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THE PAPER PROM HOME

When I packed my portmanteau I sal I um sick of the everyday grind; Of discension and scandal and blame; And I'm going to leave them behind, For a month I'll forget there is aught flave harmony under God's dome: Hot I find that I can't est or sleep If I don't get the paper from home. The best minds have commended, I said All the books I um taking to read. There's blography, fiction and verse. With a pipe they'll be all that I need. But I alt without turning a page Of the likeliest quarto or tome. And there's no Joy at all in a amoke If I don't get the paper from home.

Though the sky may be cloudless, the In all ways is but for a swim; Though a new friend I've found makes That I mean nomething to him:

And another new-friend anuggles close On the beach in the gathering glown True as truth, lo, the day is a dud When I don't get the paper from home -Kdward W. Barnard

DOING-NO HARM

The little village of Dilmouth had suffered from fire-Ethan Nudd's lower barn, where he had stored his familing tools, had burned fist, and a large part of the community had gathered about the rules. The men were burily recounting their exploits, and vigorously criticizing the behavior of others who had gone home. Jed Olpson was speak-

"It reelly takes a fire to bring out the last mite of foolishness there is in a man." he asserted, with conviction. "Pr instance, did any of you folks notice one of them Bentley twins, to see what he was doin'? Didn't hey? Well I did, and he was over at that dry well. south of the barn, with a pail and a rope, tryin' to ret water out of itand there ain't been a drop of water in that well for more'n ten year!" "Blue, now, Jeddle!" soothed Mr. Peasee. "Don't be ha'th in your Jedgment.

patiently. "That well went dry when Bentely blasted out for a deep well of his-cut into the vein and sucked Nudd's jest as as I tell you-a fire brings out The edges delicately notched. all the foolishness there is in a feller. and he'll do things there ain't a mite And when I took it in my hand, of sense in. You notice, and see if I

ain't right." "Rentley's twin didn't do all the foolish and useless things that was done r lived again those joyous days. there," broke Wendall Cooper, "for to The old famillar songs I, sung. my mind the capelical of foolishness was And walked again with sweet delays, when that passed of lunkheads from the The paths I loved when I was young lower road broke, into the larger road broke, in th

sayrask-full-of-beam straw. They got it just outside the barn, and then they dropped the pole and left it there-right where it would ketch. Course it would have burnt in the barn, but it wouldn't have burnt any quicker than it did where it was. They might jest as well left it in the barn!" Here Caleb Peatles's mild old interrupted again.

at a fire," he observed, moderately, "I've Leishman Block and the Wonderland noticed, jest as Jeddle says, that folk'll Theatre are now located. She went over do things that mebble they wouldn't do to a neighbor's on Church Street, where if they was .ca'm, but I've noticed this the eldest little daughter had the mumps, besides—and it don't seem to have struck and offered her a penny to permit her Joddie at all-the things they do any kon Percy to kies her, so that he might or help much. That is to say, even ! they do seem to be useless and foolish, the chances are they ain't right down

a moment, and then went on again as over them in time to return to school if he had not stopped talking. "Polks like that," he ruminated, as I to himself, "always put me in mind of old Aunt Dilly Peterby, the time her heard her acreschin', and came up to see what the matter was, and they found Aunt Dilly bendin' over him, ticklin' him underneath the chin with a straw. Doctor White was there, and he asked cried. "I can't! Why, I'm going to be her what her ides was, and Aunt Dilly told him that she really wa'n't sure what

'But,' says she, real decided for her wanted to do somethin', and I knew that if that didn't do any good, it could-

not to be satisfied with a reason that on the right side. But that it was did not seem to her to be the right one. mumps on the left side, and that it was line was one of a party of tourists that bound to run its course, he left her no was recently speeding through the Senate doubt whatever. subway in Washington, District of Cothey make this tunnel to crooked instead of building it in a straight line her. from the Senate building to the Canital?"

and under-ground gas and water-pipes, of have the bride ridiculous. I won't have ing a ride, but a young fireman, who the roadway," argued the observant

straight course would be," said the esthetic sister, with a patronising sir. "But a long vists down this passage if it were straight, with the diminishing deal. You see, I had plenty of time to train-hands, were also there, anxious for lights all twinkling in the distance, would think them all over, not seeing Billy for the faintest sign of hope. he much more beautiful than the con- five whole days!" fined view of this crooked way," answered the precoclous one.

you're just as wrong as uncle." "Why, the reason's plain," spoke up the sister's fiancee, who is a lawyer. "They poor dear, how are you feeling, really?" believe in Him! But God knows I've followed the course of the roadway Isn't it the most awful thing you ever worked so hard-sixteen hours every day. above because the title to it was in the heard? and so forth, and so forth. povernment, and they were saved the trouble of purchasing a right of way." She took it all as a huge joke-which tian-

"They made it crooked," wheesed the so. And Helen Bophia gave me a com- declared a big, grimy baggageman, chokfat aunt, "because if they had made it plate account of Ann Jane's woulding, ing so that he could hardly speak, "when straight it, would have been uncomfort- where everything went so perfectly." ably steep for ordinary folks like me to "All except the steep grade," replied

any of you know. I'll ask the man." But the man did not know; neither had taken me by the hand and led me did the Benate doorkeeper, nor the man right out of my selfish self into the the conductor, coming in at the moment "All your reasons are wrong," he ex- Gusty always does that." plained. "The subway was made crook- There was silence; then Jennie said pected praise. Then his eyes rested ed because when it was built by means softly:

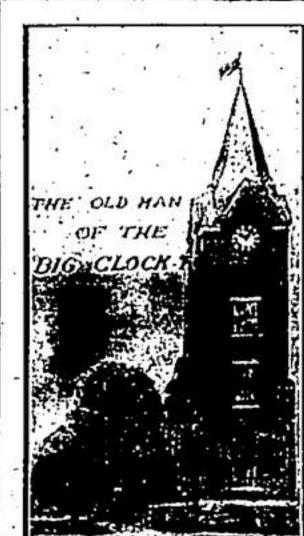
we had made the cut straight across the grounds we should have had to destroy many old and valuable trees. Accordingly we followed the roadway. "That's

GENS OF THOUGHY

Unbecoming forwardness oftener pro-

great men; in the end, they take their line from their great men .-- Matthew

Loyalty to Christ means carrying forward in our century the work He begen in Ifis; not only worshipping on our kneed, but working with Illin on our



took a volume old and worn. From off the library shelf one day; The covers were defaced and torn. And many a leaf had gone astray. turned the pages clowly o'er In search of some forgotten truth. Pamillar in the days of yore,

The mildewed leaves, the faded print, Beemed quite inanimate and cold. As if they ne'er had been the mint Prom which I'd garnered precious gold, So dull and colorless the page, I turned and turned, in hopes to fi Something that would restore to age.
The frechness of the youthful mind.

As well, indeed, might I essay Hope's early vision to renew. Or give unto a dead bouquet Its former fragrance and its dew Mebbe the twin didn't know it was a I closed the volume with a sigh, As if it were joy's entrance door-

And perfect still from stem to crown

This pretty leaf from maple tree, As if it were a magic wand, Brought back a vanished youth to me

That all remembrances of grief

It was a couple of years ago, I think, that I told you in this column, about Mrs. S. A. Becord, when the mumps were voice epidemic sixty years ago, as they are just now. Mrs. Second lived for many the other school children. I am not sure whether the offer was accepted or not. The maiden, who is still living, and old enough to be a grandmother, says Percy had the mumps all right, and got when the epidemic in the village was

ended and the other scholars got back. . Speaking . about . mumps. I . remember another story of local annals, which affected another young couple of our community in rather an unwelcome manner, and here it is: "Mumps!" Jennie schoed the word with mingled incredulity and consterns-"But I can't have them!" she married to-morrow! Everything's all

ready!" Her voice indicated the utter preposterousness of it all The young doctor-he was taking the place of Dr. McCarvin, the family physician, who was away upon an almost unheard-of vacation-was courtesy itself He told her regretfully that mumps were no respecters of weddings, but promised her, from all appearances, only a brief imprisonment; of courte he could not be Blie was an unusual girl, for the was certain; but so far there was no swelling

lumble, in one of the automobiles run- face-right check down-in the pillow pimento and pepper and reheat in double (200) ning there for the benefit of laxy folks. and sobbed. She was interrupted by her boiler to prevent curdling. Yield: 8

As the visitors were admiring the beauti- younger sister, Nellie, who was interrupted by her boiler to prevent curdling. Yield: 8 es of the curving passage, says a writ- and thrilling with excitement. She had er in the Washington Star, this inquisi- been to the Camerons, and they all sent tive young lady inquired, "Uncle, why messages, and there was a great box of

the groom a laughing-stock, too." Nellie drew a long breath; her eyes zhone with excitement. "Oh, ign't it just fatally injured. awful!" she whispered sepulchrally.

A week later Jennie, with the "mump, as she accurately defined it, vanquished, was giving Cousin Katherine a vivid account of the experience. ever heard of. They taught me a great brakeman on the same train, and other

Tell me," said Cousin Katherine. "Well, there was Alicia. She wept over me and made floral offerings till I felt Can you trust Him? like a sheet of wet blotting paper. 'You' "Kate Kennedy was a good antidote. "Why, even I know that the title to made me mad, for it wasn't precisely a the Capitol grounds must be in the joke even if it wasn't a world-shaking bing, "he's been a good boy. He worked government just as much as that of the calamity. Then Mary Webber kept tell- night and day to support our crippled roadway," objected the inquisitive dam- ing me how much worse it all might sister and mother-and me when I was sel. "I'm ashamed of you for a brother- have been. Of course it might, but it laid up for a year and couldn't work." didn't do much good to keep telling me

"And Gusty Nicklin?" Cousin Kather- would come nigh me-and he almost Phyllis met her smile with another. the irrepressible maid. "It's almost level "You do see through us all, tion't you, looking youngster, "he's took my run— all the way through here. I know that Cousin Katherine? Yes, Gusty was the after he'd come home tired—when I was can't-be-the reason, and I don't believe one. She was dear and sympathetic, but too sick to go out. I'd 'a' lost before I knew what had happened she but for him. big world outside. She didn't preach, and giving his cordial word. but she had me so interested that I forgot

> other in marital vows, with a wedding in to have the happy event postponed, be- and took his hand tenderly.

epidemic-has contracted "the mump." boy," he said; "the peace of the Lord

Precoclous Offspring-Pa, may

Memi Hints

Meripes for New and Novel Dishes; Household Ideas and

BY METTY MARCLAY VEAL A LA KING BUPREME

Kuggrallons

2 lbs. lean veal 24 cup butter

6 darrots 2 ontons I hay leaf . 1 quart cream I awact pepper I can inushrooms 1 can affter .pean

2 cans noodles Two pounds lean veal-trim off ali fut and cut into cubes, about on inch courre! Brown slightly in Li cup butter. Add water to cover well. 'Add 6 mediumalsed carrots, 2 medium-sized onlone cut up, I sweet pepper, I bay leaf, 4 cloves and boll all together until meat is tender. (Do not let water boll down-add en sugh to keep about 1 pint of liquid.) Add quart of sweet cream which has previnucly been legted to boiling point, thickened as for gravy, add one can much hammer. rooms cut up, I can sifted peas. Balt to taste. Add 14 teaspoon paprika. Berve Smith, cordially. "I have bought some certificate:

HOLIDAY BALADO Apple and Orange Salad Peel and slice oranges, rejecting all white membrane. Cut wedge-shaped

alices from red apples, without paring,

Grapefruit Salad Peel oranges and grapefruit and divide into regments, rejecting all white skin. Arrange a circle of orange segments on a lettuce-covered salad plate and fill

centre with grapefruit segments.

CREAMED OYSTERS 1 pint oysters

2 tablespoons flour 15 teaspoon salt Pew grains cavenne l egg yolk I cup thin cream or mill Clean oysters, heat to boiling point and drain. Cook butter, flour and cream 5 minutes. Add oysters and egg, stir until thoroughly hot, and serve on but-

RED BEANS AND RICE

(A famous Creole Combination)

tered toast or crackers. Two Tablespo-

one chopped mushrooms will greatly im-

prove the dish.

leaspoon butter 1 small onlon, minced 's red pepper

"Under the strain of excitement, same's years where Cooper's clothing shop, the pepper, and continue the simmering protime like that sin't things that hender have the silment at the same time as entirely disappears in the simmering and

> SANDWICH PILLING also never kissed Percy. At any rate, to keep small particles of nut shell from less raisins. Orind together in a food Day grinder, add a little salt and the juice of one small orange. Work together very thoroughly, place in a glass container and keep in a cool place. Can be used between thin, well-buttered slices of whole wheat white or bran bread. Ideal for school lunches, workman's

lunches or picnics. CITICKEN A LA KINO reen pepper, shredded 3 thep, butter

6 thep. flour 2 cups evaporated milk 2 cups chicken broth

3 cups cold chicken, diced 15 plmento, shredded

Cover while cooking. Remove muchmilk, broth and seasonings. Cook 5 ninutes over a low flame, stirring to After he had gone Jennie buried her keep smooth. Add chicken, mushrooms,

HE HADN'T A CHANCE

"Indeed he shall not!" Jennie inter- California village. The only person kill-"Why, to avoid the sewer, mains and rupted sharply. "It's bad enough to ed outright was a transp who was stealto save the train from distruction, was

> "Cousin Katherine, I had the most ed by a swift messenger, a clergyman wonderful collection of condolences you stood by his bedside. His brother, a

"Yes," gasped the poor fellow, "I do

I had the smallpox and nobody else

all about mumps—the world was so bigt friends—a smile of gratitifde, mingled with gentle reproach. He had never ex-Here's hoping that none of our present- a tone of augulah. "God won't keep such the offing, will be obliged peremptorily tears. He leaned over the suffering youth, "The prece of God be on you.

> One his soul ground for had come and looked on him. Then came dience, the silence that own the presence of death. W. After a brief prayer the clargyman turned away. "It's the final sacrament," [17] he said, solemnly. "The religion of Jesus its rites of worship. But he lived its

Jesus Christ-for you have done lits

BROKE HIM OF BORROWING

wan to horrow a step-ladder from bla next-door neighbor, Mr. Emith. He "needde it in putting up his window-shades." and "would return it shortly." Next he borrowed a tack-hammer, to use in putting down, his carnets. . Then he wanted a hatchel, a screwdriver and a gimlet, all of which things Mr. Hmith, being an accommodating man, allowed him to take.

Geveral days parked and none of sorrowed articles had been returned. "I'll cure him," said Mr. Hmith. About a week later the new neighbor er, in great delight, cante back with the acrew-driver, and apologized for having kept it so long. "That's all right," said Mr. Emith, with genial smile. "But you had better ed." keep it now. I have bought another." With a muttered apology the new neighbor hurried back and returned with the gimlet, the hatchet and the tack- tor, repeated "I'm eternally obliged to

"You are welcome to those," said Mr. others and don't need them." They'll come handy about the house." but he never borrowed anything more one particle of Mr .- "s medicine."

JUST AS IMPORTANT

deavoring to impress the importance of "Why not?" asked the disappointed mental Parm Note. his family on his guide in the Scottish village poet.

CURE FOR OBESITY

People who are continually borrowing A certain fut man in New York who comewhat costly way by one long-suffer- one particular. While each firm advised change continually from childhood to

> taken with the medicine. About six months afterward the pamphlet, collector, now no longer a fat nan, entered a New York drug store. to the proprietor. "How's that, sir?"

"Bix months ago I weighed two hunweigh only one hundred and eighty." "Would you kindly give me your name "Certainly," and he gave it Now, sir, if you'd allow us to refer paths that led to honor and distinction. billity

to your case, we should be greatly obligfor. I've written out a certificate." He handed it to the delighted proprieyou," and departed.

ing Mr.- a pamphlet on the cure of "That's all right. You keep them, obesity. In consequence of reading it, I have reduced my weight in aix months Again he hurried away, and was re- from two hundred and twenty-seven to turning with the step-ladder when Mr. one hundred and eighty pounds, with Smith, who was just going out, met him, great benefit to my general health. It through those you may locate books that Arrange on lettuce-covered salad plates, bring that ladder back! I have got take regular exercise and eschew fatty, are worth while, books that seem have "Why, bless me," he said, "you needn't rigidly followed the namphiet's advice to starchy and sweet foods. This saved me The new neighbor kept the things, a good deal of money, for I never took

> "I can't use this poem of yours," said The haughty Englishman was on- the editor of the Chiggeraville Clarion.

"My ancestors," he exclaimed, with a I'll ciell you what I'll do, as long as fine gesture, "have had the right to you handed in a year's subscription with the character of a man, is to examine for the last five hundred your manuscript, I'll put a little notice if there are personal calculations in his n our personal column stating that you conduct; if there are not, we may blame have written some lines in which you his manner of judging, but we are not cestors have had the right to bare legs show a firm grasp of spelling and punc- the less bound to esteem him.—Mm. De

THE PARM THREATY

The farnt library should provide inhis bounded utenally and neglect to re- wished to reduce his weight began by spiration, recreation and instruction to own he has been in the wrong, which terminator to drive out the paradites. turn them are annoying neighbors. The collecting pamphiets offered by firms that meet the growing needs of each member is but saying, in other words, that he problem of how to cure them of the advertise cures for obesity. He was much of the home. This is a very wide order, is wher to-day than he was yesterday. habit was solved in an effective though struck by the fact that all agreed in at tastes and requirements differ, and -Swift, the regular taking of its particular cure, maturity. The books that find a per- The end of life is to be like unte and Leveral said, "Others are useless manent place in the farm library should God; and the soul following God, will -thoor, One of the first things he did, or 'worse," all insisted that a great deal be individually owned and treasured by by like unto Him; He being the beginofter getting his goods into the house, lof exercise and a peculiar die must be cause they have supplied some need in hing, middle and end of all things.—Eocthe developement of the home life.

The home library that is most cherished is the one that is slowly built up 'Lifd' is a country that the old have by getting a book at a time that really seen and lived in. Those who have to "I'm eternally obliged to you," he said fills a need in life. We all know the travel through it can learn the way only place that a few treasured books have from them .- Jouhert, taken in our lives. The characters in these formed our ideals; they taught us | Stop grieving over being misunderstood how others have fived, loved, tolled, and try your hand at understanding dred and twenty-seven pounds. Now I striven against odds that formed char-other people. It is a much saner and of the more troliblesome signs that acter, and developed men and women happier occupation. honored not only in their day and gennd address, sir?" said the fat-cure vend- cration but throughout all time. We know from the biographics of great men others for one's own faults and mistaker

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CEMS OF THOUGHT

how books helped turn their lives into light it does not really shift the responsi-

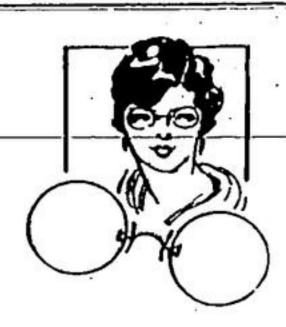
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