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The Story Teller.

To begin at the beginning, I must take you back to the time after my mother's death, alone with my father in the midst of a moor

beautiful rich valley, lying nicely sheltered please." by the high platform of the moor. When the ground began to rise again, miles and miles away, it led up to a country house called Holme Manor, belonging to a gentleman named Knifton. Mr. Knifton had lately married a young lady whom my mother had nursed, and whose kindness and frienship for me, her foster-sister, I shall remember gratefully to the last day of my life. These and other slight particulars it is necessary to my to bear them well in mind.

My father was by trade a stone-mason His cottage stood a mile and a half from the nearest habitation. In all other directions we were four or five times that distance from neighbors. Being very poor people, this lonely situation had one great attraction for uswe lived rent free on it. In addition to that advantage, the stones, by shaping which my father gained his livelihood, lay all about him at his very door, so that he thought his posi-

side and renced outside with wood, the girt of ed and made some resistance, but she easily way of an obstacle between starvation and his and were in prison waiting their trial at the control of the way of an obstacle between starvation and his and were in prison waiting their trial at the control of the way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, for he was far to fond of way of an obstacle between starvation and his carried her point, which is the carried her point, and th double covering of cracks and crevices, which which they blamed their own want of thoughtwould have been superfluous in a sheltered position, was absolutely necessary, in our exmight say, Mr. Knifton was a model husband position, was absolutely necessary, in our ex-

anter task of telling you my story.

father to come to him and give his judgment of my dearest friends. As soon as I was left till father gets back." about an estimate for some stone-work on a slone, the very sight of the pocket-book be- Having arrived at that valiant resolution, therefore, to obey the directions which the exposed to the view of any chance passers-by fire, lighted my candle and sat down to tea, letter contained, and to prepare at once for who might stray into the Black Cottage. as snugly and comfortable as possible. I his long walk to the county town.

to our cottage. Mrs. Knitton had accused her husband of inveterate extravagance, and left the price of salt, but it is a fact. We are indeed the price of salt his pocket without spending it all, if he pos- cautious enough to acknowledge that my father pen to have, and your late excellent mother's informed me that they had recognized the obdeclaring that all his pocket-money went in Shifty Dick and his companion looked at us in we won't hurt a hair of your head, my to do next, but their voices seemed to die away running for it while there is yet time." presents for his wife, and that if he spent it lavishly, it was under her sole influence and lavishly in the distance. They were retreating from the lavishly in the matter is yet time.

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and warming himself at our poor fire just as them drink, because I knew that plenty of and then," burst in Shifty Dick, "we'll tried my courage even more severely than the severely than the severely than the least as them drink, because I knew that plenty of the prostrate hollow trees, and came out of the prostrate hollow trees, and then the prostrate hollow trees, and the prostrate hollow trees, an pleasantly as if he had been standing on his men were at work within hail in a neighboring mash you!"

SIEGE OF THE BLACK COTTAGE. my sister was out at service, and when I lived of inveterate extravagance. I am only the

into the waste like a tongue. Here the out- acter which that unscrupulous man has just them. buildings of the great Moor Farm then in the given to me. I am the spendthrift, am I? possession of my husband's father, began. And you are only the banker? Very well. The farm-lands stretched down gently into a Banker, give me my money at once, if you the mist was rising, and a heavy rain was be- against an army of you!"

expenses. Is that all the money you have about you? What do I feel here?" and she fered under any actual alarm, for I felt next I rushed into the kitchen and seized the "Let us in, you she devil," roared a voice

the breast pocket of his coat. story that I should tell you, and it is also nis hand, opened it, and drew out some bank and to go on resolutely through the necessary that you should be specially careful notes, put them back again immediately, and, night—a dislike of being left by myself, about the house.

Mr. Knifton, following his wife.

locked the door again and gave me the key, tion. though I never complained. I was very fond Cliverton on me. Keep the key in your pock-ding acquaintance with them, and believed heard the lower panel of the door begin to there could be of fire, one of the heavy stones. I just mustered strength enough to gasp out a received the third shell, which fell upon his though I never complained. I was very lond of my father, and managed to make the best of my loneliness by being useful to him. Say, on no account let him have it until we of my loneliness by being useful to him. Mrs. Knifton wished to take me into her ser- call again on our way back. No, sir, I won't the knowledge of their characters I had was Mrs. Annuon wished to take me into the hearth all over the room. A richly-furvice when she married, but I declined, untrust you with that money in your pocket in by no means sufficient to warrant me in adunlucky book with the bank-notes and put it the hearth all over the room. A richly-furtrust you with that money in your pocket in vice when she married, but I declined, unwillingly enough, for my father's sake. If I
the town of Cliverton. I will make sure of willingly enough, for my lattice is sake. It is to be to be the farm- had gone away, he would have had nobody to your taking it all home again, by leaving it had gone away, he would have had nobody to live with him; and my mother made me promise on her death-bed that he should never promise on her death-bed that he should never had gone away, he would have had nobody to live with him; and my mother made me promise on her death-bed that he should never had gone away, he would have had nobody to live pocket-book. I had seen enough or mediately. Even our bare floor and rough house beds—my father, Mrs. Knifton, and the poverty and poor men to know what a terrible book I heard the door splintering, and rushed furniture gave out a smell of burning at the lock of the farm-book. I had seen enough or mediately. Even our bare floor and rough house beds—my father, Mrs. Knifton, and the book I heard the door splintering, and rushed furniture gave out a smell of burning at the lock of the farm-book. I had seen enough or mediately. Even our bare floor and rough house beds—my father, Mrs. Knifton, and the book I heard the door splintering, and rushed furniture gave out a smell of burning at the lock of the farm-book. I had seen enough or men to know what a terrible book I heard the door splintering, and rushed furniture gave out a smell of burning at the lock of the farm-book of t promise on ner death-bed that ne should never until we ride back. Dessie, my dear, what do not be left to pine away alone in the midst of the you say to that as a lesson in economy, in-

Considering the time at which he received a poor house like ours, where we had nothing the room, and the sense of security inspired the letter, and the necessity of resting before valuable to put under lock and key. After by the closed doors and shutters, that I had his return, it was impossible for him to avoid running over various hiding-places in my ever felt even the slightest apprehension earbeing away from home one night, at least. mind, I thought of my tea-caddy, a present lier in the day. I sang as I washed up the now? He proposed to me, in case I disliked being from Mrs. Knifton, which I always kept out tea-things, and even the cat seemed to catch left alone in the Black Cottage, to lock the of harm's way in my own bed-room. Most the infection of my good spirits. I never when I take door and to take me to Moor Farm to sleep unluckily, as it afteward turned out, instead knew the pretty thing so playful as it was house. The back door was smaller than the and close together. Nothing lighter than a used to say. "My notion is that when I take Every breath somewhat vitiates all the air in ing grounds of the Seminoles, where his braves." with any one of the milkmaids who would of taking the pocket-book to the tea-caddy, I that evening. give me a share of her bed. I by no means went into my room first to take the tea-caddy The tea-things put by, I took up my knitliked the notion of sleeping with a girl I did to the pocket-book. I only acted in this roundnot know, and I saw no reason to feel afraid of about way from sheer thoughtlessness, and se-began at last to get drowsy. The fire was so being left alone for only one night; so I deverely enough I was punished for it, as you bright and comforting that I could not muster being left alone for only one night; so I de-clined. No thieves had ever come near us; will acknowledge yourself when you have

our poverty was protection against them; and of other dangers there were none that even I was just getting the unlucky tea-caddy knitting on my lap—sat till the splashing of the most timid person could apprehend. Ac- out of my cupboard, when I heard footsteps the rain on the outside, and the fitful, sullen before they can break in at that door!" I listened. saying he should try and be back by dinner enough, and one of them answered immedi- of the cat, as she basked luxuriously in the time the next day, and leaving me and my cat ately that they wanted my father. He turn- warm light on the hearth. Those were the awful to hear. Polly to take care of the house.

That cleared the table and brightened up the fire, and had sat down to my work with the fire, and had sat down to my work with the fire, and had sat down to my work with the fire, and had sat down to my work with the fire, and had sat down to my work with the fire and had sat down to my work with the sire at the fire and the fire and the fire and the fire at the fire and the fire at the fi trampling of horses, and, running to the but wrestling, a sport for which the working- shuddering at the roots of my hair—I started door, saw Mr. and Mrs. Knifton, with their men of our parts were famous all through the up breathless, cold and motionless, waiting in groom behind them, riding up to the Black county. Shifty Dick was champion, and he the silence I hardly knew for what, doubtful coming to pay me a friendly visit, and her tall, heavy man, with a lowering, scarred face, been struck on it. husband was generally willing to accompany and huge hairy hands—the last visitor in the In a minute or less there came a second her for its wife's sake. I made my best cour- whole world that I should have been glad to bang, louder than the first. I ran out into time he was ashore. I drank a drop of it. tesy, therefore, with a great deal of pleasure, see under any circumstances. His companion the passage. but with no particular surprise at seeing was a stranger, whom he addressed by the them. They dismounted and entered the name of Jerry-a quick, dapper, wickedcottage, laughing and talking in great spirits. looking man, who took off his cap to me with cognized immediately as the voice of Shifty I was still sitting in the window-seat dry. Senses less sharpened by danger than mine, I soon heard that they were riding for the mock politeness, and showed, in so doing, a Dick. same county town for which my father was bound, and that they intended to stay with knobs on it. I distrusted him worse than I said a second voice, in the low, oily, jeering some triends that for a tew days, and to red did Shifty Dick, and managed to get between the book-case, as I told by the book-case, as I told er little man whom he called Jerry. "You like all the other windows in the cottage, by courage at last. I felt that the door must be readers may account for it from the follow-boring State, was astonished recently upon the courage at last. I felt that the door must be readers may account for it from the follow-boring State, was astonished recently upon the courage at last. I felt that the door must be readers may account for it from the follow-boring State, was astonished recently upon the courage at last. I felt that the door must be readers may account for it from the follow-boring State, was astonished recently upon the courage at last. I felt that the door must be readers may account for it from the follow-boring state, was astonished recently upon the courage at last. I felt that the door must be readers may account for it from the follow-boring state, was astonished recently upon the courage at last. I felt that the door must be readers may account for it from the follow-boring state, was astonished recently upon the courage at last. I felt that the door must be readers may account for it from the follow-boring state, was astonished recently upon the courage at last. I felt that the door must be readers may account for it from the follow-boring state, was astonished recently upon the courage at last. I felt that the door must be readers may account for it from the follow-boring state, was astonished recently upon the courage at last. I felt that the door must be readers may account for it from the follow-boring state, and the course of I heard this, and I also discovered that the two that my father was gone out, and are alone in the house, my pretty little dear. I listened in dreadful suspense for come down. No such barricade as I had conmountains of ice called icebergs, and were ing:

sibly could, before he got home again. Mr. would be away from home for the whole four silver teaspoons, which you keep so nice stacle of the iron bars. I listened breathless to wet my cheeks. "I must trust to the night is, the water in freezing turns out of it all that more for salt sacks than they did the previous

but made no remark, except to ask me it I ment we have got what we wall, unless that one of you would give them a drop of cider. I answer- particularly wish us to stop to tea. If you the house altogether? Had they given up the party rode on horseback into would give them a drop of cluer. I allowed the and out of the trunk of a standing hollow of the existence of poor Pussy. I ran in and den these foreign matters have no time to es- material to make chignons has caused the and out of the trunk of a standing hollow den these foreign matters have no time to es- material to make chignons has caused the and out of the trunk of a standing hollow

ginning to fall. Never did the lonely pros-Mrs. Knifton opened the glass door of the I stepped out into the passage with a momen- and proper at the time. book-case, put the pocket-book in a vacant tary notion of telling them how I was situaplace on one of the lower shelves, closed and ted and asking them for advice and protection the door. They were dealt, as I conject rain which had now fallen incessantly for the farm-house with my clothes wet through,

thing to write fine sentences in books about in
I was in time to see the bald head of Jerry,

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There was plenty of n Our cottage, small as it was, was stoutly and snugly built with stone from the moor as a matter of course. The walls were lined in-side and fenced outside with wood, the gift of May 10 and made some resistance, but she easily with the was rescued.

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would have been supertituous in a sneatered position, was absolutely necessary, in our exposed situation, to keep out the cold winds, excepting just the summer months, swept over us continually all the year round. The outside boards, covering our roughly-built stormalls, my father protected against the stormal father and on the pocket book of a yours, or eight father than the pocket book with me to Moor Farm, and ask permission to pass the night there was an or all the women who knew his head out again much in the estimation of all the women who knew his head out again much in the estimation of all the women who knew his head out again much in the estimation of all the women who knew his head out again much in the estimation of all the women who knew his head out again much in the estimation of all the women who knew his head out again much in the estimation of all the women who knew his head out again much in the estimation of all the women who knew his head out again much in the estimation of all the women who knew his head out again much in the estimation of all the women who knew his head out again much in the estimation of all the women who knew his head out again much in the estimation of all the women who knew his head out again much in the estimation of all the women who knew his head out again much in the estimation of all the women who knew his head out again much in the estimation of all the women who knew his head out again much in the storman might say, Mr. Knifton was a model husband in the thirm of all the women who knew his head out again much in the storm of all the women who knew his head out again much in the thirm of all the women who knew his head out again much in the thirm of all the women who borhood, even before I was born, The Black Cottage.

I have now related the preliminary particulars, which it is desirable that you should be warmly covered, and lower limbs should be warmly covered, and lower limbs should be warmly covered, and lower limbs should be warmly covered, so as to draw the blood from the head and have considered twice in my situation before the farmer's eldest son. Mrs. Knifton notice the farmer ulars, which it is desirable that you should maker's bills), I did not leel quite easy at she made up ner mind to encounter the jokes about digestion, but in no case sleep on the back. companying the sketch is an account of Oscelarous, and may proceed at once to the pleas- having a pocket-book full of bank notes left of plowmen and the jeers of milkmaids. As maying a pocker-book run of bank notes left of prowing and seed of the stones had come, that was not to be dreadby her in my charge. I had no positive apfor me, I had hardly considered about going and I dreaded the giving way of the whole the stones had come, that was not to be dreadit, in her light-hearted way, as soon as we But under no circumstances should two perola's life and death, from which we gather One cloudy autumn day, when I was rather more than eighteen years old, a herdsman placed in my hands, but it was one of the odd tertaining any such notion.

One cloudy autumn day, when I was rather prehensions about the safety of the deposit to the farm before I despised myself for endoor.

Running into the bedroom as this fear bedroom as the fear bedroom as th more than eighteen years old, a herdsman walked over from Moore Farm with a letter which had been left there for my father. It came from a builder living at our county came from a builder living at our county to charging myself with money responsibilities of any kind, even to suit the convenience town, half a day's journey off, and invited my ities of any kind, even to suit the convenience of a Cherokee chieftain. While on a visit to

This was not an easy matter to compass in | could hardly believe now, with the light in

I sat staring lazily into the blaze, with my fitting at either end into the wall.

"Let us in," answered a voice, which I re- good as that precious mouthful of rum! in no time."

clare that you are quite shocked at my habits pleasure of calling the next day, when my out of their senses, but the only result they the crackling of the fire startled me. I lookbanker who keeps the money; you, my love, as ungraciously as possible, and, to my great had, thank God, a strong spirit of my own, corners of the passage, straining my eyes, that "one more run," I opened the back door

was situated about a mile and a half off, punity. Bessie, my dear," (turning to me), the direction of Moor Farm; and, as it was where a strip of the fertile land stretched out "you shall judge how far I deserve the char-Half an hour afterward I looked out again.

The wind had lulled with the sunset, but line with the sunset, but line wind had lulled with the sunset wind had lulled with the wind had lulled with the sunset wind had lulled with the wind had l

> Mr. Knifton laughed and took some gold pect of the moor look so dreary as it looked when I vapored and blustered in that way and so horrible in the stillness that I screamed Mr. Kniiton isugned and took some gold and silver from his waistcoat pocket.
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> "No, no," said Mrs. Knifton, "you may want what you have got there for necessary want the first time since the attack on the house. Then there were suggested to a dead silence for a minute or two, and the me that the two villains might mount upon when I vapored and plustered in that way, and so normaled in the stime since the attack on the house. It was so dark that twenty thieves in a dead silence for a minute or two, and the me that the two villains might mount upon stead of two would have found it useless to defences of Atlanta and vicinity, being at the top of my speed, and the noise soon died defences of Atlanta and vicinity, being at the top of my speed, and the noise soon died defences of Atlanta and vicinity, being at the top of my speed, and the noise soon died defences of Atlanta and vicinity, being at the top of my speed, and the noise soon died defences of Atlanta and vicinity, being at the top of my speed, and the noise soon died defences of Atlanta and vicinity, being at the top of my speed, and the noise soon died defences of Atlanta and vicinity, being at the top of my speed, and the noise soon died defences of Atlanta and vicinity, being at the top of my speed, and the noise soon died defences of Atlanta and vicinity, being at the top of my speed, and the noise soon died defences of Atlanta and vicinity, being at the top of my speed, and the noise soon died the top of my speed, and the noise soon died the top of my speed, and the noise soon died the top of my speed, and the noise soon died the top of my speed, and the noise soon died the top of my speed, and the noise soon died the top of my speed, and the noise soon died the top of my speed, and the noise soon died the top of my speed, and the noise soon died to my speed, and the noise soon died the top of my speed, and the noise soon died the top of my speed, and the noise soon died the top of my speed, and the noise soon died to my speed, and the noise soon died th

> tapped her husband on the chest, just over to certain that neither Shifty Dick nor Jerry poker, and then heaped wood on the fire, and down the chimney. had got a chance of setting eyes on so small a lighted all the candles I could find, for I felt There was another pause. The smoke from for refuge—I cannot tell you. I remember the breast pocket of his coat.
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> Mr. Knifton laughed again, and produced thing as the pocket-book while they were in as though I could keep my courage better if I the wood fire, thin and light as it was in the that I had just sense enough to keep the wind upon the spur of the hill, and, with field glasshis pocket-book. His wife snatched it out of the kitchen; but there was a kind of vague had plenty of light. Strange and improbated at my back (having observed in the beginning nis pocket-book. This wife shakened it out of the street, but of the ble as it may appear, the next thing that at-evidently obliged the man to take his face of the evening that it blew toward Moor his hand, opened it, and drew out some banknotes, put them back again immediately, and, light a distinct by mysen, closing the pocket-book, stepped across the which I never remember having felt before. crouched up, panic-stricken in a corner. I the seconds while he was, as I conjectured, darkness. In all other respects I was, by this room to my poor mother's little walnut-wood This feeling so increased after I had closed was so fond of the little creature that I took getting his breath again. In less than half a book-case, the only bit of valuable furniture the door and gone back to the kitchen, that, her up in my arms and carried her into my minute there came another shout: when I heard the voices of the quarrymen as bedroom, and put her inside my bed. A "What are you going to do there?" asked they passed our cottage on their way home to comical thing to do in a situation of deadly over your head!" the village in the valley below Moor Farm, peril, was it not? But it seemed quite natural

tured, with heavy stones picked up from the more than six hours. Burn the place over and my brain in a high fever. When I made walked rapidly back to where the horses were I had hardly formed this idea, however, be- ground outside. Jerry sang at his wicked my head? How? she said. "There is my answer. Not one fore I dismissed it. None of the quarrymen work, and Dick swore, As I left the bed. While I was still casting about wildly in bed but the farmer's eldest son, who was sittion, sometary as it was, quite an envisible danger ting up late over his pipe and newspaper. I can hardly say that I agreed with him, farthing of that money shall you spend at were intimate friends of mine. I had a nod-

pers. I listened eagerly, and just caught thatch between the rafters. It stopped for a again he had asked me to be his wife. these words:

"Let's try the other way!" footsteps retreating from the door.

strength-it was made of two solid oak boards part of them.

brother the sailor, had left with us the last I heard Shifty Dick say to Jerry,

Never before or since have I put anything

I heard this, and I also discovered that the two that my father was gone out, and they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argument, in jest, that I did not expect him back till the next they had been having an argu I ou may crack your sweet voice with screeching, and there's nobody near to hear you. was audible. They had evidently reckoned minutes against such shocks as it was now to water. They thought that they were frozen that the great bunch of — "hair" which Fashreceipt of a telegram worded as follows: The words were hardly out of my mouth Listen to reason, my love, and let us in. We on frightening me easily into letting them in, receive. and clean on the chimney-piece. If you let ly for some warning of what they were going and the thick darkness, and save my life by

tumult of their first attack on the cottage. of the beam fell on the door.

own grand hearth. "You will stop to admire every pretty thing in every one of the Cliver-when I denied having any cider to give beauty. "Yes," said Jerry, "we'll mash you, my Dreadful suspicions now beset me of their the upper hinge gave way. The chairs and beauty. But you won't drive us to doing that, being able to accomplish by treachery what the coal scuttle, forming the top of the barrievery pretty thing in every one of the Chiver when I defined having any order to give beauty. But you won turive us to doing that, being able to accompose by treatment of they had failed to effect by force. Well as I cade, were hurled, rattling, on the floor, but they had failed to effect by force. Well as I cade, were hurled, rattling, on the floor, but will you will go in and buy. When knowing no other name by which to distinwe have reached home again, and you have guish the fellow) took off his cap to me once the effect which the first bang at the door had there might not be ways of cunningly and sihad time to get tired of your purchases, you more, and, with a kind of blackguard gen- produced on my nerves. The threats of the leatly entering it against which I was not pro- places. will clasp your hands in amazement, and de- tilly upon him, said they would have the two villains would have terrified some women vided. The ticking of the clock annoyed me;

are the spendthrift that throws it all away!" relief, they both left the cottage immediately and the cool, contemptuous insolence of the holding my breath, anticipating the most un-The moor was covered with great innestone rocks, and intersected here and there by streamlets. The nearest habitation to ours

against an army of you!"

Them reached my ears on a sudden down ed the fact of my flight with the pocket-book, You may imagine what a passion I was in the kitchen chimney. It was so unexpected for I heard shouts in the distance as if they

"Let us in, or we'll burn the place down

Burn it? Burn what? There was nothing easily combustible but the thatch on the roof. All this time the blows were falling faster and that had been well soaked by the heavy ly as it had blown for hours past, and I reached first, when General Johnston said: "Bishop

heavy cross pieces. It had no bolts like the knife when I heard a shout from the man mean to marry had a small charge confided

the most time person count apprenence. At out of my corporate, when I heard tootsteps the rain on the outside, and the name of the wind grew fainter and fainter thought to myself. And they soon found out Both men were now in the shed. I made good wife is something better still. I'm of cordingly, I got my father's dinner, laughing in the passage, and, running out immediately, sobbing of the wind grew fainter and fainter cordingly, I got my father's dinner, laughing in the passage, and, running out immediately, sobbing of the wind grew fainter and tainter and fainter a protection of a milkmaid at Moor Farm. He in which I had received Mr. and Mrs. Knif- fairly dozed off to sleep were the cheerful of banging at the back door they gave up tools and other things were left in it which I marry the stone-mason's daughter." started for his walk as soon as he had done, ton. I enquired what they wanted, sharply crackling of the fire and the steady purring any further attack in that direction and cast might be used against me. But my agitation And he did marry me. Whether I proved their heavy stones down with curses of fury confused me. I could remember nothing exawful to hear.

| cept my father's big stone-saw, which was far question which I must leave you to ask my leave you to ask my a carpet, should be rigidly excluded from the husband. All that I had to relate about my chamber—the latter article in particular, as water, articles of clothing, brushes and even a carpet, should be rigidly excluded from the husband. All that I had to relate about my chamber—the latter article in particular, as

the fire, and had sat down to my work with ins comrades by the name of Shifty Dick. I started up, with my neart (as the saying at my feet, when I heard the H. bore a very bad character for every thing is) in my mouth, with a frightful momentary tell upon me. The perspiration broke out pose, when I heard the H. bore a very bad character for every thing is) in my mouth, with a frightful momentary tell upon me. thick on my forehead, and I began to feel the thing out of the shed. At the same instant farm-house. I have only ventured on writing best to retire regularly at an early hour, and bruises I had inflicted on my hands in mak- that the noise caught my ear the remembrance these few additional sentences because my sleep until we awake; but in no case a second ing the barricade against the front door. I flashed across me like lightning of some beams marriage is the moral of my story. It has nap after the morning waking, and in no case groom bening them, right up to the black county. Shifty Dick was champion, and in the shed for years brought me the choicest blassings of happiness at first whether I had dreamed about the bang had not lost a particle of my resolution, but I of wood which had lain in the shed for years at first whether I had dreamed about the bang had not lost a particle of my resolution, but I of wood which had lain in the shed for years at first whether I had dreamed about the bang had not lost a particle of my resolution, but I of wood which had lain in the shed for years at first whether I had dreamed about the bang had not lost a particle of my resolution, but I of wood which had lain in the shed for years at first whether I had dreamed about the bang had not lost a particle of my resolution. Cottage. It was part of the young ladys nad got his name from some tricks in wrest at his whether i had dreamed about the blow had really was beginning to lose strength. There was a past. I had hardly time to feel certain that and prosperity, and I owe them all to my when well. The system will very soon take bottle of rum in the cupboard, which my they were removing one of these beams before night-adventure in The Black Cottage.

"Which door?" "The front," was the answer. "We've down my throat that did me half so much cracked it already; we'll have it down now

more run with the beam and down it comes!" Just as they must have been starting for were running out to pursue me. I kept on at

How long it was before I reached the farmhouse—the nearest place to which I could fiv If it had so happened that the wind had changed after I had observed its direction early in the evening, I should have gone astray, and probably perished of fatigue and exposure on the moor. Providentially, it still blew steadimy alarm at the door, they had all gone to

I had saved, lay on the table by my side. and also of using profine language, I asked

CURIOUS THINGS TO KNOW .- In this hot weather, the following "curious things" are quite useful to know: Besides the fact that ice is lighter than wa-

ter, there is another curious thing about it ing my face, when I suddenly heard their would have understood but too easily, from which persons do not know, perhaps-namely these words, that they were about to use the its purity. A lump of ice melted will always They were feeling the outside of the window beam as a battering-ram against the door, become purely distilled water. When the against which I was sitting. It was protected When that conviction overcame me I lost early navigators of the Arctic seas got out of impurities. Frozen sea water makes fresh the material of which the sacks are made. greatly. They visited the "Big Trees," and A long silence followed—a silence which huddled the creature up in my apron. Before cape, either by rising or sinking; and are thus price to advance; and that is how your "chig-tree, and a gentleman walked 200 feet in one

Miscellaneous Beading.

DEATH OF BISHOP POLK.

A correspondent of the Standard of the Cross, in a recent letter to that paper, says: Being on a long ramble from my home in Cleveland, through the States in the South. have been sojourning a few days in the city of Atlanta and vicinity, and having been over the battle ground of Kenesaw Mountain, where General (Bishop) Polk met his fate, I ily, where Bishops Elliott and Polk were often inmates, and from the gentleman and lady of the house I obtained the information which I desired.

On the day when General Polk fell, General Joe Johnston, who was in command of the tive staff officers, would advance to an outlook and see how the field looked. Dismounting under the crest of Kenesaw, they stepped out the two armies, when they noticed that General Sherman, with his staff, was doing the

same thing, from the opposite hills. Being in fair view, they were recognized general officers, and complimented with a shell from a battery near which General Sherman was standing. The shell struck close by General Johnston. As soon as the piece could be reloaded, another shell was dropped by the we have seen all we desire : let us retire," and and instead of following General Johnston to the rear, walked to the face of the hill, and

Having seen it reported so often during the war, that after he became a soldier, Bishop

Dr. Hall thinks that good sleeping depends ed. The chimney, as I well knew by our ex- were alone. I thought little of her jesting at sons-save mother and infant sleep together that he was thirty-six years of age at the time my father's big tool chest, three chairs and a solid as I see the paper I am now writing like other young women, and I began to think ous to health, in that two persons consume an American fort, she was seized and sold as scuttleful or coals; and last I dragged out the armore and as I on, the point of a knife coming through the of Mrs. Knifton's jokes with some attention. more air than an ordinary chamber holds, or a slave. This aroused the anger of Osceola, about an estimate for some stone-work on a slone, the very sight of the pocket-book bevery large scale. My father's expenses for hind the glass door of the book-case began to very large scale. My father's expenses for hind the glass door of the book-case began to loss of time were to be paid, and he was to worry me, and instead of returning to my loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the same as they were coming up to the door, and see to the security loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to loss of time were to be paid, and he was to lock and bolt the loss of time were to lock and bolt the loss of time were to lock and bolt the loss of time were to lock and bolt the loss of time were to lock and bolt the loss of time were to lock and bolt the loss of time were to lock and bolt the loss of time were to lock and bolt the loss of time were to lock and bolt the loss of time were to lock a neard me as they were coming up to the door war against the whites. On the 23rd of with fresh stones. Jerry said, "Stop a bit!" had no ceilings. Slowly and wickedly the his way with me in returning from church, conditions of almost any two persons renders. October, 1837, while holding a conference with have his share of employment afterward in work, I puzzled my brains about miding a of every shutter in the house.

That duty performed, I made a blazing and then the two consulted together in whish and before we found out the right road home of the way only too glad, place to lock it up in, where it would not be and before we found out the right road home and before we found out the right road home and before we found out the right road home and then the two consulted together in whish between the refers. It stopped for a while, and there came a sound of tearing.

That, in its turn, stopped too; there was a sounder and break off the match, thinking a than sleeping with a middle aged or an old confined until his death. Osceola died as he Nothing more was said, but I heard their great fall of dry thatch on the floor; and I poor stone-mason's daughter no fit wife for a person. The animals herd together, but hu- had lived, a hater of the race from which his saw the heavy, hairy hand of Shifty Dick, prosperous yeoman. But the farmer was too man beings should have each his own room father had sprung. He lay on the couch in Were they going to besiege the back door armed with the knife, come through after the obstinate for them. He had one form of anfallen fragments. He tapped at the rafters swer to all of their objections. "A man, if supplied with plenty of pure air through the a cloud on his not unhandsome face, he folded I had hardly asked myself that question, with the back of the knife, as if to test their he is worth the name, marries according to night. A grown person breathes about eight his arms across his ample chest, and thus his when I heard their voices on the other side of strength. Thank God, they were substantial his own notions, and to please himself," he een hogsheads of air in eight hour's sleep. Spirit passed quietly away to the happy huntfront, but it had this advantage in the way of hatchet would have sufficed to remove any a wife I am placing my character and my hap- the room, as a drop of ink discolors all the were impatiently awaiting his presence. piness—the most precious things I have to water in a glass; and unless the air is constantly renewed by proper ventillation, it soon becomes impure and unfit to breathe, if not utterly poisoned. Death in consequence of 1848, by William Schwalbe, who kept a basehand and knife disappeared instantly. I went for me that she is worthy of the greatest charge rence; but hundreds of persons have had brewed in Philadelphia. The first man who are fine things, but the certainty of getting a and their lives shortened, by sleeping in a began in a small way in 1849, in Forty-sixth closed spartment. There should be a free and street, between First and Second avenues. chamber, in order to sleep well and to get rest brewery, kept by Herr Rocke, who manufacand refreshment from the sleep; standing tures 16,000 barrels a year. The demand for

all the sleep it wants in the night, and the sleep will be sweet and refreshing. It does not follow that one should rise the moment he and a devil engraved at the bottom. He wakes. Dr. Hall thinks, and in this agrees drank all the same, and she again asked the with Henry Ward Beecher, who always plans reason. the work of the day before getting out of bed.

do so much. NOTEWORTHY.-Should the price of salt

THE HANDWRITING OF GREAT MEN. The Duke of Wellington's writing was large and forcible, with no attempt at decoration. During the last ten years of his life, however, his writing was indifferent, and often illegible. None but a compositor in a newspaper office, accustomed to all sorts of hieroglyphics, could possibly decipher the characters. A letter of his to a minister in Lord Derby's Cabinet has not to this day been unraveled. Nine out of every ten of the Duke's

letters treasured by autograph hunters were

written by his Secretary, Mr. Greville, who wrote a hand very much like that of the Duke

in his best days.

Lord Brougham's hand betrayed much unconquerable restlessness of impulse. His manuscript was a mass of hieroglyphics; and, according to Dr. Belkinop, in all Mr. Clowes' extensive printing establishment in London. there was only one man competent to grapple with it, and he often gave up in despair.

The Royal family of England have generally written good, clear and free hands: William IV. wrote a remarkable plain and legible hand, and that of his brother George was showy and fluent." Queen Victoria has an el-

Locke says the faster a man writes the slower others read what he has written. Napoleon could write fourteen pages a minute unfortunately, however, each page consisted of eight blots and a splatter. Some of his lines to Maria Louisa appear as if scattered over the paper by the explosion of a bombshell.

Horace Greeley's manuscript is very illegible. A wag once observed that the sentence "Virtue is its own reward," written by Mr. Greeley, was rendered by the compositor into "Washing with soap is wholly absurd." THE RECENT GREAT FIRE AT CONSTANTI-

NOPLE By private advices from Constantinople, Turkey, of so recent date as the 8th ultimo, we learn that the cable dispatches did not exaggerate the extent and destruction of the conflugration which occurred at that capital two days previous to that date. The U. States consulate was burnt out, and the general ravages of the fire, may, in one word, be considered awful. About 1,600 human beings were burnt to death, and over \$5,000,000 of prporty destroyed. The Sultan, the Grand Vizier and the Minister of Police were in the midst of the fire, the Sultan being so as tensive and disastrons one that ever occurred at Constantinople.

The Hon. John Porter Brown, of the United

A lady made her husband a present of a silver drinking cup with an angel at the bottom. When she filled it for him he used to drink it to the bottom, and she asked him why he drank every drop.

"Because, ducky, I want to see the dear little angel at the bottom." Upon which she had the angel taken out

"Because I won't leave the old devil a

Perhaps this is one reason why he is able to drop," he replied. man in New Hampshire, who had bought NOTEWORTHY.—Should the price of salt a pair of pups of rare breed, and had given take a sudden rise in our community, our them in charge of a dog fancier in a neigh-

salt water, not knowing that they were formed | ion calls a chignon had anything to do with | "The little darlings are doing well, and are