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LE Marigages and other Real Estate Se- very small practice; not that he lacked curities purchased, or advances made on ability, but he was awkward in his person

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will I share it with you and your darling he felt that he had played a capital joke or Emma! Surely the good God has heard somebody,

The Mother's Partwell. and answered my prayer." The doctor who had little preparation to Top ?" Come bither darling to my side, Prattle and laugh to keep me gay make, started for the city, and Top, who 'li smile to see my girl a bride, But weep to let her go away. hide his exultation at sending off an inof- Doctor." Only a few brief hours to tell fensive man who could barely support him-Mr Alice with the open brow-

Then you must bid your home farewell,

And teach you love from love's own books.

Will be your shield throughout his life-

Flowers cease to bloom and stars to shine

Whose lips will kiss your cares away,

And bloss you in the name of wife.

Read the grave lessons Time and Care Have written on those brows of mine.

Of restless nights and days of pain,

When death embittered wine and bread

But chase these sombre thoughts away-

Long may your lightsome footsteps full

And human sympathies were vain.

They tell of hopes and faces fled,

Upon the sickly, roses pall,

As gladly as they do to-day.

Prattle and smile to keep me gay,

May sunshine gild your wedding day.

A PRACTICAL JOKE.

jamin Top, who thought there was nothing

small store and kept almost every article

of domestic and agricultural use, and was

thereby pretty well arguainted with all the

proached, our merry friend looked around

Then, folding and directing the lettter

"I'll send him to New York on a fool'

joke was a bachelor about forty years of

The first of April rose bright and clear.

Dr. Scroggins, who was an early riser,

prepared his simple breakfast, and after

some suffering invalid. But no such calls

were made, and the doctor sighed heavily

under the pressure of his disappointment.

"What can hinder my progress?

I would be content to live on bread and

people. But you, my poor sister, who has

already drank deeply of the cup of sorrow,

can I do? Nothing?

acted as a bed at night.

begone for that."

well acquainted with him.

in life to equal a good joke. He owned

My Alice with the open brow,

A friend who ever, day by day,

And, trembling, breathe the marriage vow. You have not known much sorrow, love The doctor, as he wended his way to the city on a fool's errand." Since that glad hour when you was born You've lived as lives the fondled dove. that some old relative (for he had several) the doctor, gravely. And culled the rose without the thorn. A mother nursed your infant years-A mother watched your maidennood

had in imagination, made various disposi- my advantage." Companion of your smiles and toars, tions of it before he arrived at the end of The doctor looked puzzled. And ever thoughtful of your good. his journey. Another scene awaits you now-The daily interchange of looks

> the store of S. & B. dressed, referring him to a middle-aged "You are certainly too wide awake for

but benevolent-looking man. The doctor bowed to Mr. S. and the lat- self," said Dr. Scroggirs. ter said,"Will you walk in and take a chair,

Both gentlemen sat down. About Mr. street, you would hear something to your S. there was an air of expectancy, which the doctor did not fail to notice. "My name is Dr. Scroggins, said he, re-

peating his first introduction. "I'm glad to see you, doctor, said S. owing again.

"I received a letter from your house, directing me to call here, as you had something to communicate that would be to my advantage." "There must be some mistake," said Mr.

There lived in a village not far from New | S., "no such letter has emanated from York C'ty, a gentleman by name of Ben- ng." "Are you sure ?" said the victim, turning pale, and handing Mr. S. the leiter.

"There is no truth in this letter ; I am sorry to say that you have been made the towns-people, as they were likewise victim of an idle and reprehensible jest; today is the first of April."

After looking it over he said :

Mr. Top had played so many pranks on the people around that he would have ling his hands. "Who could have been so mude enemies but for his constant good unkind, so heartless and cruel?" humour, and his ability to soothe the! "Is it then a very great disappointment?" parties he had irritated almost beyond the asked the kind-hearted merchant, struck the city ?" by the doctor's manner; and by a few but

The first of April was Mr. Top's especial sdroit questions, he found out more of his delight, and that was a smart child who bistory than he intended to communicate . uid enter his store that day without be- he discovered also that he was the son of ng made the victim of some trick; so that one of his earliest friends. from more till night of the first day of "Would you be willing to take the posi-April his face was one trend grin, and it tion of resident physician at the -- Hoshappened that all those who sought to pital?" finally ask Mr. S.

eatch him had the laugh turned on them . "To one in my position," said he, "such a place would be most desirable; but I A few years ago, as the first of April ap- do not suppose I could obtain it." "Why not ?" to see who would be a fitting subject for a "I am a a stranger here."

"Can you bring me testimonials of pro-"I must have a first rate one this time," fo sional ability?" said he to himself. "Who shall it it be? "I can - testimonials of the highest Let me think ; ah! I have it-Dr. Scrog- order

gins; yes, it shall be he. What shall I "Bring them to me, doctor, at the send-a love letter? No, he looks too wee earliest possible moment. I suppose you are a man of family !" After considering awhile, Top drew the "I am unmarried." That may be an objection. A furnished

house is provided for the physician, and a "DR. Schoogins, Dear Sir :- Please call man of family is preferred. "I have a widowed sister who would gladly join me."

> "That will do just as well. Bring your testimonials as soon as possible. I think your April fool letter has turned out some thing to your advantage, after all," laugh Affairs turn out to the satisfaction of both

the doctor and the kind-hearted merchant Dr. Scroggins the subject of this heartless In less than a month he found himself and sister settled in comfortable quarters with age. He had beem living in the village a salary of twelve hundred dollars per an only six months, and had thus far gotten a num : moreover, for certain duties requir ed of her at the hospital, his sister received two hundred dollars in addition. and in his manner not very prepossessing, Mr. Top, in the meantime, looked in vain and, being shy and reserved in his disposi-

for the doctor's return, and thought that tion, was but little fitted to push his way the mortification at being made an April into society. He seemed to be very poor, fool and the fear of being laughed at, kept for he rented a small office, supplied himself with the simplest of fare, and his lounge "Where is Doctor Scroggins?" he inquir-

d of one and another. But no one had seen him. Finally he New York on a fool's errand, the first day partaking of it and aranging his office. of April, and he was no doubt ashamed to took his seat to await expected calls for consultation, or to request his attendance on

"Look out for next April," said they the doctor will be even with you then. "It will take a brighter genius than he to fool me," replied Top.

The first day of April came again, and understand my profession," he said, "in Mr. Top expected certainly to hear from not a single instance have I failed to give Dr. Scroggins, who, he thought, relief when called to the bed of the sufering never forgive him. Sure enough, he re-Ab, mo! If I had only myself to care for ceived a letter from New York. He laughed as he read it :water till I could gain the confidence of the

must have more added to it! And what advantage." "Our friend Scroggius is a wit," said he, The deet r pulled a letter out of his caught in this trap. Catch me trudging off Deputy-General-Adjutant-General of Her reducing the ministerial salaries. "I would not trouble you, my dear, kind to New York on a fool's errand. Does he brother," wrote his sister, "knowing, as I think I haven't cut my eye teeth? Dr.

"Mn. BENJAMIN TOP, Dear Sir :- If you

will call at Mesers. W. & H.'s, No .- Wal

do, how poor your prospects are, and how Scroggins don't know this child, patiently you are trying to wait for practice, | don't !" Just at this time the letter carrier stopped sharp for the doctor.

and then read it over for the second time. Dr. Scroggins.

"I am well ; and how are you, Mr

"First rate," replied he, with irrepressible was on the lookout for him, could scarcely glee. "You wasn't sharp enough last April,

"What do you mean?" seif on a needless errand of trouble and ex- doctor "You didn't succeed in getting me to the

city, was so fully possessed with the idea . "I don't understand you, Mr. Top," said had died and left him a fortune, that he .. W. & H.'s, Wall street-something to

"You needn't look so innocent, doctor. I "Can I see one of the gentlemen belong sent you to New York in April, eighteen ing to the firm," asked the dector, entering months ago, and it is but natural that you should wish to pay me in my own coin. "There is Mr. S." said the individual ad- But I was too wide awake to be caught." me now. Will you please explain

> "April before last you received a letter to the effect that if you would call in Wall

advantage." "I did," replied the doctor.

"I called accordingly, and did hear something to my advantage.' "What ?" Top looked very much sur-

prised and disappointed at the same time. "And did you not write me a similar one

sir," said the doctor, in a tone that marked do with him, sir."

"Good morning, doctor," said Mr. Top. The two gentlemen bowed stiffly and parted. Top felt very uncomfortable. He finally decided to call at the place referred | tion, subject to the advice of her Ministers, again returned and went under the bed to in his letter. Thinking it might still be "Is it possible?" said the doctor, clasp- an April fool trick, he made a few purchases for his store and gave his name. "Benjamin Top," said the person with whom he was dealing. "Do you reside in

> Top told him the name of the village in which he lived. "Did you never receive a letter from this

"I did; but as it was dated the first day of April, I thought it was an April fool trick, and never replied to it."

"Far from it," replied the man. old gentleman from Ohio came here about that time, and said he had a brother living in that State, and he was in search of him or his children. We heard that a man by great that he refused an augmentation of him, induced him to follow the animal the name of Benjamin Top lived in your village, and dropped him a line; but as no answer came, we thought the information must be incorrect."

"Where is he now ?" asked Mr. Top. "Dead. Your sister Mrs. Jessup, who resides in this city, answered the letter in person. She took him home with her, and a short time after arriving there he died leaving her the whole of his property. amounting to fifteen thousand dollars."

"He was my uncle." said Top. "Then by not attending to our letter,

Top went home a sadder man than was when he left it. He knew that it would be in vain to appeal to his sister's generosity, for she was a widow, and poor, with five children dependent upon her; he had treated her with unkindness and neglect. and there was little likelihood of her sharing her good fortune with him.

Top was, after all, the real April fool and so great was his disappointment and chagrin that never aftewards was he known to send an April fool letter, or to play trick on one of his friends.

Lord Chelmsford

Lieutenant-General Lord Chelmsfor

. B., the Lientenant-General of the Cape

of Good Hope, and the Commander-in-Chief of the British forces now engaged in the war against the Zulus, and of whom hand, declared that "a more prodent, a when the request to return more brave, a more capable man does not "printed on the corner or end of the exist among the many brave and capable velope." a written request to return men in the British Army," is the second Baron Chelmsford, having succeeded his he was made a lieutenant and subsequent- Macdonald. Then hard times tormed the India. In 1861 he was appointed Acting inveighed against Mr. Mackenzic for not can it be?" said he. "Dear sister, should ing the hand of the physician, and smiling the chief command of the British forces ar-DUBBAM. there be anything in store for me, how freely one of the smiles peculiar to his face when rayed against King Cetways .- Graphic.

Mr. Gladstone.

our way towards some vacant chairs, we to repay him for all his trouble. He will came to a table on which stood a newish return at night to his master's cottage, wet hat, much ruffled and battered; the lin- and tired and coil himself up before a fire, ing was fresh, and the nap, where it did probably of a few sticks, and be ready to not bristle, was glossy; but the general renew his toil next day. condition of the head-dress bespoke hard These sheepdogs have a wonderful detreatment. "See," said my companion, gree of intelligence. When I had a small "this is Mr. Gladstone's hat, and he must farm I was in the habit of having twobe in a vile temper. He always bangs hundred sheep brought a distance of 250 his hat when provoked." The next mo- miles to me. On asking the shepherd who ment the Premier, as he was then, return- brought them the first year how, he got on, ed in agitation to fetch the hat, which he he said he had but a youg dog, and found had forgotten. His step was rapid, his eye much difficulty by the sheep taking wrong feverish, wisps of his grey hair were turn- turnings, going up lanes and bye roads. bled over his forehead as if he had been The Lext year I asked him the same quesfighting ; and upon accosting his colleague, tion. He told me that he had been ache spoke in the most querulous voice of companied by the same dog, who recollectsomebody who had goaded him "beoond ed all the false turnings the sheep had endurance." I learned by and by that all made the year before, and had gone before this fine frezy was due to a Liberal member | them and kept them in the proper road, so below the gangway, who had criticised that he had no difficulty with them. Here some of Mr Gladstone's financial estimates was recollection, intellect, and a certain deamid mocking cheers from the Tory side, gree of reason as well as instinct. He has a very winning voice, soft and The Highland shepherds are firmly congrave. He addresses himself with perfect | vinced that their dogs perfectly understand fluency, and in the finest Englis, never what is said. Indeed, Hogg the celebrated halting for a word; for even when he Ettrick Shepherd, related to me one or two spins out an elaborate series of phrases, in- instances in proof of this, which I am serry tended to obscure hir meaning, he speaks to say I have forgotten, but I will relate straight on, fast or slow, according to his another. A Highland shepherd, speaking temper. A facetious M.P., describing the to a gentleman, said incidentally, "I'm difference between Palmerston and Glad- thinking the coo (cow) is in the corn." stone, as leaders of the House, remarked His dog immediately rose, passed out of his real feelings. "The person who could that when the former was asked on what the house, and climing on the top of the do such a thing must have something bad | day Parliament would be prorogued, he pigsty, which commanded a view of the about his character, and I want nothing to answered by naming the date straight- corn-fild, satisfied himself that the cow was forwardly; whereas Gladstone's style was | not there, and returned to the house. In to observe that "the prorogation of Parlia- order to try the dog, he said, "Deed, sir, ment was a prerogative of the Crown, and the coo's in the tature." - Again the dog

that her Majesty had it within her discre- went out, made his own observations, and to prorogue Parliament when she pleased, sulky, growling and dissatisfied evidently nevertheless (here a cough), that it was disgusted at having been made a fool of. not improbable, unless unforseen circum- A shepherd was in the habit of taking stances arose, that Parliament might be his little son with him, a boy of three or prorogued on or about such and such a four years of age, when he was going to day." On saying that Mr. Glodstone is attend his sheep. He left him one day on apt to lose his temper about little things the slope of a hill, while he went to some one must make a distinction. If Lord distance. On his return he looked and Beaconsfield had ordered a new hat for a hunted in every direction, but at lest went certain hour and it did not arrive, he back late at night to his cottage, and told would get cross. Mr. Gladstone in such a his wife of their loss. Whilst they were

amassed (for he is a connoisseur), and soon | Leisure Hour. afterwards his library of books, which was bought back for him by Lord Wolverton. His readiness to succor all who appeal to his charity is only limited by his means, home on foot, arriving so late that his family had become uneasy. Mr. Gladstone | bodies and lanceolate, deeply fringed wings

does more than give money away, for he that expand 6-10ths or 8-10ths of an inch. has often been known to go and read the Bible to tenants who were bedridden; and this mission of charity he has always discharged in the most natural, unostentious fashion, even when he was Prime Minister. and had work enough to occupy all the -London Truth.

Postal, .- According to the Postmaster General, letters mailed which fail to reach Mr. W. H. Smith, speaking after the sad the parties for which they are intended news of the recent disaster had come to can only be returned to the sender CONSISTENCY !- It used to be a matter

father in 1878, and has been a distinguished of complaint against the Mackenze soldier since his entrance into the army Administration, that it did not lower the at the age of seventeen, in 1844. In 1850 | salaries of ministers as fixed by Sir John ly captain in the Grenadier Guards. He basis of the Opposition argument. Now served in the Crimean War, and wears the the times are even harder, yet Dr. Tupper medal and clasp for service before Sebasto- announces that the two Ministers of Public pol, while he subsequently took an active | Works are each to have \$7,000 a year, and part against the mutineers in the centre of Sir John makes no sign though he loudly Majesty's troops at Rombay, and six years At two o'clock on Wednesday morning, and well brushed and shaken before being

later, then a Brevet-Colonel, accompanied the new flour and gris; mill of Mr. John replaced. In old houses much infested the Abyssinian Expidition as Deputy- Mustard, at Tiverton, was discovered to be Adjutant-General. Being favorably men- on fire. The flames gathered rapid headdid not want press me and my child. It But still the idea haunted him that he tioned in the despatches, he became aide way, and soon enveloped the whole buildyou can spare me a little—ever so little—it might be losing something by not heeding de-camp to the Queen and Adjutant-Gen- ing, leaping out of the windows and doors, all garments, furs, plumes, &c., when laid will come as a blessing, for my extremity the letter, and damped in some degree the eral to the forces in India from 1868 to and destroying everything in the main aside for the summer. To secure cloth pleasure he experienced in having been too Deer. 1874, when he was made a Brigadier- building within an hour. The loss is esti-General, and appointed to the command mated at about six thousand dollars, three solution of corrosive sublimate of mercury and handed the doctor a letter. He open- Five or six months afterward, Top being of the 1st Brigade at Aldershot. Last year thousand dollars insurance, two in the ed and looked at it in perfect amazement, in the city on business, happened to meet he was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Scottish Commercial, Glasgow, and one in leave a white mark on a black feather. the Cape of Good Hope, and on the out- the Western, Toronto. The mill had not Moths may be killed by fumigating the "Something to my advantage! What "How are you, Doctor?" said he, grasp. break of hostilies with the Zulus assumed been working for three days, owing to the been working for three days, owing to the sulphur, or by putting it if practicable into an oven heated to about 150 deg. Pahr—

Some years ago I went to the House of

Shepherd's Dogs.

The late Mr. Jessie, in a lecture at Brighton, told the following mucdotes

about shepherd's dogs :- In Cumberland

there are very extensive and high hills, on

and which at a distance look like little

white specks. A shepherd will stand at the bottom of one of these hills, and send

his dog up in the evening to collect his flock. This the dog will do by selecting

the sheep from the different flocks, and

bring them to his master, there being sel

domone missing. Should there diowever,

happen to be one, the dog is sent back, and

never fails to return with the proper sheep. I have watched this proceeding, and it has

always appeared to me the most wonder-

ful that, in a flock consisting probably of

some hundreds mixed with several others.

a poor dog should be able to distinguish

Commons to see a Minister. He took me each of his masters sheep. A caress on

into the tea-room, and as we were making the head, or a kind word, seem sufficient

case would be likely to put on his valet's sitting together miserable and disconsolate, headdress if he found it hanging up in the they heard a scratching at the door. On hall. He never worried about domestic its being opened, the shepherd's dog came trifles. He is a tender father, a devoted in, which had not before been missed, and husband, a true and good friend. His dis- by his aignificant actions, by pulling the interestedness about money matters is so shepherd's coat and looking earnestly at his salary whilst Prime Minister and left with his lantern, and was led by him to o.fice impoverished. He had to sell a some rocks into which the boy had slipped, goodly collection of china which he had and thus the life of the child was saved. -

Clothes-Moths.

The name clothes-moth, says Prof. C. V. and he frequently returns from a country | Riley, is applied to several distinct but simwalk with his pockets cleaned out, thanks | ilar species of minute moths belonging to to his contributions of gold and silver to the family Tineder, which is their larvae the sick and needy villages. Some months state are very destructive to woolen goods, ago he went out for a walk of about twelve | fur, skins, feathers, and similar substances. miles, intending to return to Hawarden by Among them may be mentioned the train ; but in the evening he found he had clothes-moth (Tinea vestianella), the eargiven away everything, and had not money pet moth (Tinea tapetzella), the fur-moth left to pay for his ticket, so he trudged (T. pellionella), and the hair-moth (Tinea crinella). These Tinede have slender

The antennae and palpi are short and thread-like, and there is a thick orange or brown tuft on the forhead. The colors range from buff and drab and dark gray, The eggs are laid in May and June (the moth dying immediately afterwards), and moments of such a sturdy toiler as himself. hatch out in fifteen days. The young worms at once proceed to work, gnawing the substances within their reach and cov-Acron, March 20 .- The Free Press office | ering themselves with the fragments which was destroyed by fire this morning. The they shape into hollow rolls and line with loss will be small. The building, the pro- silk. These rolls are by some carried on pery of Mrs. Robert Fisher, was insured. their backs as they move along, and by others fastened to the substance they are feeding upon ; and they are enlarged from time to time by additions to the open extremities, and by portions let into the sides which are split open for this purpose. In such ambush the worms carry on their work of destruction through the sammer. rest in a sleeping torpor during the winter; and change to chrysalids early in the spring. They transform again in twenty days, and issue from their shelter as winged meths, to fly about in the evenng till they have paired and are ready to lay eggs. Then follows an invasion of dark closets, chests and drawers, edges of carpets, folds of curtains, and handing garments, and the foundation of a new colony is swiftly laid. The early days of June should herald vigorous and exten minating warfare against these subtle posts Closets wardrobes, and all receptacles for clothing should be emptied their co tents thoroughly exposed to light and air

English Mechanic.

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