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lage and asked his way. They pointed soldier's arm with his gnarled fingers. out to him the little farm near the "I had only him, you understand. crossroads, 500 metres further on. All the others died off. But I had him.

He started off again with his swing- and that was enough. I haven't him ing step, both hands in his pockets any longer. When I go we shall all be and a small black package under one gone." arm. But as he drew near his destina- Feverishly he took a few steps and tion his pace slackened and his face then came back. was clouded with embarrassment. Reaching the farm, he halted, had a last spasm of hesitation and swore be-

tween his teeth. "There's nothing else to do. I must go through with it.' Tossing away the stump of his ciggrette, he pushed open the door of the

well-to-do peasant. To the left were

"What do you want?" he called. dier asked politely. He spoke with a slight Parisian accents "Yes," answered the old man.

"What do you want with me?" "I have something to tell you." was in his shirt sleeves and stopped raised his head. at the foot of the ladder to put on "Tell me how it happened." cloth can was pulled low over his gray that happen at the front. It was a nine out of ten hands will be wildly face. But his little eyes sparkled and killed outright. Three others were

Well, what is it?" the older man

int he?"

"He isn't-2 He jsn't-2" The old man was panting. The sol- package, but didn't open it.

There was a silence, broken only by my heart.

table, motionless, his eyes fixed on here?" the wall ticked monotonously.

mered. "We must be brave."

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but to die. There is nothing else!" He let himself sink into his seat, "You mustn't say that," murmured the soldier. "There are things to be

hend. Stiff white hairs stood out from shell. There were six of us in a the many wrinkles of his furrowed group. Martel and one other were his mouth was firm and energetic. | wounded. I hadn't a scratch. It was for a moment the two gazed at each just before we were going to be re-

He paused and began agains? I come from the front," the soldier We talked together. "He spoke to me correct, version of what you said. began "from the front, where your about you and about farming and the Half may be able to give a more or soil. He loved the soil. And he made "Well?" said the farmer, his ex- me promise to tell you if anything happened to him. And to bring you "Pierre Martel-he's your grandson, his effects when I could. So, as the thing about it. accident happened only some days ago Grownups are no better. Who-can "Well?" the old man exclaimed for and I knew that I was going to get a tell on Monday more than an occasionthe second time. His voice was hoars- furlough, I came myself instead of al remark the preacher made on Suner now and his neck twitched convul- writing. I thought that perhaps you day? Even the announcements are had already heard. Here are his ef- mixed. Was the social to be on Tues-"I see that you don't know. Some- fects," the soklier added, putting the day or on Thursday night? You don't cold, boiled potatoes, fry in hot driplittle black package on the table.

eyes that that was useless. So he ly. "He knew how to choose his friends the rest absorbed in something else. set, and serve very hot.

The soldier followed and found him you have time to go there, now that pleasure to be enjoyed.

Some minutes passed. A clock on ged his shoulders.) I have no one. I tent of their power, seeing, too, what made of windfall apples that would Finally the soldier ventured to put ed me Dufour, from the street in which his hand on Pierre Martel's shoulder. I was found. My home—it is the first while you stay in a rut, this is one big ples and cut in quarters. Reject all "We must be reasonable," he stam- lodging I come across. In Paris I work factor in success. You can use your in the Faubourg St. Antoine as a car- ears, too, to listen to everything which "I had only him," whispered the old penter. My comrades are all scatter- bears on your job. Listen to sugges-

Pere Martel looked at him.

question somewhat different from the all defend—that which belongs to what it meant to him and to draw from

There was another silence. "All that I have done all that have done," mumbled the old man "All that-it can't be that it is lost Since he is no longer here, it will be must say that there is, my boy! But it is hard. It is hard. I can't be- Martel. lieve it," he cried suddenly, and began

"You must have something to do. This I am going back to fight." is the time for autumn seeding-" That's true. And then it is time to watch the soils that need draining, and to harvest the vegetables. But that. But I'm going to keep on growhow do you know about seeding time?" he asked, surprised at the other's sug-

"You must keep busy," said Dufour.

He told me," Dufour explained. The soldier had stopped in the vil- He straightened up and grasped the "He thought only of that-of farming

fighting. So you understand, I haven't ing about how things were going here add four tablespoonfuls of grown given up anything in order to guards and wondering if you could get mustard to two quarts of vinegar a That cannot be. The soil, you see, the

He repeated the word again and Did you ever eat a school lunch that it the force with which to combat his

"I shall come back to see youbody. It must be of use. Things must I must hurry off. It's near my train We time. I am sorry to leave you, but I Did you ever stop to ask the reason

> "Where are you going?" asked Pere The soldier looked at him in sur

"You know very well-to the front.

The old man got to his feet. "Not like you, my boy. I can't do ing what the others must eat. And as the soldier returned to the war the old man returned to his fields. To keep us well and help to learn an (The End.)



Seeing and Hearing.

Modern efficiency sharks are telling us that we use only ten per cent. of our brains. If we would but exercise In potting, place a piece of broken pot or some coarse ashes over the hole the dormant ninety per cent., there is ing from morning to evening, it was no height too high for us to scale, no in the bottom to secure drainage. Fill for him. When I sowed, it was for depth too deep for us to plumb, ac- the pots half-full of soil, set the bulbs him. When I reaped, it was for him. cording to men who go about making so that the tops are at least one inch What use am I to myself? Will you we see not, ears to hear but we hear not, is the crushing indictment hurled the top for water. at us, and therein lies our failure to

Everyone who has eyer taught school or had any experience with few weeks. The old peasant climbed down. He After a long silence the old man humanity in the mass, knows that the last statement is true. Announce a lesson to a class, and five minutes asking what to-morrow's lesson is to

be. Probably half of the class will sunny window with a temperature insist that you didn't give out any, Make a statement before the whole room full of children to-day, and to-"We were comrades, Martel and I. morrow not more than one can give a less garbled account, and the other half will swear they never heard any-

Pere Martel laid this hand on the know because you didn't hear. And pings until well browned, season with you didn't hear-not because you are salt and pepper. Beat two or three dier wanted to protest and to soften "I thank you, in spite of the suffer- deaf-but because only one tiny brain the news. But he read in the other's ing you have caused me," he said slow- cell was concerned with listening and

my boy did. I-thank you with all We don't concentrate on the thing green tomatoes. Pack in a big crock in hand. That is the real reason for or jar one-half peck of the tomatoes. a deep groan. The old farmer's face "You don't need to. I promised him most failures. Instead of doing the He receiled a couple of steps, seemed The old man struggled to control thing of the moment and doing it solt and two current where right, we let our attention wander to "And your home?" he said. "Will the next job to be done or to the next

> ere?"
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> Your own particular job brings you to success. Using your eyes to the eyTo can apple sauce, which can be makes your neighbor forge ahead ed here and there, wherever there is tions and to criticisms, whether they skins. Place the pulp in a saucepan, are made in kindness or not. One big help to failure is to shut our ears to criticism. None of us really enjoy having our faults pointed out, but if we really want to grow, there is one of the best aids known to man. hurts, of course, sometimes, but only

> > the foolish refuse to profit by it. Listening is a habit which mothers should try to inculcate in children How much nervous energy we waste telling them the same thing over and over again. I wonder if their lack of attention is not largely due to our own? Do we stop what we are doing and insist on their attention when we give a command or make a request? Or do we shout it over our shoulder as we hurry by them, intent on our job while they are equally as intent on their own? I wonder if we took the time directly after breakfast to have the orders of the day given out to boys and girls who were required to sit still and listen, if we could get through a day with just once telling? It would be worth trying a few times at least.

Buibs for Indoor Blooming.

It is not yet too late to pot bulbs for indoor blooming. Hyacinths, tulips, narcissus and jonquils are best suited for this purpose. A good soil for potting bulbs is composed of onehalf part well decomposed turfy loam, the remainder well-rotted stable mamure, leaf-mold and sand. These should be well mixed together.

The size of the pot depends on the

size of the bulbs and upon the effects

leaving at least one-half inch space at After all have been potted and labeled they should be well watered and placed in a cool, dark cellar for a The secret of success in bulb forcing is perfect root development. begun well?" Therefore, be sure that the pots are Hub (turning over viands)-"Erhis sabots which he had left there. A "It happened the way things like after the children return to their seats full of roots before putting them into yes. a higher temperature. By bringing know." waving and Johnny and Mary will be in a few pots at intervals of from eight to ten days, and placing in a

Tested Recipes.

from 60 to 65 deg. F. a succession of

flowers may be had for months.

Apple sauce is easily made thus: Fill a stone crock with pared and quartered apples. Pour over them a mixture of sugar dissolved in sweet cider, equal parts. Cover the jar closely and set in a very moderate

hearty and economical dish. Slice eggs slightly, add salt, and pour over

spices. Put a weight on them, then cover with cold water. The tomatoes In the big kitchen, seated beside a you have put yourself out to come Without a doubt, concentrating on keep indefinitely if kept under the will be fit to use in two weeks or will

otherwise go to waste, core the apimperfect parts. Steam the apples until soft, then rub through a colanreturn to the fire and heat thoroughly. Pack while hot in sterilized jars, seal at once and process ten minutes in a hot water bath. Sweeten the sauce when about to serve, adding sugar to taste, and heat until the sugar is dis-

solved, then cool and serve. Pickled cauliflower is much liked. To make, cut up two cauliflowers and three red sweet peppers, from which the seeds have been removed, and add one pint of small white onions. Dissolve half a pint of salt in enough water to cover the vegetables and let them stand in this brine over night. Next morning drain off the brine, then

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A need of something warm, like pigs and cows? didn't? Well, we youngsters have, you bet. And we can tell you grownups al

Our work at school with vim and

strength and punch.

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To-day. Be swift to love your own, dears, Your own who need you so;

Say to the speeding hours, dears, "I will not let thee go. Except thou give a blessing; be used. For tulips and narcissus, a Force it to bide and stay. four-inch pot is large enough, the size Love has no sure to-morrow. increasing with the number of bulbs. It only has to-day.

Swifter than sun and shade, dears, Move the fleet wings of pain; The chance we have to-day, deare, May never come again.

Joy is a fickle rover. He brooketh not delay, Love has no sure to-morrow. It only has to-day.

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the pine trees say to me. I think their way of talking would be no better than mine If I were as sure and simple an

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pect and admiration of other men On this earth we have not much on. portunity to live alone, and it is a fact Tipping with rayless fewels the low to be deplored. All strong natures live much alone. Even when surrounded by crowds of men and women, they are as though alone for they are thinking largely thelf own thoughts and living largely their own

I have often envied the opportunt ties of olden days, when men lived the lives of bermits, dwelling off in some forest or on a mountainside, when they cultivated a little garden and lived their lives sometimes, at least te in useful labor. Some of them were work of interpreting the laws of hature, then little understood, and some You can not lift up the people upon engaged in earnest thought of the spiritual and the beautiful side of the world; they learned to know well the trees and flowers and the skies and water, and to see in them and in the universe very much more who dwelt in cities could see. From them came great and imperishable things in literature. I do not know that art ever came from a hermit's cell-art is an expression of the human that mingles with his fellow man and sees in him possibilities beyond what others dream. But great things in literature come from within, from men communing with the quiet world. learning to love it and understand it. and at last to express it.

From such a life came our most wonderful sacred poems and songs. Do you think that any man, or any company of men, could in this age of steam and daily newspapers write a "Te Deum"?

What the man did when he was alone might have been good, but paturally it was often selfish. There are exceptions to that, of course; there are records of men, hermits, who vountarily maintained roads and bridges and hung lanterns to mark fords to those who crossed rivers. These men had eithern strong innerited sense of their brotherhood to man or else had once lived with men, and learned how hard the pathway is for many, and longed, with love in their longing, to make it easier for them. Why does he do it? If it is a worthy

thing that he has done, you may be sure that there has been love behind it. He has had in his heart love for one woman, maybe, for wife and child ren, maybe. Either motive is, good and natural and necessary, but if he has done a thing that we call really and truly great, he has in him more of love than that which goes out to wife and children; he has felt a flooding love through him that took in a large part of the human race

There comes a time in every human soul when there is a feeling: "Why I am a part of this wonderful world. I must set out to see what I can do to make it as happy and as pleasant and as clean as it can be.

If he has loved wife and children and his near neighbors, he has made useful citizen, and done all that we could reasonably ask of him. If he has reached out and loved more mankind than that, and has been re cognized and given opportunities, he has developed into a crue statesman And if he has had a very great love. with also a compelling strength that never tired, and a hatred to go with it, and all that hurts his fellew men, then you have a man -J. W. -----

### A Famous Street.

Rambling through the West End of London, one comes across those me dallions which tell that such and such a house was the residence of some statesman or poet, but it is seldem two, less three, can be found might be asked: "Which street London has been most favored by

It might be thought that this was a hard question to answer. On the contrary, it is easy, for, just as Florence is ahead of every other city as the birthplace of great arcists and poets. so Cheyne Walk has housed more distinguished men and women than any ether London thoroughfare. Leaving out Sir Thomas More, and

others who lived on the site before it was laid out, we find among its inhab tants, in the nineteenth century alone. Holman Hunt, who painted there many of his best pictures; the great Turner, whose house remains to-day almost unchanged; Mrs. Gashell. who wrote the biography of Charlotte Bronte; Rossetti, the poet-painter, who was the model for Holman Hunt's "Light of the World," which may be seen in St. Paui's Cathedral; Algernon Charles Swinburne, the poet; Meredith, the novelist, who after wards lived for thirty years at the foot of Box Hill; George Ellot, the authoress of "Adam Bede"; and Whistler, the famous artist, who found so much of his inspiration on the Thames, close at hand

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