoyed it, haven't

"Oh, yes," she answered listlessly. "As much as I only anything nowsdays. I tell you what, Aunt Georgie, same afterwards, but it never is."

wore a wedding ring. the two men went on with their talk. late."

One of them presently, when the waitvery definite observation : "Gillo-plo's wife must be an awful

on good a chapto go a hair's breadth off !. Isthmus is a particularly salubrious of welcome for her. All the same, Gillesple has got hold of only Englishwoman's dress boulde a same way. a good thing, and he's a wise man to handful of natives and one or two stick to it. But if Mrs. G. doesn't take Englishmen. She went below when a sudden thought she'll find it pretty the boat drew to the landing-stage,

limpots to one another."

allty, too, which, believe me, with the

and entreating, but the girl shook her | come to meet. The girl in the white

"No Aunt Georgie, sit down at once, Gladys looked, her eager, almost des-If you please, I want some more tea." | pairing eyes, devouring her linaments. There was something so compelling | There was no particular beauty, bu in the girl's voice, a note so strained | merely a frank; open, pleasant face, and sharp, that, though she blamed, slim well-modelled figure, some grace her own weakness, the aunt obeyed. of carriage; but Gladys was in the The incident over, the men continued | mood to exaggerate everything, and their talk concerning the affairs of to belittle herself. She stepped for-"Awfully good chap to Mulchead, and speaking said something which mail Mrs. Muli head is very nice too, and, his companion visibly start. He turnof course, they see quite well what's his head quickly and saw his wife.

thing, don't you know, ninking a joke even of the mosquitoes and the sand storms, a fellow can't help liking her, | wooden bench, David bending over and there's no doubt she likes Gillesple, and that they're a lot together. more than is good for ofther of them, "considerity be has a wife at home." "I quite_agree. I just hinted as I too late?"

didn't give a chap any satisfaction." "Didn't ho? Well, I can't blame him, hanged if I can. What is a chap to do if his wife deserts him, and her re- wilderment. He scarcely yet realized fuest to live where his work is was that his wife was by his side or what desertion, whatever she or her people | this wholly unlooked for step on her

I want to lose the racums vendor's little consolation somewhere." "It's a pity someone wouldn't drop hint, though. Don't happen, to know anybody who knows David's

people-in-law, do you ?" "No : they're browers South of Lonlon, some whore -might as well look for a bredle in a haystack. Healdes, It's no business of ours, the third party never gets any thanks. But when saw how the wind was blowing out there, I couldn't help recalling an old Bible sentence my dad used to read out to us from the Proverbs on a Sunday afternoon; The wise woman buildeth her house.' That's what Mrs. G. has neglected to do."

ress to bring the bill. His oyes fell on face, and it moved him mightly. Two men who had just arrived at the pretty face opposite, and it did Liverpool on a Saturday afternoon by strike him that she had grown rather and I've come to-to see for myself one of the Atlantic steamers, by an pale. Hereye- were downbont on the whether it is too late. If you want me, marble table, h swever and she did not I'm here, and I'll-I'll be different ; lift them. He hoked back as he walt- but, If what they said was true, I'll go great issue in the life of a woman ed a moment at the pay-desk opposite away again, and you'll never hear of and mot her eyes. He imagined he mo any more."

"Jack, I believe that little party change Station, they took a stroll up knows Olitespie. Oh, I say it couldn't Lord Street, which was so dull on a possibly be Mrs. G., could it? Did you "Never: you're dreaming, Tom;

they found two sents, however, at a the nightmare of the fathams hasn't table where two ladies were already left you yet. It's unwise, though to and very kindly looking; the other must remember that in future. But, young, and extremely pretty. Both anyhow, it was only the truth, and if men glanced at her with interest, a it did happen to be Mrs. G., why, she They passed out together from the a very remote part of the Empire they place, then the older woman leaned

had been cut off from the privilege of across the table, and her hand closed companionship with women of their over the slim, white fingers where the "Come, dear, we ought to have gone | voice, within hearing. It is astonishing But I think you should not lay too public place, and how apt they are to have said. Men talk lightly, and they

messages from point to point. The absolute truth. I've known it for

nelf at a loau. ed ; she had, indeed, as delicately as work-never about women. The kin- sawed was not the wood Wood would "I particularly want you to stop till she could, suggested what disaster dergarten songs are about Lincoln and saw if Wood's wood saw would saw of might arise from her niece's continued Washington-and even the pletures of wood.

> Now I understand be doesn't want nie : he has consoled blusself."

am not going to the station, nor back an egg or sow a seam. And finally,

Both the mon simultaneously ob- and go to New York next week by the about the higher mathematics and served, for the first time, that she first boat I can get. Perhaps," she short-changed by the butcher. She The olderly lady made no reply, and on her long, soft gloves, "it'll be too know the members of her own school "No, no, God forbid! It will not be concludes : ross set the tray before them, made a | too late, darling. Shall we go out and

cable to David ?" fool, of course, and somebody ought to I shall never forgive you. It would preparation, you would think your spoil everything. I must take my neighbor crasy. But you do not con "Who could? It would be benutly. chance; and if-and if it should be too sider yourself craxy when you train Bosides, he . hasn't done anything late, then I have nobedy on earth but your daughter, who is to be a wife wrong, he never would, of course t he's | myself to blame."

Gladys thought of the description away from the grim statistics that the straight. And even if he did, the she had heard in a Liverpool restaur women do marry, despite economic infault would be entirely hers. If I had ant of her husband's surroundings dependence, the higher education and A SCIENTIST'S INDICTMENT OF a wife, which the fates forbid, I when she reached them three weeks all other arguments in favor of co-edushould take jolly good care that she later. It was a very hot day, and cation,) procisely as you train your shared the fortunes of war with me, the pititees sky of a penetrating steely son, who will enter some profession or the use of picobolic atimulants. At blue color seemed to promise no hope trade, there to first earn bls own living. the recent annual meeting of the Amplace of abode. I dreamed of it last | She arrived at the temporary port | born. The one to bear the family and | Science, Dr. Charles I. Dans, of New sand, and the pitiless sky, and the little growd on the quay. She saw a comfort for the mother of that family, legal twelve per cent, of the cases

difficult to-to-well, make up her gathered her few things together, innings, as it were. You see, the took her dressing bag to her hand and the Decoration Day doings there with other girl has everything on her side, ascended to the deck with a very milegled emotions. When the proand she happens to be his own nation- strange expression on her face. Her last act as she left the cabin cometery with their wreaths and gar-

frock was by ble side. It was at her

ward; the man to whom Gilleaple was going on. Belle Mulrhead is such a Then his face went quite white, as jolly, straight, common sense sort of here did, and she remembered nothing more. When she came to herself she was inside a little shanty on the quay, half sitting, half reclining; on her anxiously. They were quite alone

> She struggled to her feet. "Tell me David, quite truly, as I you were speaking for your life. An

"Too late for what?" "Too late for you. They said would find it difficult to make up Innluge. I won't try, if I'm too late. Gillespie looked at her in sheer be-Are tosted by the music master's rule, may call it. Hang it all, he must get a part could mean. For once his slow Scotch comprehension was against

him, and deepened the distrust in his wife's mind. "Was that her in the white frock, the girl who-who has given you the convolation F'

His face began to redden a little, but he straightened bluself and looked her in the face. "Gladys, I gather that something has happened-somebody has been telling you things. If that is all that has brought you, my-my dear, to convict me, as it were, it's a poor look. out for us both.'

hild a small pleading hand on his arm. He shoved back his chair as he Nover in all their dual life had he seen spoke, and rose, beckoning to the walt- such an expression of appeal on her "David, I know what I have done,

Sho took a step nearer to blur and

"Then you do care a little yet Gladys? I was beginning to doubt it." "It doesn't matter about me," she said, feverishly. "Everything de-Saturday afternoon that they were ever see a photograph of her in David's pends on you. Do you want mo? Can I stop? Will you be glad? Oh, David,

do you love me atill?" They came out of the little shanty after a long time with peace on their

"It was all lies they said, after all," ad she stood just a moment looking round the weird, yet not unpicturesque Ballinafad. scene. "Why, it's a boantiful - a heavenly place, and I would rather bulld here than anywhere else in the

world." "Build what?" he asked in a puzzled But she only answered him enigmatically, as before :

house."-British Weekly. OUR MANLY TRAINING OF GIRLS Our training of girls approaches close to the idiotic, claims Katharine Eggleston in the Woman & Home Com-She spoke very quietly; unnaturally panion. The average girl, from the that the younger was not particularly so, it seemed to her aunt, who felt her- minute she leaves her dolls to go to Wood would saw wood. kindergarten, till she matriculates at She herself was not greatly surprise college, is told about men and men's saw no wood, and thus the wood Wood "I feel I must go to-day, dear Aunt reductance to Join her husband at his animals show the lion and forget the

loness. In older childhood ahn la "In the last six letters I've had from taught to build sand forts instead of Esaw sought a saw that would saw David, he has never so much as mon- good old-fashloned mud ples, and even tioned that I might come out. At the sums in arithmetic dwell on first he used to keep on in every letter. "Billy's marbles and "John's" apples, to the total neglect of his sister. Later still she goes to high school "No, no, darling ; David is a good and learns bistory with all its ideals of man; he will be true to you. Don't brave men-and here again the woman's share of quiet courage

"It has been there some time, completely overshadowed. She learns Auntic. Well are you ready, ? No. 1 carpentering although she cannot cook to London at all. I shall stop here her education finished, she knows all added a little hurriedly, as she drow learns political economy, but doesn't board. Miss Eggleston's bright article

If your boy wanted to be a lawyer, and a neighbor told you to put him to "No, Aunt Georgie : If you do that | work in a carpenter's shop by way of and a mother (and nothing can get and then provide for a family yet un- orican Academy of Political and Social

DOUBTPUL DEVOTION

cossions of school children go to the Her voice was at once commanding with her, and whom he had evidently else's !"-The Delineator for August. | things alcohol has few equals.

TWENTY YEARS AGO Brief Budget From Our leaus of August Ist, 1880

Her Royal Highness, the Princess ouler Victoria Alexander Dagmar. oldest daughter of the Prince of Wales. was married at noon last Haturday to Alexander William George, Earl Fife, Knight of the Thietle England took genuine interest in marriage, and all are anxious for the young bride's welfare.

In the Municipal Council a By-Law appointing Thomas Easton caretaker of the cemetery at a salary of \$30 per annum, was read the regulred number of times and passed. Moved by Councillors Harvey and

Cook and others, praying for the free use of the town hall hell on Sundays live man. be granted .-- Lost. Moved by Councillors Lowry and Secord, that the petition of N. McGarvin and 107 others, praying the Council to submit a Hy-Law to acquire the

Driving Park property, now owned by W. E. Smith, at the sum of \$2000,00, be granted .- Carried. A correspondent, "Y," urged at Mike?". some length the purchase of the Park property, for various reasons but ye." prominently moral. Hourged that the boys, as a rule, are p assessed of energy that will be used for good or bad, and this should be wisely provided for. It le a rule with few exceptions, that the makes best progress in his studies. a sultable playground is provided of other objectionable places, and

to spend the remainder of the evening at home. In one of the Georgetown Sunday Schools on a recent Sunday, in the roview of the lesson on "Samuel the Reformer," on the Superintendent asking the meaning of "reformer;" "A Grit," came with alsority from the

over, the young people are more apt

small boy. At St Thomas on Tuesday, a prisoner aged 50, received the first installment of the forty lashes to be given for indecent assault on a little girl. He received his punishment with considerable fortitude although he frequently yelled for morey. He line to serve a year's imprisonment and another twenty lashes are in store for him.

The High Echool at Georgetown le almost completed and will, it is expected, be ready for occupancy by the end of August.

Last week, Charley Darby, Knatch-

bull, had his foot badly injured by fork which was lying unnoticed, the tine penetrating to the bone. Miss Jessie Nicklin spent Sunday at

Miss Edith Storey visited friends in Toronto during the week. Mr. Noll Keith returned from Baul Ste. Marie this week. Mr. and Mrs. James Firstbrook, To-

conto, visited Acton friends, THE STORY OF ESAW WOOD The wise woman buildeth be Esaw Wood sawed wood. Enaw Wood would saw wood! All the wood Esny Wood saw Esny

Wood would saw. In other words, all the wood Esaw saw to saw Esaw sought to saw. Oh, the wood Wood would saw And oh, the wood-saw with which But one day Wood's wood-saw would

No. Wood would saw wood with a wood-saw that would saw wood, so

One day Esaw saw a saw saw wood as no other wood-saw Wood saw would saw wood. In fact, of all the wood-saws Wood over saw saw wood Wood never saw a wood-saw that would saw wood as the

wood-saw Wood saw saw wood would saw wood, and I nover saw a wood-saw that would! Haw as the wood-saw Wood saw would saw until I saw Esaw Wood saw wood with the woodsaw Wood saw saw wood. Now Wood saws wood with the

wood-saw Wood saw saw wood. Oh, the wood the wood-saw Wood saw would saw! Oh, the wood Wood's woodshed would shed when Wood would saw wood with the wood-waw Wood saw

Finally, no man may over know how much wood the wood-saw Wood saw would saw, if the wood-saw Wood saw would saw all the wood the wood-saw Wood saw would saw .- W. E. South wick, la Woman's Home Companion

Scientiste are still declaring against

by the river steamer; and there was a to rear it, the other to provide shelter York, charged up to its account at scanty natives-it was a nightmare, white freek and a green parasol, the and yet both trained precisely in the insanity and marked it as an associative cause in one-third of the cause of parcels. As almost all cases of drunkenness and dipsomania develop in the A certain small boy who lives in a vietlm before he is thirty, Dr. Dans historic town along the Hudson views argues carnestly for an educational campaign among the young. WHAT IT WILL REMOVE

A exchange says that alcohol will Scotch counts a lot. They stick like was to look in the glass, and the vision lands he has been known to weep remove grass stains from summer thing." there seemed to mack at her. Gone with chagrin because his family clothes. The exchange is right. It absolute certainty of good value. We want was spilled, which canned the older ple's heart; it was the face of a hard tours till bedtime, when he spiffed and winter clothes, not only from the and I find that there isn't the slightest you to come and let the new styles do their lady to make a profuse apology as the woman, a woman who had suffered back the threatened flood to king his man who drinks it but from his wife change in style from last spring. brown steam rolled towards the end of and who was in desperate straits, mother good-night. "Never mind, and children. It will remove house. And the crafty husband, inwardly the table where the two men sat. The moment she reached the dock she mamma," he sobbed on her shoulder, hold furniture from the house and est- glosting over the success of his scheme

A laugh is just like sunshine, It freshens all the day, t tips the peaks of life with light. And drives the clouds away. The soul grows glad that fools it And feels the courage stronglaugh is just like sunshine

And when its melody is heard

The Ills of life depart ! laugh is just like music

Spelght, that the petition of Adam There isn't enough bad luck in the world, all together, to rule one real

> The woman that maketh a good pudling in allence is better than she who

He said to her, "Would you marry me If I askt ye?" Says Blddy: "Do you want me,

"Now, Job," said Mrs. Shuttle. "those trousers are altogether too big for the boy. They'll have to be chang-

"You look robust," said a lady to a tramp. "I have some loge that want sawing. Are you equal to the task of sawing wood?" "Equal isn't the word,

The millionaire bid been very ill but the dector's sulle was cheerful and encouraging. "At last, my very dear sir," he said,

grasping the patient's nerveless hand. "at hist, I'am happy to say, that you are completely out of danger."

graphor's he stated his mission and

"Well," said the photographer, pleasantly, "do you want a bust ?" "Well no jist the noo," said the

surely a strange name he had for his dog. "Was It the same as Rover?" "Na, na," replied the owner of the dog. "I like to ca' a' my beeste wi' Scriptural namos." "But where do you find

AN ANECDOTE OF KING OSCAR Once the King was inspecting a class

"Gustavus Adolphus," answered one "Charles XII," responded another. "Oscar II," stammered the smallest,

blushed, healtated, and finally, in tours "I don't know any." The king smiling, stroked the child's

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"Why, I declare !" exclaims the trusting wife. "I won't have to buy any now drosses or hats at all this

For helping folks along. A laugh is just like music It lingers in the heart ;

> And happy thoughts came crowding For making living sweet.

> > BPARKLES

maketh a tart reply. Mike hears that Biddy is ongaged.

Says Mike : "Not unless I can't get

ed." "No, they won't. They're all most active boy on the playground right. I bought on where they advertised 'Boys' clothing to play in.' They it are just big enough to play in without will probably be used, to the exclusion | going out of doors. They're so roomy." when the sports of the evening are

mum," replied the man, coolly. I'm superior to It. Good morning I"

"No risk of a relapse ?"

was told to be seated.

"None whatever." "Break it gently to my poornepliew." whispered the invalid faintly. Recently an old Co. Derry farmer came in to Ballymena to have his The "cat" drew blood at the eighth | photograph taken. Entering a photo-

farmer, "thankin' yo a' the same. It's no lang since a had ma dinner, but coming in contact with the tines of a lafter I'm taken I'll has pleasure in hae'in a bite wie ye." A clergyman, crossing a moor, met a Highland shepherd who happened to be calling his dog "Moreover," Moreover," "Moreover." Accosting the shepherd, he remarked that it was

> that one in the Stripture?" The shepherd expressed great astenishment at the clergyman's Ignorance, and asked if "he had never read the Bible story of Lazarus," and how "Moreover the dong cam' and licked his

> of young girls, who where naturally overcome by a vielt from their sover-"Can any one tell me," said King Oscar, "the names of the great kings

who was something like a courtier in The king, much amused, went up to her and asked her to tell him of the great events of his reign. The child

"Don't ory, dear; I don't know any myself."-Washington Star.

papers, and the realistic plays of the theatres are bringing about a morbid precouity upon the part of the present generation of young American girls. There is no more egregious fool in the long list of those who exemplify human folly than the miss in her early teens who thinks herself already a woman, will submit to no restraints or chaperonage, and must have personal and immediate knowledge of all the scandals, murders, divorce suits and the like which come within her reach. The trailing flooks of spectators of this lik about scenes of crime, polles courts, prisons, and murder trials are enough to make the observer long for a generation of fathers and mothers who know the proper subsidiary uses of

"You won't?" asks the crafty husband. "Surely you will need some There was a sudden movement at the pluk and white bloom, the soft boasts no grave of "their very own" will also remove summer clothes through this month's fashion magathe end of the table, and a cup of tea baby outline that had first won Oilles- to trim. Last year he reserved his when used to excess and also spring sine that you brought home for me,

Then she hald her hand rather heavily saw him. He was standing with his "I'll wait as patiently as I can. I'd ables from the pantry; the smiles to paste a this year's cover on a last

back to her, speaking to one of the rever put flowers on yours and daddy's from the face of wife, and the happi- year's magazine, leans back in his

men who had travelled on the best graves, anyway, than on any one ness from his home. As a remover of chair and smokes and smokes and