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A LONG SEARCH.

Everywhere Kitty had sought the quotation— Browning and Tennyson, Shelley and Lang. Shakespeare she handled with great venera-

Shutting, however, the tomes with a bang. Byron she searched, and Swinburne so burn-

ing—
Gosse, Austin Dobson, Stevenson, Moore.
Leaves of each one she was futilely turning.
Hopeless her search as ever before.

Then wearled, tearful, she angrily flitted Out of the library-rushed she distraught. "Let's give it up," then she pountingly blurted, "For I have forgotten the line that we

-Ezchange.

A SHOWER IN THE VILLAGE.

This Word Picture Somehow Awakens Pleasant Memories.

Over the whole village that stillness reigns which only a Sunday in summer can produce. It is nearing the noon hour, and there is a glare of sunlight everywhere.

The quiet of the streets seems to be intensified as one approaches the corner where the small stone church stands alone. There is a service going on inside, and the rolling music of the organ faintly wafted from within reaches the deserted streets outside. Hows of houses with closed blinds and proccupied doorsteps meet the eye on every side, and down a narrow lane near at hand a freshly painted barn gleams hotly in the flerce sunshine. Three or four pigeons have fluttered to the roof and are sun-

ning themselves and softly cooing.

Near the door of the church a horse and buggy stand, and now and again the animal, bothered by flies, stamps and splashes in the shallow puddle un-

A dog trots lazily up the street and stops on his way to chase and bark at a few belated sparrows. One of the pigeons stalks with dignity across the roof, and another flutters into the air with a whirring sound and disappears.

The sound of the organ has died quite away and only the distant clacking of a disturbed hen breaks the quiet. The sunlight seems to have taken on a darker

A sharp gust of wind sweeps up and down the street and rushes through the folinge of the sleeping trees. The sparrows that occupied the street are not insight. No living thing is to be seen, and the newly painted barn, that a moment ago looked scorohed and blistered, seems to have taken on a cooler tinge. The breeze has died quite away, and there is a moment of supreme stillness.

Then a dull, sulien sound that seems like the roar of a distant train steals upon the air. It comes again, and there is no mistaking it-it is thunder. A flurried hen runs across the lane and disappears behind a board just as three large drops mark the dust covered side-walk. Drops are falling everywhere, and as they increase in number they decrease in size. There is a gentle patter on the sidewalk, cu the house tops, through the trees, which becomes more and more hurried until it generates into a steady rush of failing rain. The landscape is almost shut out from sight.

Slowly and by hardly perceptible degrees the steady rush becomes a patter, and the sun, with sudden brilliance, changes each drop to a glistening dia-

The rain ceases, and the sparkling trees gently shake themselves in the The shower is over .- Walter M. Hg-

ginton in New Behamian.

The nose is intended for breathing. the mouth for speaking and eating. Who has ever seen a horse breathing otherwise than through his nestrils? Minute scientific investigation has revealed the fact that the number of people who breathe through their nostrils are becoming gradually but surely fewer in number. The consequence is that the a thistle's until it has entirely overrun nostrils decrease in size, while it has the old game of "calculation, observabeen found that the prevailing nose is tion, position and tenace," leaving in its quite an inferior organ to that of our place long suits, American leads, plain forefathers.

tions as well as they used to. It is bethat if matters grow much worse we Foster in Monthly Illustrator. shall lose the use of our nasal organs entirely.

It is a well known physiological fact that unused muscles and bones gradually disappear. Fish who live in the dark, for instance, or the mole, who resides underground, become blind. Thus, if we cease to use our noses for breathif we cease to use our noses for breath-ing, they will cease to exist. They will side. Whalebone soaked in warm water become superfluous!-Pearson s Weekly.

A certain rector in a Suffolk village, who was disliked in the parish, had a curate who was very popular, and, on his leaving, was presented with a testi-

"Why, sir," said the old lady, "if you'd bin a-goin, I'd 'ave subscribed double!'-London Tit-Bits.

Queer. illness of my eldest boy?

Doctor-Yes. Mrs. C .- You also tended professionally my first husband, who died?

Doctor-Yes Mrs. C .- Well, my second husband is ill, and I would like you to see him.

Amateurs who undertake to lay a floor should remember that one-fifth more siding and flooring is needed than the number of square feet of surface to

be covered because of the lap in the sidwhich thrificial waterway began in nauseum, ry. Ground was broken for

BLUNDERS OF SPEAKERS.

A Well Known Orator Points Out Some

Humorous Instances. Mr. Joseph Malins, himself a well known public speaker, gives The Wom-an's Signal some amusing instances of the humors of public speaking. It is, he thinks, a lack of facency that causes the speaker so often to blunder. Mr. Malins has listend to a temperance ora-ter deploring the fact that a friend re-Borts to "the frequent use of the daily glass." He heard a nomble lady speaker speak of slum children "brought into the world with no more idea of home comfort than the children of negroes in

One speaker said, "I rise emphatically," and another said, "I stand prostrate with astonishment." Yet another feelingly told his audience that it was "not the platform speaker, but the house to house visitation and the utter-ance of the silent word by the caller which did the most good." The state-ments that "the previous speaker's suggestions were very suggestive" and that another speaker's remarks were "mis-calculated to mislead" Mr. Malins also

Then there is the speaker who always misplaces his "h's" and who prays "that we might be brought to the halter." These was a flight of fancy when the speaker asked, "Suppose if a modern balloon dropped upon an uninhabited island, what would the natives say?" The scientific lecturer said of his com-ing experiment that "all depends upon the present condition of the body about to be created." A town councilor spoke of "the rivers and streams that abus on the borough boundaries." Among Mr. Malin's other examples is the speaker who began with saying, "The proper study of mankind in general is the study of mankind in general," whereupon an urchin in the audience cried out, "You're a-goin in at the same hole you came cut at."

No less embarrassed was the old gentlemen, who, stumbling through an after dinner speech, said, "I-I have no more to say, and so-and so-I'll make a few more remarks." The builder frankly declared he was "more fitted for the scaffold than the platform." Sometimes the chairman errs in welcoming the speaker. A chairman was heard to welcoine a speaker as one "who is always with us, and we wish he would come of ener." Kind was the announcement that "there will be two more opportunities to hear the lecturer once more." It was when the meeting ended that the chairman asked the andience to "cless by singing just one verse of the decology."

BLUE PETER IN WHIST.

The Signal For Trumps First Employed by Lord Heary Bentinch.

There is a house in London which should be the Mecca of all whist players who believe in the new school and the "information" game, a shrine before which they should bow respectfully as the fountain head of all that is modern in the game. This is 87 St. James street, and it is within sight of Marl-borough House. Its fame rosts chiefly on the fact that it was at one time known as Graham's club, and that within its walls Lord Henry Bentinck first introduced the blue peter, or signal for trumps, which consists in playing a higher card before a lower when no attempt is made to win the trick. That signal has been to the whiat fire to the children of Israel For more than 40 years it has led them up and down in the wilderness of arbitrary conventions, but it has never brought them to the promised land of better whist.

The blue peter was the introduction to whist of a purely arbitrary signal or convention, and its seed has spread like suit echoes, four signals and directive Doctors at the present time are frequently asked to operate on noses and to enlarge them. Their owners have found that they do not fulfill their functhe abilities of the tyro, but by curtailginning to be feared by scientific people | ing the skill of the expert -R. Frederic

Mistake is made by many "home dressmakers" in putting on bone casings drawn very tightly. They should be left loose-aven wrinkled-as the bones when inserted will bring them to an hour before using render them more pliable. Belt ribbon should never be sewed to the underarm seams. Bent hooks should be chosen for fastenings, setting on first a hook and then an eye, and so on alternately down the bodice. and it will never unbook of itself. Waist linings are cut an inch longer than the outside to allow for the stretching of the ontside material. The extra

Perfectly Natural. Willie-Dobbs, in all my life I never saw a more natural expression of con-

tompt than you have put in the face of this woman. Who was your model? Dobbs—I used two models at the same time. One was an old maid, and the other had had three divorces. The painting, consequently, is a composite. -Cincinnati Enquirer.

What Did He Mean?

"Do you think that beautiful women are apt to be spoiled?" she murmured. with upturned eyes.

"Your beauty will never spoil you, darling," was his equivocal answer. -Detroit Free Press.

De Myer says that at Hildje, Siberia, 35 below the zero of Fahrenheit, is considered nothing out of the ordinary.

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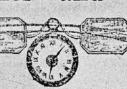
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