A SEA STORY OF TO-DAY.

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Although subject to intervals of brooding sadness, the girl had regained much of her cheery, hopeful nature, and used to keep me sweet and pleasant company whilst we sailed the brig, sometimes into the small hours. Then, when she went below, after giving me a hand to swing the yards, and I lay down for a brief rest with Nan at my feet. I would go over all our talk together, treasuring up every kind word every deep and moving glance of my sweetheart's-for that such she was more than hoped, although neither time nor place served to put the matter to the test. Of seeing the Major again I had quite given up all expectation. Helen, as she told me, had not another relative in the world. Clearly, at the very first opportunity I must marry her, and take her home to the vicarage. What should we do for a living I never in this connection thought of anything the Major might have left Well, there was a farm that I was to have worked had I not chosen to seek a livelihood instead on "these barren fields of wandering foam." The lease would shortly be up, and I could resume it for myself and Helen; and it would be hard indeed if I couldn't knock some kind of a support out of it without having to come to the old people for help. What! Why, the eider alone from the big orchard at Birch Grove ought to keep us!

And so I dreamed, building my castles in the air. Romance! Why, air and ocean in these days were filled with the glamour of it—and of my new

We were very much together during this time. How could it be otherwise? And the more I saw of her the more discovered what a fine character it was; what a noble soul and stainless mind gave grace and light and dignity to the beautiful being that I felt myself gradually gaining possession of.

But always-although in talking to you of her I have called her "Helen"it was, between us, Miss Fortescue and Mr. Vallance. Most punctiliously did we keep up appearances; and if our eyes now and then spoke a language unmistakable, they were quickly lowared. Still, often, when her soft white hands met mine as we pulled on a rope together, and the breeze brushed a stray curl of hair across my cheekoften, I say, did I feel the need of selfcontrol merge into a very torture of refraining from taking that graceful, yielding form into my arms and then and there declaring my love. But ever I fiercely fought against such temptation and teat my heart back into subjection, gaining the victory, looking at the last to my reward.

About this time it was, that being becalmed one evening. I sighted on our starboard beam a boat about threequarters of a mile away. The Hebe herself was motionless, or nearly so: but the boat seemed drifting astern pretty quickly, probably in the set of some small current. In Helen's eyes, as she gazed, there was a perfect fever of sympathy and pity. And I could see that she yearned as it were, to the sight of the helpless, tossing thing, and presently she spoke, almost to herself, but not so low as to prevent me catching her exclamation: "If there should be any one sick and helpless-nigh dead in her!" And I knew by the sob she gave as she turned her i eyes away that she was thinking of ber father.

It was a mad thing for me to do. in her."

it-falls; in another four or five I was pulling across the calm water. And then it seemed to suddenly dawn on her what a fatally foolish action her ed to allow no room for after self-ac- to expect. cusings or regrets. I kept steadily on

fear and loathing; for there, prone in heavily handicapped. Not, even with Algoa Bay. the bottom, lay four bodies, their fea- Helen for a relief at the wheel, could I tures undistinguishable from decay; sail her day and night. In fact, I nevlines of our story; asked the usual with that young man in the parlor last his ultimatum in this wise: "Bredren, and worse than all, scattered about er seriously attempted to do so. there were terrible signs that, before; From aboft I could now see the their own deaths, they had been driven stranger plainly-a huge mass of canto the last dread resort of the casta- vas that at first it rather puzzled me topsails. way. But for these ghastly, mutilat- to define, so bizarre did it look. But, ed fragments, there was not a thing presently, as she swam more plainly in the boat with the corpses save her into view. I made her out to be a fouroars. Two of the men lay under the | masted barquentine, with enormously midship thwarts, nearly doubled up, square fore-yards and towering main, spasms of agony; a third was right in great stretches of fore and aft canvas, the bows, eyeless from attacks of sea- whilst from between them, and off her birds-a shocking and a heart-rending | bowsprit and jib-boom, sprang regular spectacle-with features run together flights of staysails and jibs-on the and discoloured until the face seemed | whole a very remarkable figure of a a hidenas putrid mask, mocking all ship. I had, however, seen the rig besemblance of humanity. The fourth fore, mainly in timber-vessels hailing corpse lay right aft on the grating, in from Puget Sound or Vancouver, and much similar case to the other, only had never felt any inclination to be that in his hand he grasped a bare shipmates with three forty-foot booms sheath-knife. All four, from their on a craft that a jib might shake all clothes, were men before the mast. the sticks out of at once. As I watched slueing to my push, she came round, colors and headed straight for the Hebe, the long-boat. stern towards me and, to my unutter- although on the other tack she would able horror. I read on it the words, have passed quite close enough to speak then, eh?" asked the tall me matter, policemen and scavangers of the city, non and all the artillery would be able to be distributed yearly among the policemen and scavangers of the city, non and all the artillery would be able to be distributed yearly among the policemen and scavangers of the city, non and all the artillery would be able to be distributed yearly among the policemen and scavangers of the city, non and all the artillery would be able to be distributed yearly among the policemen and scavangers of the city, non and all the artillery would be able to be distributed yearly among the policemen and scavangers of the city, non and all the artillery would be able to be distributed yearly among the policemen and scavangers of the city, non and all the artillery would be able to be distributed yearly among the policemen and scavangers of the city, non and all the artillery would be able to be distributed yearly among the policemen and scavangers of the city, non and all the artillery would be able to be distributed yearly among the policemen and scavangers of the city. able horror, I read on it the words, have passed quite close enough to speak then, eh?" asked the tall man. "Antelope-London."

I think, without using any extravathe new and terrible interest raised by she was travelling. it. But what could I do? There was For the last couple of days we had er to do something that went against the boat and its burden floating soft- been steering a south-west course, the his grain. As they spoke they pointed ly away! If I had possessed an axe. wind allowing us to look up no high- to the brig repeatedly. It was all very

let those rotting corpses sink to th depths below rather than wander the ocean in such terrific guise. But I had nothing; and the idea of groping for her plug beneath that festering mass repulsed my imagination to the verge of retching. And now glancing towards the Hebe, I noticed, with thrill of alarm, how distant she appeared to be, looming indistinctly, a pale smudge, the very phantom of a ship, athwart a mist that was fast rising off of a gun, then another, and another, them to my ears of quick impatience and distress.

Rapidly the smother thickened a forgetting aught else. I pulled madly towards the noise of the shots-all the guide I had, for the brig was by this time invisible; and but for those dull echoes out of the mist I should have been quite bewildered-as likely as not making away from, in place of to, the Hebe. And how I blessed the presence of mind in my darling that had induced her to think of the only possible mode of indicating her whereabolats! Even when actually close alongside almost hitting her, so thick head I must have missed the vessel.

secretly, it made me proud and happy less Hebe. to see such depths of emotion stirred for my sake in one usually so calm and self-possessed. But not until found her, at last, soothed and tranqual would I tell her the result of my trip, and then not in full; although I think. I need not have feared, had I so wished, seeing that for a time all things seemed swallowed up in deep thankfulness for my rescue and unharmed presence beside her.

But what of the Antelope? What awful misfortune could it be that had overtaken her, to send that ghastly boat-load of corpses to roam the sea unburied? Whatever it was, it must have been disaster, sudden and pitiless. For a moment it struck me as just possible that this very boat might have been lowered for me when I fell overboard, and that the ship had failed to pick her up. But on going back and thinking over the state of the weather at the time I saw it was well-nigh incredible such a thing could happen. And surely I must have seen something of them next day! No. I felt certain in my own mind that the Antelope had come to grief in some terribly complete manner-a foreboding, as you will see later, fully realized.

A day or two after this incident whilst at work in the galley, I heard Helen, at the wheel, cry out and point away on the port bow.

Jumping on to the forecastle-head I saw a vessel which like the Aurora, had altered her course to speak us. This one, however, had crept up durling the night, unperceived until now. We still kept our distress-signal flying garded the keeping a strict lookout, might and main. In a moment she jumped to the day- especially after our experience with I began to think that our chances of And what do you want?" silent turging had led me into; and arriving at Capetown, or anywhere The speaker was a tall, sunburned,

Scanning the eastern horizon, I saw as my eyes caught the above inscrip- evidently from a steamer, but too far to pick her up and get into her." tion. my very soul shook within me at away to tell just yet in what direction

in our topsails, and also get the dingey sticking to it. on board, for we had let it tow astern ever since my mad trip after the dere- other hundred yards away from each lict boat. At the best ours was only other; and I was keeping an eye to the higgledy-piggledy sort of navigation; group aft, when all at once a startled and although far from tired of it in exclamation from Helen drew my atand although far from tired of it in exclamation from the forepart of Four Falls, Victoria Co., N.B. such company as my beautiful ship tention to a souther mother mot pleased to see four or five strapping ment I saw a man, clad in a suit of pleased to see four or five strapping ment I saw a man, shake himself lost my balance and fell from a bent A.B.'s dumping down their round-bot- clear of the crowd, knock a couple of badly injuring my back property and the couple of badly injuring A.B.'s dumping down their round-bot- bright blue dungated and fell from about tomed bags in the Hebe's forecastle, clear of the crowd, knock a couple of badly injuring my back. For real tomed bags in the Hebe's forecastle, them head over heels, and jumping on suffered with the injury and real tomed bags. tomed bags in the Hebe's forecastle, clear of the crowd, and jumping on suffered with the injury and swarming up her ratlines, and putting them head over heels, and jumping on suffered with the injury and at the swarming up her ratlines. 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However, and swim for the Hebe. the vesesl and cargo I had by this time and swim for the Hebe. the vesesl and cargo I had by this time and swift I Martin!" suddenly scream- and stopped doctoring. My back he got to look upon as a kind of trust ed Helen, grasping my arm with both got so bad that when I got to look upon as a kind of trust ed Helen, grasping my arm with both got so bad that when I would stop take hands, "it's my father!" myself, and I was determined to take hands, "it's my father!" myself, and I was determined to take and I was thrown all aback straightened up again. When I would no risks. Help, I argued, must come with disbelief, for I had not seen the mow with a seythe for at last, if only by means of vessels, re- with disbelief, for I had not seen the porting me at their destination; and man's face, so quickly had the occurtime without stopping it would rence taken place. And how Helen could me so that it seemed meanwhile I would do the best I could, rence taken place. And how Helen could me so that it seemed as if meanwhile I would do the best I could, lence taken be so sure of the thing bothered me. scarcely endure it, and I would without killing myself by unnecessary be so sure of the thing bothered me. scarcely endure it, and I would without killing myself by unnecessary be so sufe to repeating, 'It's my fath- on the handle of my scythe in labour and worry. Truly, I had seen But she kept repeating, 'It's my fath- to get ease and straightful to get ease and the hot, oily water. Even as I stared enough of ocean's awful work lately er! my father!" with a very insist- to get ease and straighten up there came to my ears the faint report to make me careful; and that last ex- ence of certainty that there was no re- other times I would be laid of a gun, then another, and another, bearing something in the sound of perience! Why, even still, o' nights, sisting. Glancing at the head of the tirely. After some years of I awoke wet with cold sweat, after swimmer, bobbing up and down in the I was dreaming that I was in the dingey, little waves, my first notion was to Williams' Pink Pills, dreaming that I was in the dingey, little damp it into the dingey's painter, slip cided to try one box. Before I her dreadful, grewsome crew of dead down it into the boat, and scull to the finished it I saw the pills were help her dreadful, grewsome crew of dead down the man's assistance. But just then I no me. I bought six boxes more and rotting men, whilst through the man's assistance lowering her seven boxes more and haze afar off came to me Helen's voice ticed the barquentine lowering her seven boxes completely cured me crying faintly and more faintly as we quarter boat, and by the shouts and is three years since I took them and drifted away from each other.

CHAPTER VII.

As the barquentine drew closer, she let go the sheets of her three fore and aft topsails, letting them hang to the crosstrees in great bunches of canvas. Then, squaring her fore-yards and hauling her tremendous boom amidships, was the fog, but for the report over- she lay stationary, or nearly so, not a hundred yards away. Big and heavy As I clambered on deck a dim figure as she was, her crew handled her like came swiftly towards me, making with a top. Of fully 1200 tons burden, she wide-open arms as if to embrace me; was down the water aft, with a sheer then all at once, with a quick cry, it in her from the elliptic stern to well seized both my hands, exclaiming: "Oh, forward of the fore-rigging, curving to I thought I had lost you, and it near- a fine, free, gamecock-headed, graceful ly killed me!" Then, still holding my bow, which, added to her immensely hands and laughing and sobbing bys- lofty, raking masts and spreading terically, she led me aft, and brought breadths of canvas, gave her in some food and drink to me, all the while, by measure, to my eye, in spite of the turns, upbraiding herself for sending red ensign, streaming from her halme on such an errand, and giving yards, the air of a great bird of prey thanks to God for my safe return. And, about to pounce on the naked, defence-

> All at once, amidships on her decks, I caught sight of something that made my heart jump half-way to my mouth. The object was the stern of a boat, with on it a large gilt rising sun-an emblem the memory of which I was not likely to forget.

> I said nothing to Helen, who, having helped me to back our main-topsail, was now standing near me; but taking the glasses, tried to make the thing, out more plainly. Yes, there was no doubt about the device; but then other boats besides the one might carry such a mark. And, owing to the deep shadow cast by the main-boom and part of the sail. I could observe only a portion of the stern; the rest lay almost in darkness.

> The barquentine was strongly manned, for fully five-and-twenty faces peered at us over her bulwarks. And such faces were they that, as I glanced at them, I made up my mind at once, in this case at least, to forego my usual application for assistance. There was -American negroes, Kanakas, Malays, -and half-castes of varying grades of yellow, from that of a new saddle to the deeper tint of a roasted coffee-bean. No, no, I wanted no such cattle as those on board the Hebe!

-not so much with the hope of speak- was her custom now when anything which carried away the embankment, the First Psalm. One fiery young to but I could not stand idly by and wit- ing ships and borrowing men as to was to be seen, stood near us, her two as well as the last car of the train- horter in the meeting, with exemplant ness her distress, so I said: "If you obtain information respecting the fore-feet cocked up on the brig's rail, a goods van fortunately. Close be- good taste, confined his remarks to will help me to lower the dingey, I'll long-boat. Truth to tell, I think we and by the expression of her knowing hind the tunnel the ends of the rail those of his own age. "I's nuffin to pull over and see if there is anybody were getting a little careless as re- face, criticising the stranger with were hanging free over a precipice, and say to-night," said he, "to disrupt de

"Hello!" shouted one of the men the Aurora. Evidently, to get the in response to my hail of Barquenloan of men from any ordinary vessel | tine, aboy!" "What's the matter with was well-nigh hopeless; and, unaided, the brig? Where's your crowd got to?

I saw her wave her hat, and heard her else, were quite problematical, even if not ill-looking man, with black mousvoice coming to me in recall. But al- the weather held as fair as it had done tache and whiskers, clad in a sack suit ready I was half-way; and determin- for so long, which was quite too much of gray tweed, wearing a Cape "smasher" hat of soft felt, and puffing lei-Within the last few days we had, surely at a big cigar. He might have until I was alongside the little dere- too, struck an easterly current, and been an American or an Englishman the Hebe's drift o' nights was pretty from his speech; as a matter of fact, Looking over into her. I saw some- considerable. Clipper as she was, the he was, as we learned later, an Afrithing that made me start back with brig, under her present canvas was kander-father and mother Dutch-

question about the boat; and explain- evening. Why didn't you sit right de suvices in dis church will all be ed that I'd be obliged for as much help down on him when he said you could discontinuered ontil yo' fricassee de

As I finished the man, without giving me any answer, turned to the oth- nocent as she could. ers; and the three conversed apparently with some little excitement, to as if their last moments had been mizzen, and jigger masts, clothed in Then the tall one shouted: "No, I havn't seen any boat like the one you describe; but we'll keep a good lookout. Who did you say was in her when she went adrift?"

one at all was in her. And my eye lotus, the red poppy, the leaves and wandering , whilst he spoke, over the flowers of the pomegranate, of the safbarquentine, I noticed that the main- fron and of the crocus. gaff had been quietly lowered until the sail completely hid the boat; and this rendered me more than ever sus-There must I could too easily see, have her she luffed till all her widespread picious that there was something been others. Ugh! it was a gruesome wings fluttered and shook like those of wrong. However, I replied that it was sight; and giving the boat a shove off, some monstrous sea-fowl preening it— just possible that Major Fortescue, the who has died in Aberdeen, has left pro- pensioners, etc. The actual fighting who has died in Aberdeen, has left pro-I had slipped my oars to return, when, self; then jibbing, she hoisted British owner of the brig, might have been in perty valued at £13,000. The interest army and navy numbers roughly the long-boat

"Well, no," I said; "we can't be sure local Constable to the testator's sist- kins, he may be said to cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost the notation of kindness done by a solutely useless without local cost and local cost the notation of kindness done by a solute local cost the local cost the notation of kindness done by a solute local cost the l as nobody saw him go overboard. Still, er 50 years ago. gant figure of speech; I may say that, athwart the sky a faint stain of smoke, there's every chance he did manage

At this they had another confab, two of them apparently urging the speak-

set me seriously thinking of obtaining boat, and were simply arguing as to help to put an extra reef or two the advisableness, or otherwise, of

The vessels had by this drifted anspected and well known farmer years ago while working in a bent it, but in vain. I at last gave up hope

over it was almost impossible

commands, plainly audible at that short my back has not troubled me sine distance, I made out that, at all risks, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are an the escaped one was to be captured valuable medicine and I highly recon and brought back again. So, pausing mend them to any person suffering right at the taffrail, I bent another likewise. I consider that if I had pair line to the one already fastened to the \$10 a box for them, they would be painter, and telling Helen to run be- cheap medicine." low and bring up the big express rifle, let the dingey drift down towards the swimmer, who, I could see, was going well and strong. And now that I had a good view of his face coming to- humors in the blood, such as scrottly wards me, I saw that it really was the chronic erysipelas, etc., all disappear old Major himself.

before a fair treatment with Dr. Wil The barquentine's gig was, with three liams' Pink Pills. They give a health hands in her, pulling for the man, who glow to pale and sallow complexing had already covered half the distance Sold by all dealers and post paid a between the vessel and the Hebe's din- 50c. a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by a gey, but who, of course, stood no show dressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine against such odds, and was being rap Co., Brockville, Ont. Do not be po idly overhauled. Asking Helen to tend the line, and keep veering it out, caught up the rifle, and taking careful aim, so as to injure none of the men, I sent a bullet clean through the bottom of the pursuing boat, making the Curtons Words Which the Negroes les white chips fly where it struck.

To Be Continued.

A WET COUNTRY.

Remarkable Experience of a Train in the Island of Ceylon.

The railroad which, with its branches, connects Colombo, the capital of Ceylon, with the interior of the island, is remarkable for the engineering skill shown in its construction, and for its prosperity. It makes an ascent of thirty-five hundred feet by a succession of loops and curves, with here and there a tunnel. The chief difficulty in running the railroad is due to the way in which the rain comes down. A recent book of travel, "A Run Round the Empire." describes what the rain not a single white man amongst them did to a train crawling up the mountainside.

On December 27, 1896, eleven and a half inches of rain fell in twenty-four hours. The engineer of a train saw that beyond a certain tunnel the line On a small monkey-poop, but for was washed away. He stopped the which she was flush fore and aft, stood | train, and the passengers got out. One a group of three men all whites, who of them, seeing stones rolling down devoured the Hebe with their eyes, the mountainside above them, advised staring aloft and around in a gaze the engineer to push for the tunnel. that came always back and settled on Just as the train entered the tun-Helen and myself and Nan, who, as nel, down came a huge mass of rock, sitle o' David," and proceeded to real

a similiar condition existed not far feelin's o' yous ole daddies and mair

A messenger came down from a dem sinners back dar by de do. planter's bungalow above the tunnel None of the prayers were good Eng to say that water was accumulating lish, but, "We bow down on de bended in the cutting in front, and that if it an syndicated knees of our body 10 broke through the debris which served beg a humble blessin' somehow seem as a dam, it would wash the train out ed to get singular emphasis from the of the tunnel. The passengers hast- imported adjective; and "O Lord de ened to leave the cars, and in walking libber us from upsettin' sins, an prop through the water in the cutting found | us up on de tippin'-over side," certails it up to their breasts.

A PAIR OF INNOCENTS.

Mamie, said the father, who looked of the pulpit, which he had long tried as innocent as he could, I accidentally in vain to persuade his shiftless par-Very shortly I gave them the head-overheard some of your conversation ishioners to fresco, and he pronounced ines of our story; select the nend of the nend overheard some of your conversation ishioners to fresco, and he pronounced as would shove another reef in our begin economizing by both using the abscess." same chair?

I did papa, and she also looked as in- close with, though there is no hady

ANCIENT PRESERVED FLOWERS Well-preserved flowers discovered at fatigue of listening to the forty-mile Dahsourh in Egypt, in tombs of the ute discourse. imes of the Pharaohs, have just been "Well, boss," re replied, "I t'ink you placed in the Cairo Museum. The com- went by a lot o' mighty good stopping Now, I had not mentioned that any monest of these were the white or blue places."

SINGULAR BEQUEST.

is to be distributed yearly among the 000 men. As the great ironclads car in recognition of kindness done by a solutely useless without Tommy

INLAY AND OUTLAY.

What a beautiful specimen of inlaying! exclaimed the guest. or any tool whatever fitted for the wind allowing us to look up no high-work. I would have pursued it, and driven a hole through its bottom, and a marked fall in the harometer.

Yes, replied Mr. Cumrox, as he put his hands behind and tiptoed complation one that the barometer it to the brig repeatedly. It was all very his hands behind and tiptoed complations accident below his hands behind and tiptoed complations. You in one ear. He stumbled in a field control of the barometer in the harometer in the barometer i work. I would have pursued it, and first time I had noticed such for a clear view of her decks, beginning to suspect, as I did, that they had the presents.

| Curious; and I would have given much cently, but that isn't anything. You in one ear. He stumbled in ought to have seen the outlay it red the drum.

YEARS OF SUFFERING.

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Rheumatism.

nervous headache.

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DARKY ENGLISH

Express Their Opinions,

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Brought About by a Fall in Which the Was Severely Injured-The Pub Times Almost Unbearable. Mr. Gec. F. Everett, a highly a

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THE TREE LOVERS.

grew in the fringe of wo at the foot of the homestead ere ran like a silver ribbon a ling summer rill; spruce and a maple leafy-s together they grew at hardly a lance of sunlight pierce their greenness throu

eir mingled branches swayin ever a cooling shade r the strip of emerald gr where the happy children d a slender lad and thoughting dreamy eyes of blue, id the tree was a maple maid the spruce her lover true. fancy pleased the children.

cies children will, it gave them a sense of fri with the trees below the h if the spruce and the maple life to their own akin, d beneath their bark imp beat human hearts within. saw how the maple nest the spruce's sheltering side his rugged, green arms clas with fond protecting pride

was the taller and strong the more graceful tree, never could human love kind and faithful be hen the winter snows wer and the winter winds wer be gray-cloaked bride was but the sturdy spruce was a and when the springtime thrilled all the woodlands tender tints of the man blent with his somber hus

Il through the days of summ talked and whispered low, While the gentle west-winds their branches to and fro; nd in autumn the little mapl splendor and crimson gratood proudly close to her love rugged and dark array.

from the ken of the homest But the trees, thro' seasons m green and faithful still. Still nestles the little maple knightly lover's side, And still the spruce-tree shelt his mighty arms his brid Though the winter winds an

he children have grown and w

but the closer drawn are t As fond as when summer s among their branches play Time passes o'er them as ligh does o'er the ribbon rill. There, as each season passes, foot of the homestead hi

FIVE EXCELLENT FARM D

No. 1.—Beefsteak, plain bot

toes, baked corn, celery, c

steak is not cut more the

fourths inch thick, have the

the stove until it gets hot.

steak on it without pounding

very tough, turn it immediate

keep turning for two minutes

er, if you do not wish it ra

a hot plate ready, and when

is done lay it on the plate, see

salt and pepper and a litt!

place in the oven a few minu

in ready. Baked corn: One

1-2 teaspoon salt, 1-2 cup mil

spoons butter, put all in a ba

and bake 40 minutes. If the

very dry more milk should

Rice pudding: One qt. milk

sugar, 3 tablespoons raw rice

spoon salt, nutmeg to taste, n

gether and bake 3 hours in

en, stir often. To be eaten

No. 2-Baked chicken, mas

toes, chopped cabbage, boil

zelery, bread custard puddi

ed chicken: For a chicken v

lbs. allow 3 cups crumbled

tablespoon butter, 1-2 tables

14 teaspoon pepper, mix we

a little chopped onion and ce

ed. Lay lightly in the body

Do not pack as a soggy ma

result. Sew up the opening

the wings and legs closely t

and set away in a cool plac

ready to bake, brush over t

with a wet cloth, then spr

alt pepper and flour. Plac

ered baking pan and bake

When nearly done remove

and brown quickly, basting

the liver, heart and gizzard

er. When the bird is don

from the pan and

gravy from the oil remain

ing the flour in the oil u

brown, then adding the water

the giblets were cooked, an

more as is needed, also mo

needed, and lastly the fine

giblets. Remove the skewer

bird and serve at once. Bre

pudding: One qt. milk, 3 eg

bread, 1-4 cup currants, 1-

ealt, 4 tablespoons sugar.

g desired. Butter the bre

dish beat the yolks of

inch squares and place I

light, mixing with the milk

ealt. When thoroughly mi

and add more sugar if des

this mixture over the bree

on the currants and bake

ate oven. When done beat

the pudding and brown que to eaten without sauce.

able eggs to a stiff froth.

tablespoon flour to one o

out sauce.

pickles, rice pudding. See

'Sam's goin's on is conjurin' his institution, an' disriptin' us all " had the word "disreputable" echoing round somewhere in her head. She made her self understood, and there was piquate cy in her new verb. The colored servant who reported that her mistress was "sick wid nere ous perfection," conveyed the doctors

diagnosis-and sprung a droll possible ity besides. Rev. Egerton R. Young describes to us one of his evenings in an African church in Florida, where the minister announced "de fus' chapter of the EP

mies, but I's jes goin' to consummate

ly left nothing to be desired in direct ness and graphic force. At the close of the service the par

tor called attention to the rain soaked and stained plaster in the recess back

Mr. Young adds a good quotation to twisted English in it. "Pompey, how did you like my serman?" said a vail and rather long-winded preacher to 3 black man who had set under the gallery. Pompey was still aching with the

THE BRITISH ARMY.

The gross cost of the British Army and Navy for 1897 was £41,776,243. 0f this £5,180,089 goes to the "noneffee tive army and navy"-that is, to the tion the total sum. Thus when Tommy stands up before the enemy he costs the nation £176, or more than the weight of a hollow statue of him is pure gold would cost

A curious accident befell a boy