### POT VA. KETTLE.

A COMMON EDITION REPRINTED. By the Lowe Farmer.

The drum ecclesiastic resounds in our And the parsons are at it with tooth, nails, and fist :

There's janglings and jars, and a mighty And each, for his own, give a lusty | and when I jerked, it only held me | woman after child-birth, and too bow-wow. And though the event has but little of cash on, Tis conducted in truly an orthodox

The epithets used-save in clerical Would surely be thought most exceed For ourselves, we've no care for their

eingular capors If they'd please us by keeping thom out They've pulpits from which t And hearers, who'll deem all their oddi-

Of the causes of the row, and its merits We know not, and care not, to the tune that means ?-

And disturb us while eating our bacon As far as we know 'tis " a tale of Against which a basin has happened to

The basin and tub that are making the Are both, as we thing, an indifferent Immerse in the one, from the other, And see if you're wiser or better

wrinkle. the sponge, Such a spectre-like question is not worth a lunge : And Collisson, turn a deaf ear to the

And reform it, my good Irlend, reform it away. We say to the Hunter, you're chasing a myth That has neither reason, consistence, nor pith; To the "Cameron men," keep your

own side the border-

and Lauder.

### A THRILLING SHAKE STORY. Told by a Conscientions Young Man-the Reformed Thief,

"Beware of pickpockets!" re-"Dear me, how sad that such a him coil around the milk cup. warning should be necessary in a didn't want to see him fed. Christian land !"

"Yes, sir," said a young man - But it was a lesson for me. next to him ; " but it's best to be put an end to my course of wickedpick pooket once, sir. " Dear me," said the old gentle-

man, starting. "I'm a respectable person now. Yes, mr, I'm very respectable. Ask anybody about Jim Tilks, and they'll tell you that; but I was for his handkerchief. It was gone; brought-up a thief. I was born | so was his purse! They had gone among thieves, and took to the trade naturally, and I used to pick pockets when I was ten years old.

"But, as I said, I was a thief, and I might have been one yet if it hadn't been for what happened at Rickaday station, where I was sitting waiting for an old lady's light is one of the most productive

to do it now—oh no.

"But, as I said, I was lounging about there, and in came a gentle:

man with a long basket. It was German student lamp furnishes the the curiousest basket I ever saw.
Had two handles and a padlock.
Never saw such a basket. There
was a cord about it two. He put it down in the corner as he looked

The chimneys of both may, as above suggested, be advantageously of a light blue tint. for his pocket book, and he spoke to a gentleman who was standing near, and seemed to know him,"

The position of the light in relation to the body of great importance. If a shade is used on the

"Got it," he said, "and it cost lamp or burner (it should, by preme enough, I can tell you. But I lamp or burner (it should, by preference, be of ground or "milk" glass, never of colored glass), the
n't do without it. So proud of it light may stand directly in front of
that I brought it along myself.
Whew! five minutes only, and I to lie in the light under the shade, toward the office. and he pushed which will protect the eyes from the glare of the flame. If no shade

orept up to the basket and took it same rule applies in the manage ment of daylight. In this case the light should come from behind and didn't run of course. I just went alightly above, and fall directly on out of the station and down under the work, whence it is reflected to the trees, and what I meant to do the eye. It should never fall di-was to take the valuables out of it rectly in the face.

was something very valuable, but ence. As a rule, the room during what it could be I could not guess. I took off the cord first, and then I took the key that hung beside the padlock and unlocked that and lift and up the cover a little. Just then there was a noise and I turned my head.

to be afraid of I turned back. I to the impression of intense light. opened the cover wider and peeped | The eyes must have time to accusin, but there was nothing there; tom themselves to the stimulus. the basket was empty-not a thing . Attention should be called to the

injurious, effects that sometimes in it; Why, gracious me! says I; follow reading on railroad cars. only not in them words-I was a | On account of the unsteadings, of

sinner then -- what does this mean; the page, reading under some cir-An empty basket! And what did cums nees a exceedingly trying to he mean by talking of its being the eyes, and should never be pervaluable l' And there I was run- sisted in for any considerable

ning a risk for nothing.

"Well, sir, I thought I should give up just that minute, for then and there I knew that what was twisting about me was something worse than even a policeman's arm to such as Iwas then.

"It was a snake-a great snake -the kind they have in menageries. Boa constrictors-yes, sir, that was the kind-a bon constrictor; and now I remember the face of the gentleman who had the bas kot-he was the menagerie man. I'd stolen a basket with a snake in it, and it had slipped out when They rave about ord'nances-whatever opened the cover, and now it had

> "Tight, sir, was the word for it It was twisted around me until had very little breath left, but with what I did have I set up a yell. Would you believe it, sir, the person that heard it was that menagcrie man. He was looking for his snake, I suppose.'

" Bless my heart, says he, when he saw mo, 'bless my heart. Well, the biter's bit, if it ever happened. My bonnie bold Gordon, do throw up You stole the basket, my friend, and out of it came the thief-catcher. Keep still; don't move for your There's just one chance for

"Says I, hurry please, for I'm

"He did hurry." He took a bottle out of his pecket, and out of another he took a kind of folding cup and opened it. Then he poured something from the bottle into We laugh at these quibbles with Lowis

" ' Milk,' says he, 'it may tempt him away; if not say your prayers, friend;' and I tell you that was an anxious moment for me. 'At first I thought he had dope

for me, for the snake only seemed peated a benevolent old gentleman to twist tighter; but in a minute as he glanced at a placard posted the head poked out toward the cup, in the car in which he was riding and I felt him drop off, and saw

careful, for there may be pickpock. ness. This is my station, sir; ets in this very car. I know all good afternoon. There is not a about that, sir. I've been rescued more respectable or more honest from the lowest depth. I was a young man than I am living now ! good afternoon." " A very curious story," said the

old gentleman-"very. But he's evidently a very conscientious young He put his hand in his pocket

with the conscientious young man. Hints On the Care of the

an insufficient artificial illuminasitting waiting for an old lady's reticule, or any forgetful person's parcel, or even an umbrella or a pocket handkerchief that might have dropped by chance. For folks that's anxious about getting on the right trains at the right time, and nobody to do anything but snub 'em, which is what the officials are apparently paid to do, sin't as careful of their portable property as they would be otherwise. When I was a wicked sinner I used to take advantage of that, you know. You couldn't bribe me to do it now—oh no.

light is one of the most productive causes of a certain class of injuries, to which the ayo can be exposed. The two sources of trouble with the ordinary artificial lights are—first, that they are not pure white, and secondly, that they are unsteady. The first defect is found in all artificial lights except the lime, electric and magnesium lights; the second especially in candles and gas. The yollowness is, in a measure, counteracted by using, in the case of lamps and gas, chimneys of a violet or blue tint, and the flickering of the gas may be obviated

"The other man looked at the back should be turned to the source of light, which ought away, and that was my time. I to full over the left shoulder. The FREE PRESS,

The light in the room during "I'd made up my mind that it sleep is also not without its influstrongest eyes are, after the repose "When I found it was nothing of the night, more or less sensitive

"A risk. I was done for, for | Duringconvalescence from sovere nothing; for here were the police illness the eyes are generally the after me, at least a big arm went last to regain their lost power round my waist, all of a sudden, Especially is this the case with closer, and what was that -- another much care cannot be taken to put as little strain upon the eyes as possible at this time. - Dr. S. M. Burnett, in Scribner for Sept.

How People Get Sick

Eating too much and too fast; swallowing imporfectly masticated food; by taking too much fluid at moals; drinking poisonous whisky and other intoxicating drinks keeping late hours in the night, and sleeping too late in the morning; wearing clothing too tight so as to relax the circulation ; wearing thin shoes; neglecting to take sufficient exercise to keep the hands and feet warm; neglecting to wash the body sufficiently to keep the pores open ; exchanging the warm clothes worn in a warm room during the day for costumes and exposure so incident to evening parties; starving the stomach to gratify a vain and ish passion for dress; keeping up constant excitement; fretting the mind with borrowed troubles; swallowing quack nostrums for overy imaginary ill; taking meals at irregular intervals.

-A French statiscian has taken the trouble to go into elaborate details in reference to the waste of human life by war during the prosent century. The record is a very terrible one. With all the talk about the enlightenment, and progress, and civilization of this somewhat boastful century, war has known little or no interruption during all these seventy-five years. It is needless to particularize. down the years the same sad record holds good, from the great wars of

the French Empire to the present deadly conflict between the Russian and the Turk. And what may be the calculated loss of life caused by this method of settling national disputes, to say nothing of the loss of property? We are assured, on the DHE best official data, that the sum of human life thus sacrificed has in one way and another not been short of two hundred millions. This must include those who have died from wounds, disease and starvation, as we can scarcely see how such a number can be made up of

those who have died on the field of battle. In any case the record is a hideous one, and to all appearance the number of those thus slaughtered will have been wonderfully increased before the century is done. RARE CHICKS .- The St John

N. B., Telegraph has the following: A chicken belonging to Mr. Henry Rudge, of St Stephen, was hatched in the middle of April, and You needn't look at yours. If you please, sir, I've been converted There are, perhaps, more indifour eggs and has continued to lay sire, and go to meeting regular. viduals who ascribe their weakness an egg every day since. Wonder-You could trust me with untold of sight to a use of their eyes under ful precocity in a chicken !

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