The Baby's Prayer.

- She knelt with her sweet hands folded Her fair little head bowed low;
 While dead vines tapped at the window,
 And the air was thick with snow.
 Without, earth dump with winter;
 Within, hearts dumb with care;
 And up through the leaden silence
 Rose softly the baby's prayer.
- "Bless all whom I love, dear Father, And help me be good," she said.
 Then, stirred by a sudden fancy,
 She lifted the shining head.
 Did she catch on the frozen maple
 Some hint of the April green,
 Or the broath of the woodland blossoms.
 The drifts of the snow between?
- "The beautiful trees," she whispered, "Where the orioles used to sing; "Where the orioles used to sing;
 They are tired of the cold, white winter,
 Oh, help them to grow in spring;
 And the flowers that I loved to gather,
- Ah, earth may be chill with snowflakes,
- Ah, earth may be cold with care
 And hearts may be cold with care
 But wastes of a frozen silence
 Are crossed by the baby's prayer;
 And the lips that were dumb with sorrow
 In jubilant hope may sing;
 For when earth is wrapped in winter,
 In the heart of the Lord 'tis spring.

MAIDEN FAIR

A Scottish Love Story.

BT CHARLES GIBBON.

She put her letter in her pocket. There was a new light on her face, making it look gentler and happier than it had ever done before. Ay, she did believe him—she had believed all along that he had been betrayed in some way, although she could not guess how. But Diok Baxter was a clever man and he would find it out.

When Dick reappeared from Cargill's cabin there was a peculiar smirk on his wizened face, and nodding to Annie complacently he muttered—
"Just as I thought, just as I thought."

"What is as you thought?" she inquired

eagerly.
"Gie me a minute or twa," he answered, seating himself before the joint of corned beef which had been placed before him. He took a dram first and then ate heartily His reflections were much aided by this proceeding, and when he had finished he produced a large well-worn pecket-book from the midst of a curious collection of hanks of thread, fishing hooks, and odd buttons and selected a scrap of pager which had been cut from some newspaper.

"I dinna want to gie you ony false hopes, missy, but if I be na far wrang, Bob Ross will soon be put right."
"You have found out how it was done?"

"I jaloused it as soon as Bob let me ken what had happened. You see what comes o' reading the papers. I would hae been like the lave o' you, maybe, if I hadna read that.' He handed her the scrap of paper. It

was the report of a common enough police case: a man enticed into a house, drugged, and turned out into the street in s state of apparent drunken stupefaction. 'This is what he has done!" she cried excitedly.

"Bide a minute, missy. You has a heap to answer for; if it hadna been for you, the gowk would never has thought o' sic a daft-like thing. Hows'ever, we want to clear Bob. You say naething about this, no even to your father, and I'll satisfies him that he want to work the property of the same than the same th him that he was mista'en. Whan do you

To-morrow morning." "Weel, as soon's I hae told Jeems wha "Weel, as goon's I hae told Jeems what his mother wants, I'll gang hame again by train the day. But I would like you to tell me ane or twa things first."

The "ane or twa things" included the

walle of her conversation with Cargill about Ross, and the information she had gathered from the men separately that not one had observed the slightest sign of any thing being wrong with the pilot until they found him lying at the wheel.

"It's just wonderlu' how you thought about seeking out a' that," said Dick admiringly; but you were aye a clever lass, missy. I canna understand how the captain should be sae ready to think ill o' 'Cargill made him believe that he had

"Aweel, that'll a' be set right afore lang. You and me maun keep a calm sough for a wee while. Just you keep on as you hae been doing—keep frien's wi'him and maybe we'll get mair out o' him."

When Cargill returned he was annoyed exceedingly to find his bugbear, Dick Baxter, waiting for him, and almost started into a rage when he heard the well-knows on, "Weel, Jeems, how's a' wi' you

He would have turned away at once from this pest, but he was detained by the next words. Your mother sent to you ance errand.

She wouldna believe in the post or the tele-graph; the matter was sae particular that naething would serve her but I maun come wi' her message."
"What is it she wants now!" was the

surly and impatient query.
"She doesna want you to break your trip; but she commands you to gang straight to her the minute you land. She bade me say that you would hurt yoursel' mair than you fancy, if you didna do her bidding."
"Very well."

"You'll come the minute you land?" "Of course, since she is so particular " I'll tell her to expect you, for I'm gaun

back by train the day."

That evening in the gloaming, work over and all quiet in the harbor, Captain Duncan was sitting on the deck smoking. Annie was walking up and down, occasionally halting beside him. During one of these halts, he said abruptly—
"Annie, I want you to be kind to Jeems

This was the first time he had referred to the subject of the proposed union since that evening in the cottage. "What for in especial, father?"

He puffed slowly and looked over the bulwark into the clear blue water which was plashing gently against the eides of the "Mermaid." He was perplexed: what especial reason was there for asking her to be kind to Cargill? He himself had no especial regard for the man, and but for his fortune would have had little to say

"It's this way, Annie; you see he's a man that has a great notion o' you; he's weell-to-do in the world; there's naebody has ony particular ill to say against him ; and he asked me to put in a word for him wi' you. I said I would, and I'm doing it. You might do a hantle waur than agree to She laid her hand on his shoulder: she

could feel the awkwardness with which he spoke. At another time she would have relieved him by laughing at the whole affair. At present she had too many anxious thoughts weighing upon her for laughter to "I told o my mind about this, father,

when oned it before. I am of the same mind yet, and I will never change." She felt a glow of pleasure in thus coho-

ing her lover's words.

"Aweel, aweel, I'm no gaun to force your will. I was meaning you for another man a' the while; but I has done what I promised and nae mair need be said. would hae loupit blithely enough at—but that's a' by and nae mair need be said." He got up and leaned over the bulwark

now, puffing vigorously.

A vague suspicion of his meaning flashed across her mind, making the heart leap quick with surprise and joy.
"Who are you speaking about now

breast.

father?" she asked, her voice low and not quite so steady as usual.
"Never heed, never heed. It's a' by noo

-the big fool!" Then there was silence. She was trembling and afraid to speak lest she should find that she misinterpreted her father's thoughts. But it must be him he referred to; and this was the meaning of all his curious little jokes and grins which had often puzzled her when he was speaking

about her marriage. Could it be?
"I'm sair put about wi' Bob Ross," he said, by and by, half angrily, half regretfully.
"What a hypocrite he mann hae been!—I would as soon hae thought o' doing sio a thing mysel' as him. Had it not been for that he was the man for you and the

'And will be, father," she oried gleefully. "Na, that canna be noo—it's a' by. I'd sooner see you maerrit to Jeems Cargill." "Oh, father, you will find that you are mistaken about poor Bob."

"That's impossible."
In the midst of her great gladness there came that cruel thought-everything had been lost by that one blunder. She knew what Cargill had done; Dick Baxter knew it; but how could they prove it?

As soon as the "Mermaid" arrived at Leith, Cargill took his leave of Annic. He was disappointed: all his powers of persuasion had failed to move her. She had been civil to him—most civil—but she would not permit him to get out his proposal. When he was saying good-bye he made one more effort to win her favor.

"I suppose I may come to Anchor Cot-

tage to morrow?" Then her whole manner suddenly changed, and she became cold, almost

"You may come, of course, Mr. Cargill; but you will not speak to me again until Mr. Ross is put right with my father."

He was staggered, confused, muttered that he did not see what tusiness it was of his; and with clumsy haste made his way on shore.

Thinking over those parting words of

Annie's he was a little disturbed and in very ill-humor when he arrived at his mother's "beastly hut," as he called it. Entering the room he did not observe the absence of any salutation, querulous or otherwise, from his mother; but when he looked he was conscious of a change in her appearance which startled even him.
She sat bolt upright in her chair, the

white mutch as carefully "piped" as ever, surrounding a face like that of a corpse. Her right hand rested on a little table at her side, the left grasped the arm of the chair, supporting her in the erect position of one who is just about to rise to her feet. He did not note the singular calmness of her voice, and was more startled by its ten-derness than by her appearance.

"I'm glad you have come, Jeems, for I have muckle to say to you afore I get up."

" What is it, mother?"

"What is it, mother?"
His own voice was somehow subdued and less self-attentive than usual.
"You ken, Jeems, that I hae mony times had rizzon to compleen o' your way o' doing; and mair than once in my pas nion I was actually meaning to take every bawbee awa' frae ye and gie it to some o the hospitals?"

е повримая?" "Oh, yes; but that was only when you were angry," he answered uneasily.
"Ay, but my anger lasted lang enough for me to make out the will."
"What!"

"Ye needna be feared. There was a frien' o' yours wha after lang speakin gar' me put that paper in the fire."
"Who was that?" he asked, breathing freely again.

"It was nane ither than Bob Ross. Hae ye no rizzon to be grateful tae him?" The selfish nature of the man rendered him indifferent as soon as he knew himself to be safe.

"Of course, and I'll thank him when w meet.' The woman's eyes set in that gaunt. sallow face seemed to glitter as if a flame were

reflected in them; and there was a weird solemnity in her voice.
"Ye'll hae to dae a heap mair than that. Ye'll hae to put him richt wi' his folk. Ye'll

hae to tell how it cam' about that he fell doon stupefied at the wheel."

There was none of Bell's customary passion in tone or in manner. She pro-nounced the sentence calmly, and there was a tremulous sadness somewhere which ren-

lered her words the more impressive "What do I know about it?" he said sulkily after the first surprise, "except that I gave him a dram, and—" "And you ken what was in the dram,

Jeems. You ken that there was nearly the hale o' this stuff that was in this bot-

She lifted the right hand from the table,

and showed him a small phial.
"Where did you get that?" he exclaimed, starting up, and then suddenly checking himself, whilst inwardly cursing his own nimself, whilst inwardly cursing his own stupidity in having laid down the phial in his berth on board the "Mermaid" and forgotten it, instead of throwing it over-board at once. He was only for a moment puzzled as to how it came into his mother's possession, for he presently remembered the visit to Peterhead of the creature he now began to look upon as his evil genius, Dick Baxter.

Bell Cargill went on. "You bought this on pretence that you wanted a strong sleeping-drink, and you gied it to Bob Ross. Did you no dae that?" "What is the use of asking such a foolish

question?" he growled restlessly.

The old woman looked at him a long time, and that strange sadness which was lying somewhere in the background became evident in the lines of the worn face and the darkening of the eyes. Without anger, scarcely with any change of tone,

"I aye kenned ye were a fule, Jeems, but I never thought you were a villain. Own the truth to me, or you'll hae to own it in a court o' justice. Ye hae wranged the man that was your best frien'—when I get up I'il mak' amends tae him. You maun mak' amends tae him enco, or never a farthing o' my siller ye shall hae. Speak—you did it."

Cargill saw how much in earnest his mother was, and after a striggle with his vanity, which was overcome by his greed, he answered with a clumsy attempt to be ocular, "Well, I did put a few drops into his dram, but it was only a joke, and meant no harm. I had no notion that he was

going to wreck us."
"Heeh, sirs, and that's a' your repentance. Ye ken fine that you were gaun to wreck him. Put your name to this paper." Cargill looked at the paper which she held under her hand, and read the writing on it. It was a plain, brief statement that he had purposely given Ross a sleeping-draught. He made an attempt to snatch it away from her, but whilst she covered it with one hand she placed the other on his

"Hearken, Jeems. If that paper is no put into the hands o' Dick Baxter this nicht wi' your name to it you will be ruined. He hastily scrawled his name, thinking

that he could easily tear the paper after-wards; but at that minute his evil genius hirpled in at the door, and snatched the paper almost from under his hand. That paper doesna matter, mistress,

says Dick Baxter, "though I've got it. I was standing on the stairhead and heard

Starting of the start and heart every word he said tae ye."

Cargill's impulse was to seize the man and take the prize from him by force; but the attention of both were attracted to the

Her eyes had become suddenly dim, and she murmured in a voice growing rapidly more and more faint—
"Tell Bob Ross I'll mak' amends tae him

when I get up. I'm weary enco."

And Bell Cargill lay back in her chair and fell asleep.

CHAPTER XII. "WEEL MAY THE KEEL ROW."

Captain Duncan rubbed his eyes and would have grown pale had his ruddy oheeks been capable of such a sign of emotion, when Annie and Dick Baxter

emotion, when Annie and Dick Baker explained to him and proved to him how Bob Ross had been betrayed.

"Preserve us," he gasped, "and me blaming him wrangfully a' this time!—but what for did he not speak out himsel'—I would hae believed him."

"Oh, father, you would not be patient

even with me, far less with him; and he was too much stupified to be able to understand things himself until he got home." Gang for him, Dick-feto this minute." oried the captain in passion

ate haste.
"That'll no be ill to dae," said Dick with one of his wise grins, "for he's just out by,'

Ross halted in the doorway, pale still, but firm on his feet again. The captain opened his mouth as if to speak, but for a opened his mouth as it to speak, but for a little, was unable to do so. Then he took out his big red and white handkerchief, wiped his face with it, and next began to tug at it and tie knots on it as if it were a rope. He found his tongue at last, and with "I did you wrang, Ross. I beg your pardon, and there's my hand and there's

Annie and the 'Mermaid.'"

Annie and the 'Mermaid.'"

The hands of the two men clasped in a grip that meant eternal friendship.

Then the old captain without another word passing between them hurried out of the room. He sat down on the anchor in the middle of the green. There he had his pipe and a dram and a crack with old Dick Baxter, learning all the details of Cargill's treachery and how it was found out. At the end Dick was a richer man that day than he had ever been at one time that day than he had ever been at one time in all his life.
As for Annie and Bob Ross, they were

alone in the room. She was in his arms, and he could only say in a whisper-"God bless you - my own lass."

There were few folk in the town who did not miss Bell Cargill. When it became known that she was gone there was as much of that silent sorrow about the place as if news had come of the loss of a whole fleet of amacks. We hae lost a good frien'," said one

wife to another, and that was Bell's epitaph; but the generous hand and the sharp tongue are still missed in the place. Outside Anchor Cottage the truth about the narrow escape of the "Mermaid" is only known to Campbell, the sailor who retained his faith in Ross in spite of appearances, and Dick Baxter. The incident is frequently spoken of amongst the men; but Ross himself when questioned only laughs and says, "Oh, I had a dram, Cargill gave instructions to the lawyers

to sell everything in the place, and has never been seen there since his mother went away. The "Mermaid" still plods on its diligent course; but Ross is now the captain and owner, although Duncan Murray is always with him. And at times when

there is a calm at sea, in the soft northern ploaming. Annie's low voice is heard crooning the old song, "Weel may the keel row THE END.

Odd Facts and Fancies.

Some people think a little salt in coffee mproves the taste.

In the Boston bird show is an eagle whose wings spread nine feet. The champion well-behaved baby is in museum at Dallas, Tex. It is petrified.

An objection to electric lights in places of amusement is that they do too much An electric-lighted sign board with a surface of 7,000 square feet, in New York, is the biggest thing, as to space, in the way of an advertisement yet exhibited.

Slavery still exists in China. The female slaves are by far the most numerous. The average price is from \$40 to \$50 per head. Young and healthy girls of 12 sometimes etch as high as \$100.

Reed and Pearce, of Emporia, Kas., have been sentenced to remain in the penitentiary one year and, at such time thereafter as the Governor shall fix, to be hanged within the prison walls.

counted from the first day of the January succeeding birth. At that date a child is one year old, whether born the previous January, at mid-summer or on the 31st of December. A butcher of Wymore, Neb., put a hand-

some fat pig, ornamented with rosettes, on the Christmas tree for his pastor. He was very angry the next day when he saw the pig in a rival shop, where the dominie had old it for half the market price. The blowing down of an oak near Washington, Ga., revealed a little heap of gold and jewels diamonds, rubies and pearls.

to be worth \$20,000. It is supposed that they are part of the treasure lost by members of the Confederate Cabinet Tom Crawford, a heart-smasher Crockett Co., Tenn., was arrested in Hay.

whom are said to be living. He is a darkey, over 50 years of age, and has a most repulsive countenance.

A fellow in Cleveland, O., has taught a dog to steal newspapers from the doorquestion with the exasperated subscribers is whether they shall kill the dog or punish

the man.

Mathew Cohen, a New York youth, being found unconscious with a bottle birth, and when reared what are they? labeled "laudanum" in it, was suspected What do they ever amount to but weak sciof suicide. He came to after the applications of the old stock? Whoever heard of a

well. On the coldest day of the month says the Shasta (Cal.) Courier, Rev. W. H. Howard baptized by immersion eight residents of Big Valley, Modoe Co. The pastor, however, showed some judgment in the business. He loaded the band into a big waggon, took them to the outlet of the hot springs and gave them a warm bath.

The plow in general use in Mexico nowa

days is the same the Egyptians used 5,000 years ago. It consists of a crocked stick with an iron point nailed to it or tied to it with a piece of rawhide, a small handle for the plowman to steer with, and a pole to plow will scratch a furrow in the soil three inches deep.

Robert P. Pullman, of Carnesville, Ga.,

Robert P. Pullman, of Carnesvine, and publishes this card in a local paper: "I publishes this card in a local paper: "I hereby give notice to all dram sellers and fully in the resorts of rats they will resent the inhospitable treatment, and will retire dram drinkers that I have left the old way with the old year, and have turned into the with the old year, and have turned the mew way with the new year, and I want all of them to give me the go by. I intend to redeem my name and character, and shall look upon the man who offers me liquor as distended stomach pressing against the

my deadly enemy."

Last summer the wife of Benjamin
Smith, of Hancock, Delaware County, N. Y., was so badly injured by a runaway horse that she died in a few hours. After her death Smith and his son James, aged 16, continued to live in Hancock. Two weeks ago the father was driving on a steer hill near the village with a load of bark He fell from the load in some way, and one runner of his sled passed over his head, crushing him to death. The son then went o live with a married sister at Lordville, neighboring village. Last Saturday he stole a ride on the caboose of a freight train, on the Erie Railway, to Hancock. The train did not stop at that station, Young Smith jumped from the train, and, falling beneath the wheels of the caboose, was instantly killed.

THE LADIES' COLUMN.

Dresses to be Worn During the Ensuing Season.

SUNDRY NOVELTIES INTRODUECD

How Fashion Slavery Kills Women-New

(Aunt Kate's Budget.) Notes on Dress.

Household Hints.

Lent is a capital time to plan and arrange one's spring clothes. Bothering over and arraying spring clothes is surely a good Lent mortification. Green is pronounced by the powers that be the color which will be most worn this spring, though almost every other conceivable shade will share its honors The new hats are many of them, high and arge crowned, and amongst the straw hats far more colored ones are imported than white. Straw bonnets are shown in great quantities, but it is said that fancy materials such as gauzes, English crape, China crape, tissues, embroidered batistes and laces over silk will be used for very dressy bonrete. It is generally predicted that long mantles will continue in favor, even for the spring and for young girls who have hitherto exclusively worn juckets and shor wrappings. For spring many elegant ladies in Paris utilize their beautifu India shawls by draping them ingeni ously. A few agrafes of old chased silver are used here and there to fasten the shawl at the waist, neck and shoulders which they wear with true Parisian grace If the pretty pink ginghams now so much worn by children are dipped in water with enough vinegar in it to give it a sour taste, the pink will be brighter than if rinsed in water alone. If you have any old muslin dresses that are good, and still are faded and so unfit to wear, it is a good time to try the experiment of bleaching them, and if of good quality they will do much service as common white dresses. Most of the delicate-hued muslin can be bleached by boiling them in strong soap suds, and ther laying them on the grass for a day or two others may have weak ammonia added t

Colors which were once considered inad missible, worn together, are now fashion ably combined. Whether their combination is in any better taste than ever is a ques tion; but certain it is that from become accustomed to see them so, thay do no look quite so strange as formerly. A fancy costume may consist of a sky-blue wais ornamented with loops of pky-blue sating ribbon and pink roses, and short round skirt of chandrons, or copper-red velvet, decorated with clusters of jacqueminot

Red and pink, outrageous as such a mixture seems, promise to be a favorite conceit for spring millinery. A capote of Tuscan straw may be encircled with a puffy oud of pink tulle, fastened with a bunch of red roses; or, on the same principle, the scarf may be of red China crape caught with a cluster of pink roses.

The newest use to which darned net has been applied is to form yokes for chemises. The net is first cut cut in the form of a oke, and then darned with linen floss in yose, and then daried with men hoss in the pretty conventional patterns so long employed for tidies, window curtains and the like. When ficished the yoke is edged with linen lace or embroidery on net.

New colors are oat straw yellow, apricot pink, the pale pink of the apricot blossom resembling that of the peach; Panama yellow, the tint of Panama straw hats; Suede, the ecru shade of the long popular gants de Sucde, or undressed kid gloves

Save the Old Paper.

After a stove has been blackened it can be kept looking very well for a long time by rubbing it with paper every morning. Rubbing with paper is a much nicer way of keeping a tea-kettle, coffee pot and tea pot bright and clean than the old way of washing them in suds. Rubbing with paper is also the best way of polish ing knives, tinware and spoons; they shine like new silver. For polishing mirrors, lamp chimneys, etc., paper is better than dry cloth. Preserves and pickles keep much better if brown paper instead of cloth is anned fruit is not apt to mold if a piece of writing paper, cut to fit the can, is laid directly on the fruit. Paper is much better to put under a carpe than straw. It is warmer, thinner and makes less noise when one walks over it.

Fashionable Women.

Fashion kills more women than toil and sorrow. Obedience to fashion is a greater transgression of the laws of woman's nature, a greater injury to her physical and mental constitution, than poverty and neglect. The slave woman at her tasks will live and grow old and see two or three generations of her mistresses fade and pas The washerwoman, with scarce away. ray of hope to cheer her in her toil, will live to see her fashionable sisters die all around her. The kitchen maid is hearty and strong, when her lady has to be nursed wood County recently on the charge of like a sick baby. It is a sad truth that bigamy, having married five wives, all of fashion pampered women are almost worthless for all the ends of human life: they have but little force of character; they have still less power of moral will, and quite as little physical energy. They live for no great purpose in life; they accomplish no wor steps of houses, where they have been left by carriers, and bring them to him. The hands of milliners and servants, who dress and feed to order. They write no books they set no rich examples of virtuous and womanly life. If they rear children, ser vants and nurses do all save give them tion of a stomach pump and explained that the bottle contained "holy water," which he had taken internally, having felt ungreat and good men and women. Not one of them had a fashionable mother. The nearly all sprang from a strong-minded woman, who had about as little to do with ashion as with the changing clouds. The trite saying, "A man may say too much even on the best of subjects," here.

Hints to Housekeepers.

Mirrors used in dressing-rooms are not trimmed elaborately with plush. When birds are moulting it is the usual hing to put a little saffron into the water otherwise a rusty nail is good.

Tinned meats and vegetables should be made hot in the tin before the latter is opened, by placing it in hot water and heat-ing it for a while.

nerves that extend from the stomach to the Oatmeal wafers are relished by babies and older children, too. Take a pint of oat meal and a pint of water, with almost a teaspoonful of salt. Mix and spread on buttered pans. Make it just as thin as it is possible, and yet have the bottom of the pan overed. Bake slowly.

tar, fifty parts; binoxalate of potassium (powdered) fifty parts; oil of rosemary, one part. Rub to powder and mix weil. Moisten the spot, place on a heated tin plate and rub with the moistened powder. Dessert in a Hurry .- A quickly made

drain the juice from them and stir them into the batter; fry in a little lard and

serve with pudding sauce. Arrangement of Books.-If you have plethora of books get a carpenter to make a wooden frame with no back, and a series of ehelves. Set this against the wall, cover the top with any fabric you may think suitable, and the sides: border it with ball fringe, as also the shelves. Put your books on these, and your chins, etc., on the top and you will have not only a useful, but a handsome piece of furniture. Three slips of wood strung at each corner with blind cord, knotted when through, so that they cannot slip, the four pieces tied together at the top, and passed over a nail, give a con venient kind of bed-room book shelver.

The World of Woman

Miss Elizabeth Tuck, of Chicago, is painting a " lifesize portrait" of Mrs. Langtry

The lady who wrote the popular little song "In the Gloaming" is said to have cleared a round \$10,000 out of it. Her sweetheart left her in the gloaming to some purpose.

A French woman, Countess de Miramon exhibits in the Paris Salon portrait busts that are worth seeing. But then great pains are taken to add that she is not a professional soulptor " Dear, dear! Miss Ley, of England, is one of the

observers who have been studying the green suns and red sunsets. She estimates the height of the mass of meteoric and volcanic dust in the atmosphere at thirteen miles. There is no end of wisdom in this remark of somebody: "The most common error of men and women is that of looking for hap-

piness somewhere outside of useful work

Moreover, it is quite as true of women as Among the honest industries whereby Among the nonest industries whereby scul and body are kept together in Europe is that of finding rich American wives for tilled paupers. It is a pity. One honest American boy, with his hereditary respect for women, is worth all the titled libertine of Europe.

The other day at a circus in Brussels Mme. Marquise Hautefeuille went into the lion's cage with the keeper and played with non a cage with the keeper and played with the beasts as if they had been so many cats. During the performance there was a heathenish roar of applause and the band played a national air, "La Brabanconne." Goethe advocated marriages for five

years. By that time couples would have time to become acquainted, and if they didn't like it they could change off and ge somebody else. A Polish woman in Chico-pee, Mass, tried to carry this pleasant poetic fancy into practice. She applied for a license to be married for three years only as her present husband was coming over from the old country at the end of that time.

Things Not Generally Known.

The "Seven Wonders of the World vere the Egyptian Pyramids, the Temple of Diana at Ephesus, the Hanging-Gardens of Babylon, the Colossus of Rhodes, the Statue of Jupiter Olympus at Elis, the Temple of Belus and Lake Mœris.

The British royal coat-of-arms, with its rampant lion and unicorn, has been a com mon feature of English advertising in type and sign-boards. A new law, which just gone into effect, imposes a fine of \$100 for using the royal arms, or an imitation of it, without the consent of either royalty or the Government.

"Soots wha hae wi' Wallace bled " was written by Burns, to the national air of 'Hey tutti tutti." It is the oldest air now mowr, and is mentioned in 1488 by Gavin Douglas, Bishop of Dunkeld. It brilliant martial air whose notes kindled the war flame in the breasts of Bruce's army as he led them on to the field of Ban

The quotation "God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" is from Laurence Sterne's "Sentimental Journey." It is probable however, that Sterne, who was intimately equainted with French literature and i hought to have imitated Rabelais, para phrased Henri Estienne, a writer of the latter part of the sixteenth century, in whose "Premices" is found the sentence Dieu mesure le froid a la brebis tondue.

"Uncle Sam" as a nickname for the United States arose during the war of 1812 ac Troy, N. Y. Samuel Wilson, an inspecrmy supplies who was wi known as "Uncle Sam," having marked a number of casks with the Government insignia, "U.S.," was asked by a workman if the letters meant "Uncle Sam." The joke travelled, and the phrase has since become a current "American." The Engbecome a current "American." The English nation was first personified as "John Bull" in a political satire by Dr. John Arbuthnot, published in 1718, and intended to ridicule the Duke of Marlborough.

Rich People Who Are Loved. It is instructive to note the different feelings with which very rich persons are regarded by the poor, and indeed by almost the entire community. Mrs. Astor, one of the wealthiest women in New York, has been and still is seriously ill. The news of her condition has been read daily by thousands of the poor in that city with heartfelt solicitude, the natural expression hearifelt solicitude, the natural expression of respect and gratitude. It is not that she has been benevolent with her money, but because the has been benevolent in her impulses and energies—has felt and done something for the poor—that she is thus esteemed. Mrs. Astor has provided homes n the west for many hundreds of the waifs of New York, directing the enterprise personally, and employing her own agents. She has in other ways done much, in a personal and unostentatious manner, to ameliorate the condition of the poor and to assist those who are in trouble. And as result no one rails at her riches; the poor pray for her recovery to health. Peter oper was a rich man, but he was not hated and envied as many millionaires of the metropolis are. In case of an uprising his house would have been safe. He retained his sympathies for the working people, and did as a pure pleasure what the most of his class neglect even as an obligation. There are similar examples wherever the rich and the poor dwell The moral seems to draw itself.

A New Catechism in Drayton.

-Boston Herald.

-Exchange.

Q.—What is rheumatism? A,-Rheumatism is a humorous sensa tion that causes men to rub their joints with St. Jacob's Oil, play practical jokes, throw things around, wear crutches and stay indoors, swathed in red flannel.—

Drayton (C.) New Era.
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Richest Man in the World. Mr. Vanderbilt said to a reporter in New

York the other day: "I believe I am the richest man in the world. In England the Duke of Westminster is said to be worth \$200,000 000, but it is mostly in lands and houses. It does not yield him 2 per cent. A year from now I shall be worth more Iron Rust Spot Remover. - Cream of tarthan \$200,000 000, and will have an income equal to 6 per cent. on that amount." owns 930.840 shares of railway stock valued at \$88,750,000, his railway bonds a nount to \$26,857,420, he holds \$70,580. 0 10 in Government and a trifle of \$5,000,000 dessert is this: Make a batter as if for in other securities—the aggregate wealth common griddle cakes, then add an egg and of this Midas being \$201,332,413. And the some fruit, say stewed cy anned berries,

\$12,500,000

Fortune in Scotland in Which Several Residents of Ontario are Interested.

Some three or four weeks ago Mr. Elishs Adams, grocer, of Glencoe, was the recipient of a letter from lawyers in the Old Country informing him that a large fortune, stated to be over twelve million and a half of dollars, awaited the heirs of Alexander Anderson, late of Aberdeenshire. Scotland. Later correspondence left no doubt that Mr. Adams was one of the heirs, of whom there are nineteen now living. It is some 30 or 40 years since Mr. Anderson died, and during all that time no trace of his heirs and the obtained though constant search could be obtained, though constant search was made. Meanwhile the legacy has increased and now amounts to the sum above mentioned. The only surviving heirs are the members of the Adams and Anderson family; the members of the for-mer being Elisha Adams, Samuel Adams Mrs. F. Steinhoff, of Glencoe: Mrs. James Gamble, Mrs. W. Badge, of Mount Brydges Clayton Adams, Harrison Adams, Nelli Adams and Mrs. S. Jackson, of Ventonor Ont. The Anderson family reside in Shedden, and are the children of Mrs. John

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On Victor Hugo's recent hirthday-) i 3rd—the Government struck a medal in hi honor. The presentation of this medal wa the feature of the celebration. Crowds o friends and admirers flocked to his house the drawing rooom of which was filled with choice flowers sent from many parts of

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thirty minutes, giving the man who bet with him permission to choose the track

The track chosen was about the red-ho

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(Concluded next week.)

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