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Daddy's Bedtime Story The Best Plum Pudding For The King

WEVE been stowing raisins till our fingers are tired," said Jack to daddy. "It does seem to take such a lot for Dinah's mince meat and fruit cake and plum pudding," added Evelyn.

"Once there was a great big pudding to be baked for the Christmas feast which a certain king was to give on Christmas eve," said daddy. "The king was very fond of plum pudding, and he was considered a very fine judge of them."

"So when he offered a prize for the best Christmas pudding brought to his palace the day before Christmas there was a great deal of excitement among the cooks and the housewives of the kingdom. "There was never such a stirring and pounding as was soon heard in the kitchens of that country. Every one was anxious and interested, and when the day before Christmas came a long line of people with plum puddings was waiting outside the king's palace gate."

"The king sat on his throne as the people filed into his big hall and the royal nose sniffed at each pudding very critically. There were wonderful puddings there, some bursting with richness and looking so nice that you would have thought the king must have been tempted to eat them right on the spot."

"The king could not make up his mind whether the pudding of the royal treasurer's cook or that of the prime minister was quite the finest when he heard a noise in the hall leading to the wing belonging to his daughter. "Oh, tell his majesty to wait just a minute!" he heard his daughter's voice call breathlessly.

"Into the big hall pattered the little princess, her eyes shining and her mouth smiling. "You said any one might try for the prize," she said to the king, and then she uncovered something that a page boy was carrying on a gold platter.

"I made it all by myself, father!" she cried proudly. "Well, those fine cooks standing about nearly groined when they saw the black, soggy looking lump that lay there decked with holly sprays. "But the king just got up and hugged his little girl. 'Did you make it all by yourself, my dear, for your old dad?' he cried in delight. 'Well, I shall eat every bite of it, and it's the finest pudding I've ever seen in my life.' "Well, maybe he did eat the pudding, for it was said the king had a terrible spell of indigestion the day after Christmas, but it was his little girl's first pudding, and what daddy would not find it delicious."



SEARCH CELLARS OF HOUSE

Precaution That is Never Neglected Before Meeting of the British Parliament.

It is 307 years since the British houses of parliament were searched and the barrels of gunpowder under the custody of Guy Faukes discovered a few hours before the opening of the session. That discovery was not due to any special acumen on the part of the authorities, since it followed upon information sent them by letter; but there has certainly been no lack of vigilance since then, seeing that on no occasion for three centuries has Parliament been opened until its cellars had been searched.

The duty of examining the vaults and secret passages is assigned to the lord chamberlain of the court, but generally it is the vice-chamberlain who conducts the search. His assistants are the deputy sergeant-at-arms of the house of commons, the clerk of the board of works and an inspector of police.

The four officers mentioned are preceded by four men of the guard in uniform and fully armed. Through one corridor after another they tramp, peering into every dark corner until they finally reach the conclusion that no gunpowder has been stored in the cellars and that, therefore, it is quite safe for parliament to meet.

When, during the reign of James I., the earliest searches were ordered, the guardmen carried lanterns through the dark passages, and now, although the corridors and underground passages are thoroughly lighted by electricity, the good old custom is still respected by the guardmen, who yet carry lanterns in their hands.

In the days of the Stuarts it was the custom when the inspection had been finished, for the lord chamberlain to dispatch a message to the king by a mounted soldier to the effect that it would be entirely safe for him to attend the opening session of parliament. Nowadays the mounted soldier is no longer seen riding post-haste to the king; but the vice-chamberlain still sends the traditional message to his majesty by private wire and the king is assured that there are no explosives in the cellars and that he will not be exposed to unusual risks if he chooses to meet his lords and commons. The king may not have the remotest notion of opening parliament, but the message is sent just the same, and it is duly received and acknowledged.—Harper's Weekly.

IN WOMAN'S REALM

TESTED RECIPES. Chestnut Soup.—Peel and blanch one-half cup of chestnuts, cut in pieces. Add one quart of water, one onion and a half cupful of rice, a little butter and seasoning.

Stuffed Onion on Toast.—Peel four large onions; boil until tender, taking care to keep them whole. Remove the inside portion, leaving a cup-shaped shell. Take the centers, chop onions. Pour boiling water over these and finely chop ham and some cold boiled rice, the yolk of one egg and milk enough to form a thick paste.

PRIZE CORN GROWERS

FOUR OKLAHOMA YOUTHS RAISE MORE THAN 100 BUSHELS OF CORN TO THE ACRE. CRIPPLED BOY SETS PACE

Eighteen-Year-Old Lad Grew 172 2-3 Bushels on Single Acre at Cost of 14 1/2 Cents Per Bushel. Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 7.—Uncle Sam is having remarkable success in teaching the boys and girls of Arkansas how to become successful farmers and farmwomen.

These reports show that four boys who entered the contests conducted under the rules and regulations of the Boys' Corn Club raised more than 100 bushels of corn each on one acre. The most remarkable yield was obtained by Willie P. Brown of Hamburg, Ashley county, who is 18 years old. He raised 172 2-3 bushels at a cost of 14 1/2 cents a bushel.

Brown, who looks to be about 14 years old, while acting as janitor of a school in this city, was struck in the left foot. A movement has started since he won the honor of being the state's champion corn grower to have the boy submit to an operation by a specialist.

Brown did all his planting and cultivating and his crop was gathered and weighed by the judges. It is not only the greatest record ever made in the state, but has not been exceeded in the entire southwest, government experts say.

Other boys who made great records are: Lester A. Garrard of Columbia county, 134 bushels; Robert Connelly, Polk county, 117.61 bushels, and Lewis G. Johnson, Randolph county, 108 bushels. The state championship carries with it nearly \$200 in cash prizes, a free trip to the state fair, free trip to Washington, D. C., and return, and a course in a state agricultural college.

Elmer Austin, 14 years old, of Wetick township, Franklin county, was not only the champion sweet corn grower, but he has won a greater prize than all others by reason of the fact that he has made a living for his aged grandmother and allowed his mother to attend school.

Austin's feat is without parallel in the southwest. When he was a year old his father died, and it devolved upon him to support her mother. Her two children and herself. The first instruction on farming that Elmer received came from his mother, who following the death of her husband, operated her farm of twenty-five acres.

When 7 years old Austin began to plow, and he has followed farm life since. This year Austin raised five bales of cotton on ten acres, 300 bushels of corn on twelve acres, in addition to two crops of wheat, and a large quantity of hay and fodder. His efforts have removed the family debt.

Miss Gela Hope Brandon, 15 years old, of Lewis county, made a profit of \$108.00 on one-tenth of an acre of land, or more than \$1,080 an acre. Miss Brandon raised garden truck under the rules of the Girls' Tomato Club, which has been in operation for one-tenth of an acre of land only. On this space she made \$162.35, on her produce, which cost her \$53.45 to produce and dispose of.

DECIDEDLY IN SECOND PLACE

Only One Way in Which Mr. Hatchett Was Known, and He Didn't at All Appreciate It.

Hannah Holden Hatchett was known as "the pagan poetess." She had published three books. The names of her books were "Venue and Adonis," "Pipes of Pan" and "Airs From Arcadia." The name of her husband was Michael Moses Hatchett.

Mrs. Hatchett went to parties. Mr. Hatchett went to business. But once Mrs. Hatchett got Mr. Hatchett to stay away from business and go to a party with her. The party was given by Mrs. Benjamin Bonaparte Motley.

Mrs. Motley introduced her guests to Mrs. Hatchett. And to Mr. Hatchett also. "This is Mrs. Hatchett," said Mrs. Motley. "I am so glad to meet you!" said Mrs. Faddle. "I have set your 'Ode to Olympus' to sweet, soothing music and have made a lovely little lullaby out of it."

"Dear me!" said Mrs. Hatchett. "This is Mr. Hatchett," said Mrs. Motley. "Mrs. Hatchett's husband?" said Mrs. Faddle. "Yes," said Mr. Hatchett proudly; "you bet!"

"This is Mrs. Hatchett," said Mrs. Motley to a second woman. "I just adore your 'Nectar and Ambrosia,'" said Mrs. Havoc. "I do my own cooking, and while I boil the coffee and fry the eggs, I always chant the refrain!"

"Good gracious!" said Mrs. Hatchett. "This is Mr. Hatchett," said Mrs. Motley. "Mrs. Hatchett's husband?" said Mrs. Havoc. "Yes," said Mr. Hatchett grimly; "that's me!"

"This is Mrs. Hatchett," said Mrs. Motley to a third woman. "I am simply crazy about your 'Paean of Praise,'" said Mrs. Rummage. "I have embroidered the first line in yellow chenille on green plush for a mantel drape in my mother-in-law's back parlor."

"Mercy on us!" said Mrs. Hatchett. "This is Mr. Hatchett," said Mrs. Motley. "Mrs. Hatchett's husband?" said Mrs. Rummage. "Yes," said Mr. Hatchett crossly; "nothing more and nothing less—goosh blame it."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Beauty Recipe. Dr. F. H. Green, the great lecturer, gave this "beauty recipe" in one of his addresses: "Hear some beautiful music, see a beautiful picture, read some beautiful literature every day." All this, recognizing the close relation between soul and body, is perfectly reasonable. It is better than all cosmetics, rouges or drugs ever heard of. The picture, the music, the literature impresses the mind, which gives form and tone to the physical expression.

NEED OF ORGANIZATION

Chicago Live Stock World: Cattle owners in the state of Pennsylvania are up in arms against the injustice meted out to them by the enforcement of the state law concerning diseased cattle. They claim that in many cases cattle have been declared to have been infected with disease and killed, only to find that after the post mortem examination the condemnation was entirely unwarranted.

The remuneration in such cases is but two to three cents per pound, or probably \$3 to \$15 per carcass, a heavy loss to the owners for which there is no excuse. To combat this abuse they have formed the Pennsylvania State Cattlemen's Association, which intends to work for legislation which will remedy the obvious abuses in the enforcement of the law.

THE SEASON'S BEST JOKE

One of the best jokes of the season, says the Omaha Journal-Stockman, is the charge by the butter makers that the packers are responsible for the high price of butter. Now that the federal authorities have a hammerlock on the butter trust the issue and distract attention by shouting "butter trust." One leading creamery man is authority for the assertion that good creamery butter should never sell over 20 cents a pound and that there is a good profit for all concerned at that figure.

MEXICAN CATTLE INDUSTRY

Many Large Importations Into Texas, Despite Rebellion. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 7.—"Thousands of Mexican cattle have crossed the Rio Grande for stocker purposes and slaughter and would be sold this year, at least, but for the rebellion. No doubt the reports are circulated to the effect that many importations were prevented by the rebellion in Mexico are well founded, as applies to shipments from the interior, but I believe them to be fully counterbalanced by stock that was sent over from ranches situated near the Texas border line that frightened owners rushed over the river because of the revolution," said John M. Green, big cattleman of Devil Creek, Tex., who was here for the International.

TALK FARM AND CROPS.

North Dakota Society Does Not Balk at Farm Subjects. Agricultural College, N. D., Dec. 6.—The social aspect of country life in North Dakota has never been the particular subject of any conference. That it represents a most unique and comprehensive problem cannot be questioned, for no state in the union has so largely upon agriculture as "Hiawatha's Land of the Dakotas." It is not an uncommon thing to hear the elite of society discuss the crop situation, as well as the farmer, or the producer of crops. Everybody, everywhere every day, in North Dakota talks agriculture.

With a knowledge of the fact that a contented and happy farmer is the basis of permanent agriculture, the North Dakota agricultural college, through its extension service, has decided to lend its aid and support to the county life conference the third week in December, beginning Tuesday, Dec. 17, and ending Friday, Dec. 20, 1912. The conference will be held at the same time and in conjunction with the North Dakota Boys and Girls' Institute, thus giving the people who attend an opportunity to see what is being done in North Dakota to keep the boy and girl on the farm.

The object of the conference is to bring together those who have been active in the extension work of the county, the afternoon with conference discussions and the evenings with demonstrations. No pains will be spared to make the discussions instructive, the demonstrations interesting. The various programs will be held up around the three rural institutions—the country school, the country church and the country home.

BIG YIELD OF POTATOES.

Ten Thousand Bushels from Fifty-six Acres Near Atherton. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 5.—Fifty-six acres of potatoes planted in the Atherton district yielded 10,999 bushels of fine potatoes this year. The Adams brothers did the planting and next year expect to triple the acreage, as the crop pays better than any other farm product. They have sowed 1,000 bushels for the seeding next year. The district is well adapted for the raising of potatoes and is said to be equal to that of the Kaw valley district. There is just sufficient room to make proper loan. When digging time came there were mountains of potatoes all over that fifty-six acres, which they planted. Other farmers of the district expect to plant their acreage in potatoes.

WOULD STOP MISCEGENATION

Illinois Legislature Will Introduce the Necessary BILL. St. Louis, Dec. 6.—Enraged at the marriage of Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, to Lucile Cameron, a white girl, in Chicago, Charles A. Karch, member of the Illinois state legislature from St. Clair county, will introduce at the coming term a bill prohibiting the intermarriage of races. His bill is drafted primarily from the view of preventing the marriage of whites and blacks, but it will result, if passed, in the prohibition of all race intermarriages.

WANTS WATER IN CABINET.

Kirksville, Mo., Dec. 7.—The annual convention of the Missouri State Grange ended here yesterday with the passage of a resolution asking President-Elect Wilson to appoint President H. J. Waters of the Kansas Agricultural college as secretary of agriculture in his cabinet.

In Debt to the Ants.

If the ants had not got into the sugar there would have been no vacation for mother. In a Pratt street family, father was going away for a while and mother had made up her mind to stay at home with the young son and just rest and have a good time in her own yard.

But on the day of father's departure mother was doing some baking and she went to the sugar crock for some sugar. When she removed the lid she found the sugar alive with tiny ants. She took the crock to the back porch, spread a newspaper out on a table and emptied the sugar on the railroad advertisement of excursion rates. She found that a special train would run from Indianapolis that night and that the fare was low. The advertisement told about the fine bathing beach, the hotels, the fishing and all of the other attractions.

When father came to dinner that day there was a large bouquet of flowers at his plate. His chair was cushioned and a nice, fat, soft pillow was there also for his comfort. He knew something was about to happen, but he didn't know what nor how much it was going to cost.

"What is it now?" he asked. "Looks like there's something on your mind." Mother handed him the paper. As soon as dinner was over father wrote a check, and mother and son packed their trunk.—Indianapolis News.

How to Estimate Number in a Review.

Did you ever try to estimate the number in a crowd and then find out later that you had missed your guess by hundreds? Here is a simple system with regard to the number of troops on the march: The strength of a body of troops may be estimated from the length of time it takes to pass a given point. Assuming that infantry in column of fours occupies half a yard per man, cavalry one yard per trooper, and artillery is in single column of guns and caissons, a given point would be passed in one minute by about 175 infantry, 110 cavalry at a walk, 209 cavalry at a trot, and five guns or caissons. Allowing for spacing between companies, battalions, and regiments, all of which is according to mathematical rule, it takes a regiment of 1,000 men divided into battalions just ten minutes to pass, or at the rate of 6000 an hour. And this supposes no breaks in the line.

These rules, it must be remembered, are for trained soldiers used to a long step and to keeping up without straggling. No civilians ever have kept up this pace.

Persuaded. "That man's motto is 'After me the deluge,'" said the fervent speaker. "In that case," replied Farmer Corntossel, "I'm going to vote for 'em. We never did have enough rain to satisfy me."

"Ain't it Awful?" Mack—Everything is going up. Jack—Yes, even the price of experience has advanced.

PRYOR GETS NEW RANCH

Reported to Have Bought Hat and Nan Ranches in New Mexico. Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 7.—W. D. Pryor, son of Col. Ike T. Pryor, former president of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas, while in El Paso two weeks ago stated to the El Paso Times that his father was seeking a new ranch in the West and was then in Kansas City closing a deal. He developed that he purchased the noted Hat ranch, and now come dispatches from Kansas City saying Col. Pryor also closed a deal with Mrs. Jack Hardesty and Mrs. James Holstein, widows of two of the well-known cattlemen of former days, for the land known as the Nan ranch, which gives him a range of thirty miles along the Mimbres river in Grant county, New Mexico.

While the number of acres cannot be ascertained at present, as the parties representing the sellers are not prepared to state the exact number of acres involved in the deal, they, in accord with Colonel Pryor, concede that the property is capable of containing a herd of 20,000 cattle, with which the latter proposes to stock it. The land was located over twenty years ago by Holstein when he had his choice of practically the whole Territory of New Mexico.

The consideration is not given, but a portion of the land has been acquired through purchase and the balance of it has been acquired through long lease. About 10,000 head of cattle now on the property are also included in the deal and the lands purchased include a large irrigated farm and extensive orchards, which have been yielding good revenues for a number of years.

It is stated in El Paso that Colonel Pryor will at once stock the ranch to its full capacity and show the faith as a breeder by aiding in the work of rejuvenating the cattle business in this country, to the end that the export trade in live cattle and fresh meats may in a few years get back to normal conditions. "I'll soon be time to bind some thing around those small fruit trees, to stop rabbits from feasting on the bark."

Washing with Stone.

Numerous inquiries have been made at the commercial intelligence department of the board of trade, in Basinghall street, London, E. C., respecting the exhibit of soapstone which arrived a few days ago from the British vice consul at the Russian town of Kertch, in the Crimea. The stone, which is dug out of the ground at a place called "Ikeel," is used for all kinds of washing purposes and as an emollient. Of a marbled pale green and brown appearance, a piece of the mineral substance soaked in water crumbles to a soft paste. It is understood that none of the board's officials has yet risked shaving with the new stone soap, but hand basin tests in washing have been quite successful. On the ground of its comparative cheapness, about a tenth of the price of common soap, several British firms have already become much interested in the commercial possibilities of the curious exhibit.—Dundee Advertiser.

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PLACE APPOINTED Mistake in Posting Letter Proves Right Thing.

By HAROLD CARTER. John Brett was in the seventh heaven of happiness on Saturday morning, and there were three distinct contributing causes.

Brett skimmed the letter hastily. Later he would read it at leisure, lingering over each letter of every word of that handwriting which always thrilled him, even before he had torn open the envelope.

Reason two turned to gall and wormwood. The suit did not fit. It did not fit approximately. It might have fitted the Living Skeleton or made a passably good garment for the Elastic Man.

"I'll take it to the circus—I'll give it to Marcelline, the clown," he soliloquized, when the first burst of anger had spent itself.

"What place, Georgia?" John muttered. "Why, this place," said Georgia sharply. "Peterman's Misfit Parlors."

"Postman, There's a Letter in There, Posted by Mistake." I left in that coat," he explained. "Hurry, Bill, or I'll miss an important engagement."

"Our purchases run to five dozen suits a morning, mister," said Mr. Peterman. "Among so many—"

"You've just bought that suit at Peterman's," he panted. "I want to get a letter out of the inside pocket."

SUES, GOES HUNTING Wife of Real Estate Man Says Husband Nagged.

Mrs. C. B. Gerhart of St. Louis Files Petition for Divorce, and Then Starts for Lodge in Ozark Mountains.

St. Louis, Mo.—Mrs. Julia M. Gerhart, following her suit for divorce against Charles B. Gerhart, wealthy real estate operator, was said to have gone to a hunting lodge in the Ozarks.

At that time Gerhart employed Attorney B. H. Charles to look after his affairs with a view to a possible suit by his wife.

She states that her husband's income is \$20,000 a year, but makes no specific request for alimony. She states that since leaving the house he has given her only \$30 for her support.

Water is turned on mob Reserves and Hundreds of Innocent Bystanders Soaked When Hoses are Thrown on Socialist.

New York—What might be called a wet riot occurred during the noon hour recently in front of the big jute mills of the American Manufacturing company.

IS CHAMPION COON HUNTER Missouri Man and His Famous Dog Have Killed 132 in Last Three Seasons.

Centralia, Mo.—J. L. Sappington of Centralia will be protected from the cold this winter by a coonskin overcoat made from hides of coons which he himself caught with his famous coon dog, Buck.

Uses Champagne in Auto. Jacksonville, Fla.—Simon David Paddock, eighteen, "the millionaire kid" of Atlantic, N. J., had a narrow escape from death in a collision that resulted from substituting champagne for gasoline as motive power for his racing automobile.

WHY THEY DID NOT RETURN Little Story Lacked Pathos Promised by the Altogether Growsome Introduction.

"Talking about omens," said the ex-Canadian soldier, "a queer thing happened in the Boer war."

"The doors of this building were open as we were riding past, and in some manner the blocks which were usually kept under the wheels of the hearse must have become dislodged.

"The officer in charge of the troop ordered four men to dismount and take the hearse back. Now comes the queer part. Soon after this we went to Cape Town and took ship for home.

"The reason they did not come back was because two of them got good jobs in Cape Town; the other two married Boer widows and settled down on farms," he said.

Loneliest England. A man who was described as living in one of the loneliest parts of England has been given a parliamentary vote by the revising barrister at Brampton, Cumberland.

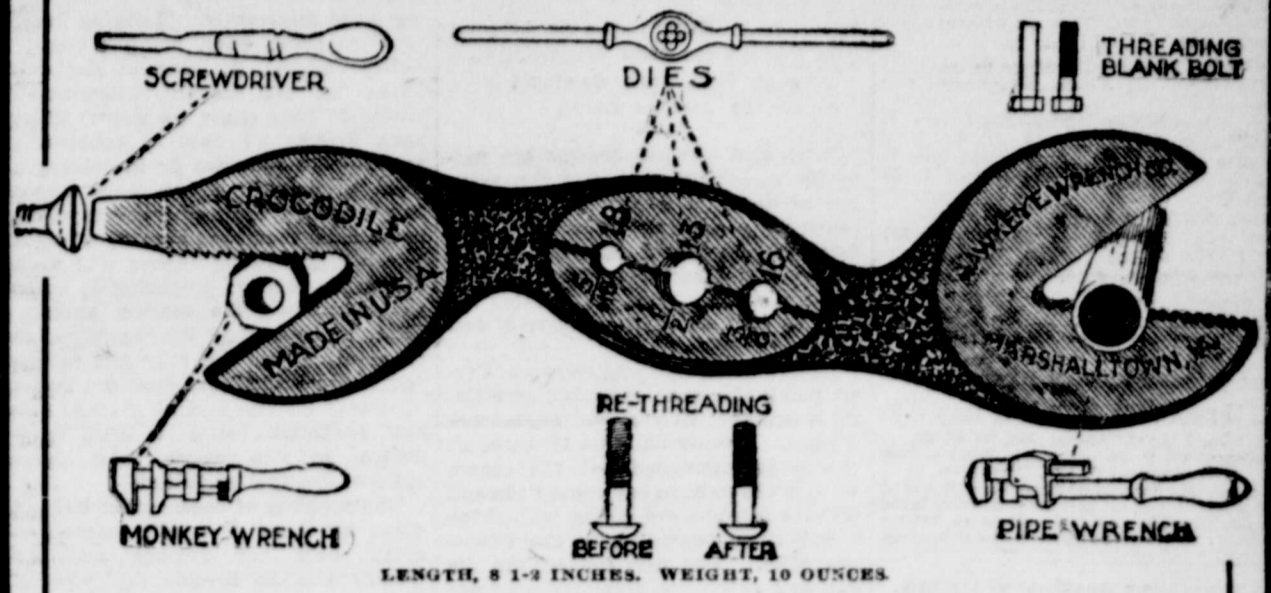
"You've just bought that suit at Peterman's," he panted. "I want to get a letter out of the inside pocket."

"Letter?" inquired the ascetic cheerfully. "Why—I thought that was the letter my wife gave me to post. I'm sorry, but it's in that letter box. Better ask the postman."

Precaution Against Trichina. A temperature of about 160 degrees Fahrenheit kills the parasite responsible for the disease Trichina, or flesh worm, as it is more commonly known.

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HIGH AIM OF THIEVES ROYAL CROWNS HAVE BEEN OBJECTS OF DEPREDATIENS. Latest to Be Recorded is an Attempt to Purloin the Now Disputed Diamond That Once Belonged to Brazil's Ruler.

Robberies of royal crowns are naturally extremely rare, and the number of thefts of this sort that have taken place since Col. Blood was captured in the act of carrying off the crown of England from the Tower of London, in the reign of Charles II., may be counted on the fingers of one hand.

Recently the imperial crown of Brazil was stolen from the Chateau d'Eu, in Normandy, only a few miles from Dieppe. Already on June 12, three of the largest diamonds of the crown were found to have been pried out and to have disappeared, along with three costly rings belonging to the Countess d'Eu.

Attention has thus been drawn to the owner of the endangered imperial gems, namely, the Countess d'Eu, ex-Crown Princess of Brazil, and only child of the late Dom Pedro, Brazil's last emperor, who was dethroned in 1889.

Decay of Handwriting. The decay of handwriting was the subject of a plaint by a correspondent recently in the London Times. "The steel pen," he wrote, "was one factor in altering the style and legibility of writing, and the fountain pen, in some of its varieties, has proved to be a still more harmful machine.

Gold Reports on Alaska. The United States geological survey has just published as Bulletin 520-H a report on the mining and water supply of the Fortymile, Seventymile, Circle and Fairbanks districts, Alaska, by E. A. Porter and C. E. Ellisworth. The estimated value of the combined gold production of the Fortymile and Seventymile districts for 1911 was \$212,000, an increase of \$12,000 over the output for 1910 due to the success of two dredges on the headwaters of Fortymile river.

SCHOOL FIFTY YEARS AGO Reminiscent Writer Tells of the Fashionable Girls' Academy of a Period of the Past.

The fashionable girls' school of fifty years ago was a most interesting place apparently. "Looking backward to those busy, shining hours," writes Julia C. B. Dorr, in Harper's Bazar, "my first thought is, how well we studied! How eager we were! What keen delight we took in construing an intricate sentence or in solving a hard problem!"

The problem of coeducation had not come up then. If a girl wanted to study with her brother and his friends, she did it—and that was all there was of it. How we sought for the derivation of words. How we revealed in the classical dictionary, brought by one of us and thrown into the common stock, passing from hand to hand, from desk to desk!

How many teachers did we have? Just one. I doubt very much if he was a marvel of learning, though I thought he was then. He was just out of college himself, and he had had no wide experience of books or men.

"Horny-Headed Romany." How a prominent Missouri farmer was "scratched" by the tillers of the soil in his race for governor of Missouri, shortly after the war, is told by one who was there and knew how it all happened.

"There are no grander set of men in this great state of ours," he said at his first big meeting of farmers' than you horny-headed romany." But that was too much for the farmers. The candidate was scratched.

Couldn't Dazzle Mammy. The young man of the house really was making good in a way that delighted his parents and brought him much flattery from friends and neighbors, but old Mammy, the family servant, remained unimpressed.

No Amusements in Zanzibar. There would appear to be no present market in Zanzibar for merry-go-rounds and other amusement devices. There are no public resorts in the American sense of the term.

Quick Business. William Loeb, collector of the port of New York, was discussing the wondrous speed and simplicity used in the transaction of American business.

"In a banker's office the other day," he said, "I saw a door open, a head stuck itself quickly into the opening and a voice demanded: 'Quarter!' 'Yep,' the bank president replied. 'Month?' 'Month.' 'Four half?' 'No, five.' 'Right.' 'The head withdrew. I asked in wonderment: 'What kind of a cipher is that you are talking?' 'No cipher at all,' the president replied. 'That was one of Chicago's leading financiers, and I have just arranged to lend him a quarter million dollars for a month at 5 per cent.'"

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SOMETHING THAT SEEMS TO BE ALWAYS WITH US. Evidence of Its Presence to Be Noted Wherever You May Look—Some Comfort in Remembering Words of Ruskin.

One of the most constant and distressing quantities in everyday life is the thankless job. It is firmly fixed in the established order of things that while we often rebel, we continue to accept. It seems immutably placed, and is illustrated in every circle of friendship or business.

Here's what Ruskin says on this subject: "Generally, good, useful work, whether of the hand or head, is either ill-paid, or not paid at all. I don't say it should be so, but it always is so. People, as a rule, only pay for being amused or being cheated, not for being served. Five thousand a year to your talker, a shilling a day to your fighter, digger, and thinker, is the rule. None of the best headwork in art, literature or science is ever paid for."

Misplaced Confidence. I wonder how many quarrels, heart-aches, broken engagements and ruined lives could be traced to the betrayal of little confidences which young girls are apt to confide to their women friends? The German people, who are usually pretty level-headed when it comes to the philosophy of love, have an old proverb, which, being translated, would read thus: "When the devil thinks that matters are running along too smoothly between a man and a maid, he tempts the maid to tell her joy to another woman; then the devil retires, for he knows that the other woman will do all that seven devils could!"

Napoleon at St. Helena. Describing the food which was placed on his table to his physician Doctor Antommarchi, he said: "Physicians have the right of regulating the table; it is fit I should give you an account of mine. Behold what it consists of: A basin of soup, two plates of meat, one of vegetables, a salad when I can take it, compose the whole service; half a bottle of claret, which I dilute with a good deal of water, serves me for drink; I drink a little of it pure toward the end of the repast. Sometimes, when I feel fatigued, I substitute champagne for claret; it is a sure means of giving a flip to the stomach."

Unique Device for Rocking Cradle. Unique and probably the most primitive cradle-rocking device ever seen or employed in any part of the world is the one that has been adopted by the Kwakwaka'wakw of Indians now living on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. The mother performs the double duty of spinning and rocking her infant, snugly packed in a hollowed-out cradle stuffed with cedar-bark strips suspended from the limb of a sapling. This is about the most realistic and accurate representation of the old nursery song, "Rock-a-bye, baby, in the Treetop," so far known; the most striking part, however, being that of the Indian mother using her big toe as the motive power. With a cord attached to the bent limb and the other wound around her toe, she swings her dangling offspring to and fro, leaving her hands entirely free for weaving. So out of the ordinary was this scene of Indian life, which was met by an expedition, that a life-size group of this subject has just been set up in the North Ethnological hall of the American Museum of Natural History, New York.—Christian Herald.

Second Burbank. "I'm very fond of watermelon," remarked Mr. Gummey, "but it always gives me cramps." "Just wait till my idea is perfected," replied Mr. Glenders, "and then you can eat watermelon with impunity." "What is your idea, may I ask?" "To graft the watermelon to the Jamaica ginger plant."—Lippincott's.

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