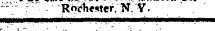


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MYSTERIOUS EYES.

Colonel Jagson gave his friends and a vehicle as the Jagson anatomy. Then | blurted out the surprise came. When the old boy appeared later in the day and took his brought. All the others raised their boarse whisper breathed: ulames, murmured "Happy New Year !" sinking the last syllable into the glasses as they quaffed the rare old brew, and

veteran, but his hand had not touched the glass. Silently he reached forth, and taking a tumbler full of water he slowly drank. Consternation but feebly ex- like devil's eyes last night in my bedpremses the feelings of the old guard room Jagson drinking water, and that, too, on New Year's day! What had hap alarm pened?

Eager inquiries brought no satisfac tion to anxious friends.

"No; I've not sworn off, " said Jag

"Never going to drink any more?" asked the old guard in chorus. "I may," replied the here of many a

tunale with old red eye. "Sick?" again came from the chorns.

"No," came from between the colonel's tightly compressed lips, and with | Soake. a ourt "Good day!" he strode majestic. ally from the cafe

loh This action brought dismay The old Only four now rendezvoused daily, and "No offense work" Õ ua lity by outsiders.

entreaty and solicitous inquiry, the colo-ົດ reat lod him to abjure the wine when it was red or the bowl when it was flowing. Thus affairs ran on. The Old Guard was troubled, and Colonel Jagson looklety ed worried and acted like a man overburdened with serious thought and a deep financial disorder The fear that oial stringency induced General Scake to take his wife into his confidence. With that taot and intuition that are woman's chief charm she went at once to call on Mrs. Jagson, and with the usual result-she got the root of the trouble in short order Mrs. Jagson was positively radiant. The colonel was always sober, the honsehold allowance had been increased, the table bore more delicashes of the season, her wardrobe and bonnets were new, and Mrs. Jagson be-

Everfall culmiy, bas with a onwer t bis voice, said, "Viely, pt Th bottom dropped out of every un . 1.

Everfull signed and p the her monies a terrible shock last week. The wearly to his tyes, as there a to i colonel had celebrated the dying of the out some borrible sight J. at this old year in true Jagsonian style and forward and gazed at the part 6. started for home when the infant 1895 General Scake second for natel by was only three hours old, carrying a trivial action of his friend. One moment load that was heavy even for so expert was given to thought, and then Jugoun

"Do your eyes trouble you?" Thus encouraged the general look of usual soat alongside the old guard, a from the major to the colonal, then turnbler of "straight" was at once from the colonel to the major, and in a

"Seen anything queer?"

The major and colonel stiffened and seemed like wooden men. Their astonthen looked at Jagson. There sat the ishment was so great they just had strength to gasp:

"What did you see?"

"Spots, by George, sir, shining spots,

"So did I," quoth the major in

"I saw them days ago," chimed in Jagson "That's why I stopped drinking.

"Gentlemen," interjected the fourth member of the Old Guard, Mr. Deeptank by name-"gentlemen, my wife yestenday received calls from Mrs. Mafor Everfull and Mrs. General Soake. and later in the day Mrs. Colonel Jagson came.

"Nothing remarkable in that," said

"Old friends, ain't they?" quoth Jag- i 8023.

"What's that got to do with devil'

"No offense, gentletacu, no offense at Jazzon's defection meant more to the all. Lassure you, but I think I see the survivers than can well be understood solution of this mystery. I am withing to time to advance the material and soto sacrifice myself on the altar of loyalty Nevertheless, despite all the effects of to you, and tonight I will go home see, ber-hem-but will pretoud I m a little nel remained a total abstainer He came bit hit in the weather eye-er-will daily to join his comrades, to gossip and stamble up the stairs, just acting, you swap stories, bat nover once did he be-tray, by word or sign, the reason that be clear in the top story. A sample to be clear in the top story. A sacrince to do it, genticmen, but the circumstances require forgetfulness of seif.

With wonder the party broke up to meet next morning. What has Deeptank discovered that will lift this awful pall? was the thought of the three afflicted men as they wearily toddled Colonel Jagson was caught in the finan- | home. Could the world ever come right again?

Meanwhile the shades of night had fallen, the hours crept on apace, but Mr. Deeptank thought not of home. He had a mission to perform, and, though sitting up until 2 a. m. was nothing to him, sitting up without grog was de cidedly unpleasant. Nevertheless he fought the battle and won the fight. Faithfully he refrained from nightcape. and when the hour of 8 arrived ha heaved a mighty sigh, buttoned his coat gan to think that the declining years of and made a line for home. When withher married state would be happier than in might of his domicile, he put on as natural a jag gait as one would wish to son. He knew Mrs. Deeptank had often told him she could see him staggering along, as she put it, and now she should have a chance to see him stagger. "Too bad to deceive the wife of one's bosom," muttered the victim of loyalty. "Too bad, but it's a good cause," and then he began to ascend the stops with an imitation of profound alcoholism as realistio in its effect as any gennine Deeptank jag over was. The keypote was fhally found, and Deeptank began to have histrionic aspirations. There was no one as yet to appreciate his abilifumbling he got the door opened and ties as an actor, but within himself he felt that elation which great actors say is the highest reward of the art. Deeptank was the last to arrive the next day at the meeting place. He took a match and evidently tried to go to bis whisky plain, as usual, but about bed in the dark. Faint rumblings and his eyes was an unusual twinkle, and in mutterings caught my attention, then a his hand he carried a small round wooden bor.

AS IN WOMAN SUFFRAGE In Bon. of Their Claimst

Prominent woman suffragists in the east give out that they propose to continne to strive for the enfrence. of their sez until their efforts aro on whe ed with success in every state in the Union. These women are to be commended for their untiring seal, which is no doubt actuated by a lofty and sinoure desir, to see what they conceive to be the right prevail, but to some extent at losst they are idealists who see in the success of their efforts an entirely new condition upon a very much loftier place of existence for woman than is now socured to her by the lawmaking power of governments, but the question is, How is the mere unfranchisement of woman going to fit her for the duties and requirements of political equality? The mistake that suffragists make, it is safe to say, is in advancing the theory that all women are as well fitted by nature to deal with economic and political problems as the average man. and that opportunity is all that is needed to demonstrate that fact. It will not be denied, that some women are naturally better equipped in every way to deal with political questions than some men, but is it not the exception rather than the rule? And does not the exception obtain because natural law demands it so to be? If so, it is difficult to see just how the enfranchisement mersly is going to change the natural order of things. It is argued, and the proposition may have merit, that political conslity might in time be the means of educating and advancing woman in the school of experience np to where she would have a comprehensive under standing of what is needed from time cial welfare of bumanity, but it would be an experience concerning which history gives no intimation of the probable ontcome

The oltra antisuffragists insist that woman has but one natural sphere, and that is domestic and social life, but that is as far from being true as the claim that the enfranchisement will remedy all the evils of our political life. There are pleuty of women who are as mafit for domestic life as many men are for military duty. We do not mean mentally or physically unfitted in either case, but they were just "born wrong," and nothing less than recreation would fit either one for what their sex would indicate were the natural avenues of existence and employment for them. - Omaha World-Herald.

Piano In a Very Small Room

Even the upright piano does not solve the problem of how a small room can be made to contain a musical instrument. If the door opens into the room; thus taking up useful space, place the instrument with one end at the side of

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FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

The Dog and the Kittens. The following interesting story of log and more kittens is told by a writer in Chatten

"Some yet, sgo we had a large dog named Lion, at the same time, two young . out whose mother had been killed when they were about a fortnight old, and who, in consequence of this accident, we were rearing by means of a bottle, some warm milk and a soft india rubber tube. Now, these kittens elept in the kitchen with Lion, and to protect them from him (for he was not particularly fond of cats) they were placed in front of the fire in a large flowerpot half full of hay and covered over with a kitchen towel. Ithappened, however, that this cloth had a small hole in it, through which the dog peoped one night to find out what was undernesth. When he saw the two helpless kittens, his rough heart was touch. ed with pity, and instead of biting or NExt Attraction-Davis' Spectacular Uncle in any way burting them he lifted them out, though how he managed to do an without hurting them I am sure I can't sey and placed them beside him on his rug and spent his wakeful moments before the morning in licking them. This attention was doubtlessly well meant, but when the servants entered the room they found the kittens nearly half drowned and in a miserable condition. "From that time master Lion considered that the kittens were his own particular property, and he would seldom allow one of them to come within his reach without giving it a lick that knocked it off its legs. He would also follow them about the house and suffer them to play with his tail in that impertinent, manner that is peculiar to kitens, and as he was too large and formidable to be allowed much liberty he must have felt greatly enligened by their company and could never have regret. ted the action that first introduced them to bis notice, but the kittens regretted that action for it must have frightened them greatly, and the parson who had to mend the kitchen towels must have regretted it also, I think."

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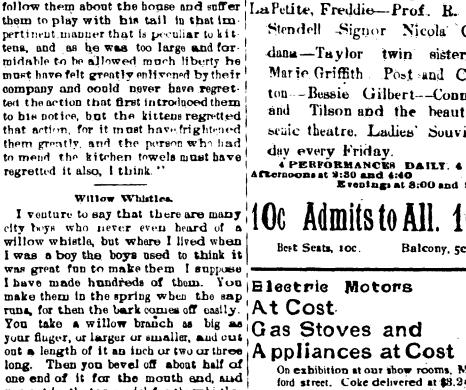
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Willow Whistles.

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carlier period "And how did it all come about?"

quoth Mrs. Soake. Now. Mrs. Jagson knew that Mrs. Soake had suffered from the same rivalry that she herself had endured, and that soft pity to which femininity is so prone swept over her, and she gave the cause of the reformation away to her friend.

"You know, my dear Mrs. Soake," began Mrs. Jagson, "the colonel came home just before daylight on New Year's morning and was not quite himself The conviviality had proved too much for his equilibrium, but after much came up stairs as softly as circumstances would permit. Contrary to my usual oustom, I had put the light in his room entirely out. He seemed unable to find wild roar. I rushed in to find him on the floor grasping at the carpet. When the gas was lighted, he became quiet, went to bed, and I left him in the dark

again. "A second time he called and asked me to sit with him in the light. I did so until he fell asleep. The next morning he folt that some explanation was due, I suppose, and told me that bright

spots like twinkling eyes had peered at him from the floor about the bed, and when he tried to grab one nothing was there. You may be assured Colonel Jagson was badly frightened at the effectof his overindulgence, and from that day to this he has not tasted liquor of any kind."

"But the explanation, my dear Mrs. Jagson!" oried the excited Mrs. Soake.

Well, you must keep it secret. If the truth be found out, the colonel might go beak to drinking again. It was this way: You see, I'd been having the colonel's room cleaned and fancied. only fancied, you know, that the bed might have some of those little pests larking in the orevices, so I told the girl to use a phosphorus powder, and she carelessly let some sift onto the carpet. Of course, in the dark it shone bright, and that is all there is to the 'eyes' that haunted the colonal "

"Just phosphorus bedbug powder!" exclaimed the wife of the old guardsman, who had not stopped sipping the cheering bowl in more than 40 years. "Just think of it! Broken from a habit of so long a time by 25 cents' worth of bedbug poison! I shall go and get some immediately."

Thus bubbling with eagerness the little woman rushed into the chill atmosphere of the outer world and into the arms of her dearest friend, Mrs. Major Everfull. So the secret was told to one more and was received again with rap." ture.

Things began to look sad for the old guard. With these determined women on the trail, and one man slready in captive chains, red eye bourbon and appleiack were doomed. The next day. when the group of old timers were gathered for the morning nips, General Boske said to the walter:

"Graces I'll have some apollinaria Don's feel very well today."

Jagmon's ginger ale babit was a shock, Boaks falling a victim to the mineral habit was a calamity, but when Major | be had .- Pittsburg Bulletin.

"Gentlemen," he began in his suave, apologetio voice, "I have made a discovery. A deep conspiracy bas been laid by our wives-pardon me, gentlemen, but hear me-a deep conspiracy, I say,

has been hatched to break down the oustoms of our friendship, to destroy our pleasure in life. As you know, I had a theory yesterday. That theory today is a faict. Last night I saw those shiny spots like devil's eyes, but I was perfectly sure of my senses pardon me again, gentlemen-and called upon my better half for an explanation. She could see nothing, of course, but after my sufferings, gentlemen, I was not to be put off that way, and as a result I hold in my hand the solution of the mystery. My wife conferred to the whole plot when she discovered I was not-er-under the infusnee. The spots were made by sprinkling phosphorescent powder on the floor. The powder is not made to rival the Reeley cure, but for the destruction of the bedbug. Here is the box, bearing its own inscription."

Silently the box was passed to General Soake. He adjusted his glasses, read the label, and in tones loud and clear yelled, "Waiter, my usual decootion l'

By the time the drink was brought Colonel Jagson had perused the colored inscription, sniffed at the contents of the box and accepted the explanation, and he demanded of the waiter why his usual drink was not there.

Then Major Everfull tumbled into line. The toast was drunk in silence, but the eves of three of the party were turned with thankfulness to the hero who had made life again worth living. That night Mrs. Jagson realized that the surest way to have a secret kept is not to tell it to one's dearest friend, but the Old Guard is happy and never speaks of phosphorus.--New York Sun.

Bound to Have It.

Mrs. Gotthere-My dear, pardon my frankness, but really I fear your daughter can never be a social success.

Mrs. Owtsyde-Why?

Mrs. G.-Well, she has no-no lie tedmolog

Mra. 0. -- Is that all? She shall have one. Meand John will spare no expense with Mollie. She shall have the best article of an-whatever it is-that oan



against the plane back. An iron brace can be placed so that the door cannot fly back to hit the piano. Then hang a grane rod for a portione to conceal the back of the piano. The same plan can be used when the door opens against the wall. It is decidedly novel and at first thought may not appeal to women who dislike innovations in locating pieces of furniture.

Prepare For the Ballet.

The next step is the nearest duty, whatever it may be and wherever it may appear to take us. Of course I regard the possession of the ballot as most obviously our nearest duty, and until We can segure it we must turn all attention to preparing for it. Parhaps, then, the closest thing at hand, I might say, is the preparation for the ballot. Every weman should undergo a office of treatment, so to speak. It won't unfit her for other things. Preparation for the ballot means simply a broader, deeper and higher view of life in all directions, and I should like to know what woman, be she mother, teacher, writer, minister, doctor, lawyer or journalist, wouldn't be the betweer for that .-- Phebe Hanaford

Right Birds on One Hat.

That Boston is well gone in barbarism appears from a hat now on exhibition in Temple place which is decorated, as we are fold, by eight humming birds. If we cannot go further, cannot we do what it is said they did in Altruria? The women of Altruria were rather slow, it is said, in adopting in advance the fashions of the twentieth century. It was therefore enacted that no one should wear a bird in her bonnet who had not herself killed the bird. akinned it and stuffed it. We have a good many barbarians in Boston of both sexce, but there are few young women who could bring themselves to killing eight humming birds -- Boston Commonwealth.

Giving the Women a Chance

So successful was the Woman's olub of Denver in its editing for Christmas day the Deriver News that the management of that newspaper has made the club an offer to edit permanently a department in its columns. From a column and a half to two columns of the Sunday issue of The News have been placed at the disposal of the club to be filled with whatever its editors may desire. The offer was enthusiastically socepted and an editorial committee appointed at once to begin work.

A Proper Place For IL

"Tommy," said Mr. Figg steraly, "I hung a motto in your room to the effect that little boys should be seen and not beard."

"Yes siz " "I find that it has disappeared. " "Yes, sir."

"What did you de with it?"

"I-I took it down to the doof and dumb orphan asylum."-Indianayolis Journal

The Paper Duck

Two boys are placed back to back with balls made of soft paper in their hands. Two other boys are their seoonds, to pick up their balls. They walk away from each other about eight fees, turn round and throw their balls at each other until one is hit. The seconds pick up the balls whenever they fall and replace the duelista



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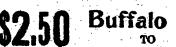
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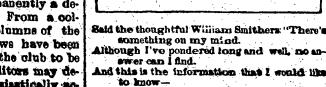
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