THE STORM CLOUD AT SEA

my cottage at nightfall I sat by the

In peace and tranquility gazed o'er the deep-Then a vision of glory was vouchsafed

to me That while I have being my memory will keep.

how down in the sky, near the horizon, lay A great bank of clouds floating slowly along.

Where, ever anon the swift lightning did play. and thunder was heard like the surfa distant sons.

As darkness apace settled down o'er the scene, A picture unfolded fain would I por-

trav. Int words seem so fufile, so meagre and mean When the strong hand of Nature provides the display.

The clouds became mountains, illumined, sublime, With hillsides and valleys and cities of gold,

Mare castles whose charm and whose beauty no rhyme, No language of mortals could aptly

unfold. and I thought of the hour when o'er

the dark waves At the call of the Master my sou. takes its flight; thall I find a blest country where

pearly streams lave The foot of grand mountains sub'ime in the light?

chall I wander enchanted where beauty unbounded Is fadeless, immortal, angelic and

pure? God, let my soul by thy spirit **MITTOUN**ded Near thee in thy glory eternal enture! -Oscar B. Smith.

How I Popped the Question

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The first time I proposed since I was w are age to know my own mind was seme ten years ago. I had spent a holat Scarburough, and in that most coligatful of seaside resorts there was reporting a family whom I will call believe. mere aristocratic, but I have no desire to repay insult and injury by giving their real designation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins were very pleasant people. They had a most charming daughter, a little too fond of gractical joking I thought, but charmme nevertheless.

mes a cousin who lived with them; he AB. ADO CAMe fr erhere in the West Midles.

I suppose it is because I am rather mert, wear spectacles, and am very servous, that he thought I would be a fit subject for practical jokes. I am mirly good-natured, and pretended not to mind it, especially as I was very much smitten with his fair cousin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins were much elder than any of us, and regarded us a children together, but though their daughter was eighteen, they seemed to consider her a child, and I don't supyour the thought of matrimony, in regard to her, had ever entered their

One day this objectionable consin and I went for a bathe together, and while we were making our way to the mean' I said sharply. shore he remarked:

"Well Mr B. (I am B.) I suppose we shall hear the wedding bells shortly?" "I don't understand you," I said, whereat he gave me a dig in the ribs, es one who should say, "You sly dog!" "Upon my honor, I really don't know what you mean," I retorted, rather mettled.

the only person in Scarborough who does not; surely you don't mean to tell me there is nothing between Mabel and

secretly lavished on her for three long ly in that way. weeks. The objectionable cousin apmeared to be sympathetic, and for a moment I felt as though I almost liked him. It was arranged that I should my the matter before the young lady that very evening.

I did so. It seemed to me the obiectionable cousin, father, and mother considerately cleared out of the way, and left me alone in the drawing-

The coast being clear, I resolved to go ahead at once, but my terrible nervousness stood in my way immediateb; but for that nervousness I should De a successful man to-day.

Mabel sat reading a novel on the cofa, while I was in a chair about three yards off. A quarter of an hour of silence elapsed, and it seemed to me that I got more confused every moment. The silence grew positively awful. I felt that I was expected to say something, and didn't know how. After that time the lady looked up and mid, "Oh, where are they all gone to?" Now is my time, I thought. I blun-

few moments?" She looked positively staggered, and then she smiled and said, "Why. how

funny you are to-night, Mr. B.". This was rather a damper, but I had so often read of the playful little ways of the sex that I thought. "Now, you have been baffled before in many ways, you must go ahead this time, 'faint heart ne'er won fair lady,' 'nothing venture, nothing have," and all that

sort of thing. How I did it I don't know, but I rose from my seat, got down on my knees wrote "Pickwick Papers?" in some way or other, and seized her hand. She was just about to rise, when the folding doors between the two arawing-rooms oponed and disclosed not only the objectionable cousin but Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins.

The cousin was apparently splitting his sides with laughter, while Mr. Jen.

kins (whom I had never seen angry, or even vexed, before) approached me. looking simply savage (there is no other word for it), and remarking:

"I don't know whether you are a madman or a fool, but whatever you are, you will kindly leave the house this moment."

Even Mrs. Jenkins was angry. "She was surprised," she said, "that a man of my age and unfortunate appearance could be so vain as to think I had attracted the notice of her daughter." Somehow or other I left the house, and I walked about nearly all that night like a raving lunatic.

That experience was a bad one, a very bad one, and it hidn't end with the extraordinary scene I have described. Before the next day the incident got to the ears of everybody I knew. for I could see them bursting and giggling with laughter. Two days afterwards I left Scarborough, and have never been there since.

It was this blow that made me so nervous about proposing, and so it was that so many years elapsed between my adventure with the widow and the Scarborough business.

Curiously enough, my next proposal was a seaside one, Southport being the scene of the operation this time, and her name-well, I will say Blackwall. She was an Australian widow, and I

cannot say she was exactly pretty. Still, I liked her, and in this case she liked me. too. I went so far as to consult all my friends as to the match. for I was of a sensible age and considered questions of dollars and cents. Everybody said the widow was well off; in fact, she had one daughter, a child of six, and she stopped at the best hotel with a maid. There was obviously no lack of money, the difficulty was to find out how much. Her husband had died in Australia, and his will was not filed at Somerset House. This I accertained by sending up to London to a firm of solicitors.

My income was small, otherwise I should not have hesitated. When I came to think of it I famey the widow rather tried to "repe me in" as they say, because after a short time she invited numbers of friends to Southport. and I could not help seeing that they were inspecting me to see what sort of a man I was. Mind you, nothing whatever had been said about matrimony.

Among the friends was a brother of her husband's, who was a jolly fellow. and we get very "chummy."

One night I plucked up courage and spoke to him on the subject. I threw out a gentle hint in the course of conversation by saying, "Well, of course, the money question is all right." and be replied:

"Of course, you have nothing to trouble your head about in that direction, lucky fellow that you are."

I took this to mean that the lady had plenty of cash, and so, when the widow returned to London, I called upon her at the Euston Hotel, was shown into a private sitting-room, and before ten John A. Dix. William Pitt Femenden, perfect proportions, with a head M The thorn in my side in that case minutes had elapsed I, without the ex-Governor Currier and Charles Sar- inches in length, slightest nervousness or hesitation, gent Comn; the first law office of Danr that I was in love with her. and, to be brief, was accepted. It was

an officer in the British India Steam- the first church in town and the first handkerchiefs at the expense of the ship company. During one of his cus- pastor's residence. tomary visits to London I remarked: "Charley, old fellow, you must congratulate me," and then I told him of my catch, as I termed it. After a short

convergation he said: "And what is the lady's name? I

I repeated the name of my charmlong, low whistle. I didn't like it at all. "What do you

"We she is a nice little thing, as ami ble a little woman as ever I have he grunted and turned away his head. seen but there is no cash, my boy. She has got \$4,000 a year so long as she deem't marry, but as soon as she mairies the money goes to her husband's brother."

Then it was that I saw the plot. The husband's brother, artful dog, had "Well," he replied, "you are about pretended to be very friendly to me in miners in the west resulted in murder, When I had married the widow he cused to have been innocent in intenwould get \$4,000 a year.

It was extremely awkward. I didn't My heart gave a great jump of de- know what to do. I had placed myself months afterward a man, armed to the covering of proper shape to dt under Mgbt, and I hardly knew what to in a position to be sued for breach of teeth, appeared in Thurston's office, the lower edge of the shingle and exthink. I had never dreamt that the promise though I never for a moment "Be you Squire Thurston?" "Yea," tend upward under the next course the promise though I never for a moment believed the widow would behave had. "Be you the man that defended Jack thus preventing anow and water from the level of the state of the promise though I never for a moment believed the widow would behave had." Be you the man that defended Jack thus preventing anow and water from the promise though I never for a moment with the promise though I never for a moment believed the widow would behave had.

> bead partner, a friend of mine, and wered, "Yes." "Well, I'm Jack Bailey's I thenticated history is the great bloo. a very shrewd man, said, "If you take pardner, and I've come to pay you, tree of Burmah. For 20 centuries it my advice. Mr. B., you will make a I haven't got any money, but I'm a has been held sacred to the Buddha clean breast of it." The lady's brothman of honor. Anybody in town you and no person is allowed to touch the er-in-law had told the widow that I don't like?" As the senator smilingly trunk. When the leaves fall they are cried John, he had good taste when was worth "pots" of money.

enough to keep her comfortably, and ion. she honorably and regretfully released me from my obligation. The brotherin-law was ashamed to show his face. and has returned to Australia, and I am still a single man, and growing nationt an Irishman, with a broken lessomewhat of a cynic as to matrimony.

Simple Method of Strengthening the Lungs Strengthening the lungs, especially with great difficulty, and I could not reform, such as "The Heavenly Foot the apexes, may be done by blowing understand it. A week afterward, on Society" and "The Advantage of the through a small pipestem or tube that will allow the breath to pass out slow- hard and fast and I was forced to re- in Lake Derwentwater, in Instant.

ly. First fill the lungs with good air, move it with the forceps. what was there is a species of fish called vendace.

Two Meals & Day Quite Enough. The theory of two meals a day is all right, and so is the practice, as experience has proven. Omit the breakfast. One cannot do hard work, mentally or physically, with a full stomach.-Ladies' Home Journal.

Among the Wise.

First Young Woman-Let's see, was

Second Ditto-Dickens. First-Of course. I couldn't for the moment think of his name.

TOLD OF STATES

Massachusetts has expended \$20,000 in trying to get rid of gypsy moth. Tampa, Florida, is the Mecca for the manufacture of clear Havana cigara.

An ordinance has been passed in West Palm Beach, Fla., forbidding females to enter calcons.

cotton crop of the United States, and arms took part.

cotton State, has no mili at all.

ceasful. The timber on 30,000 acres of hard-lord Courant,

spent in finishing the tract. ried on in mosefiled rate. The breed in becoming dignity and luxury.

ing leeches were shipped from Ger- in becoming dignity and luxury.

many some years ago, and all of the A considerable number of workmen broduct is thoroughbred.

having recently lost their lives by in-Raleigh, N. C., has the largest pair

300 yards north of the capitol. Cattle raising in Georgia has reached

a point where there is a surplus, and the surplus is coming west.

While plowing on his farm Joshua Dean near Petersbrrg, Ind., unearthed ninety-eight fint spear heads and two skeletons.

Cat State." At Santa Ana, Cal., there is a cherry

garden of 500 acres. Arizona, once practically nothing but

an arid desert, is fast being covered York Tribune. with intry verdura.

An enactment of the Texas legislature provides for the teaching in the

treatment to animais. Wisconsin boasts of a State Board of Immigration engaged in the jaudable work of persuading people to move from one part of the State into hibited at New York in 1889, It was another part.

bronze tablets marking distoric sites round the stiffe or knee-joint, \$5 inches within the town limits were desicated, girth, 34 1-2 inches round the hip and These were the birthplaces of General 11 feet 4 inches in length. It was of him and afterward by his brother the narrowest squeak I have ever had. Esekiel; the sites of the old fert built One of my cousins was at that time for protection against the Indiana, of

GOOD STORIES.

I met Oom Paul, an honest old soul, but rough, certainly. Still, he is a man know most of the decent people in Mel- to respect. I saw thim guilty of the bourne. Perhaps I may have met soledism of drawing off his boots in company to warm his feet. The weather was cold and there was a blazing er, and to my astonishment he gave a fire. He no more saw the harm of Coasting his unshed feet than his ungloved hand before it. Oom Paul had ever his eye caught a lady in low dress He was sent an order to the state box at the opera, and availed himself of it, but the ballet so horrified him that he would not stay to see it out. He wonovertake Parls.--London Truth.

Some years ago an affray among tion, took up his case and greatly mit-Balley at court?" The senator, think coming in contact with the wood, disclaimed any thirst for booty or carried away as relica by pilgrims.

case of a patient's confidence in his patient for a fee, medical advisor: "While I was a The reform assistant removing this pin, I found it had stuck Body Society." Pat, said I, didn't you know that pin rivers. One or two dead specimens of was sticking in you? 'To be sure I the breed which have been found in the did,' replied Pat. 'But I thought you lake are treasured as curiosities. knowed your business, so I hilt me

tongue." -- Collier's Weekly. Tere than a year after my debut at the Theatre Francais my sister Reginal one evening accidentally trod on Mme . Marks caused by wine, cut flowers, Nathalie's train. Mine. Nathalie, who etc. may be removed in the following was one of the leading ladies, pushed manner: Put into a bottle a raw pothe poor girl so roughly that she knock her head against a corner, and blood came. I immediately went for Mme. Nathalie, kave her a resounding smack and called her a great stupid!

The men were delicated in the low-wheeled coach came and they were carried away down the tablespoonful of salt and two tables leat laced drive, out of sight among the trees. And presently the newly stains are removed, then rinse in clear welded turned their faces indoors. The men were delighted, but the affair To Clean White Silk—Dissolve some, and of life crouted a terrible seandal. The man-soft soap in water as hot as it can be The holidays are over and scale

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ALL SORTS

A Japanese custom has been borrowed by certain theatre managers in Wales, and persons leaving places of entertalnment, with the intention of returning have a rubber ink stamp pressed against the back of the hand. A Connecticut company, the Nation-

al Electric Manufacturing Company of An attempt on a large scale is soon Milford, gets the award to furnish election be made to stock the abandoned tric bells for Windsor Castle. The farms of Maine with cattle from the company obtained the contract which calls for fifty fire-alarm boxes—after Texas makes nearly one-third of the a competition in which lifty English

that State is almost destitute of cottom What a flavor of fine old antique mills, and Arkansas, another great aristocracy there is about the name Pauncifotel The father of the pres-The cultivation of land on wacant ant distinguished wearer of the name lots in Wilmington, Del., by poor peo-began life as a Smith-a descendant of ple, under the supervision of the As- thriffy Banker Abel Smith, of Notsociated Charities, has been very suc- tingham. Lord Carrington is another of Abel Smith's descendants.-Hart-

wood at Alboma, W. Va., is about to To be prepared for emergencies. be cut at the rate of 35,000 lest per days many of the European monarchs have It is estimated that five years will be large amounts of money on deposit in the Bank of England. Napoleon III. There is a leech farm in Indiana and when he saw that his star was on the that is probably the only one in the wane, contrived to send a vast sum to whole country. The industry is car- England's great bank. This deposit ried on in mossfilled rate. The breed has enabled Empress Eugenie to live

haling deadly gases in sewers, a mediof oak trees in the United States, when cal officer of health recommends that perfect symmetry of trunk and top is to avoid danger workmen should take taken into consideration. They stand off all the covers and wait some time before going in, besides pouring limewater into the catch-pit and lowering a lighted candle to see if the air is pure enough to enable it to burn.

A Minnesota man captured a kingfisher when it was young, made a per of it, and trained the bird to capture fish and lay them at its master's feet. in summer, the bird is taken to the South Dakota is called the "Singed river, where fish are known to. abound, and set at liberty. It police high in the air, and, suddenly dropping, grasps its victims and promptly delivers the fish to its master.-- New

A framof fish dealers in Mobile; Indiana has six large skunk farms Ala., is experimenting with a ratiroad and the industry is becoming so exten- tank our in which, if successful, they eive that recently a "trust" has been will transport Spanish mackersl, pomnano, gulf bluefish and other conthers ashes alive to Northern cities. They believe that necessary seration and regulation of temperature in a suffipublic schools of a course of humane cient quantity of see water will be feasible.

The weight of the heaviest horse ever known was \$,000 bounds. Clydesdale, England, horse was ex-2014 hands high, and although only At Boscowen, N. H., recently nine five years old, measured 45 inches

Russian soldiers are supplied with

one in San Francisco. Each contains

about thirty-five patients. An Englishman has invented a new principles and stood by them. When- process for the disinfecting of sewage. consisting of mixing unalsoked lime. gas tar and water while under agilation in a closed vessel, and then applying the liquid in a diluted and hot condition to the sewage.

One of the queer freaks of the Bandered why God's vengeance did not gor (Me.) police grist the other day was an intoxicated man, who went into a leading hotel and telephoned himself for the patrol wagon. When it order to get me to marry the widow. and Senator Thurston, belleving the ac- came he climbed in anad rode over to the City Hall to be locked up.

To protect shingles from the weather igated the lad's punishment. Six a Nebraskan has patented a metalle

I consulted a firm of lawyers. The ing his last hour was come, again ant- The old est tree on earth with an au-

The widow was really fond of me, and blood, the caller insisted incredulously:
wanted to get married and have a home again. The brother-in-law had arranged the whole thing. I told her plainly you don't like, throw up your thumb that my income was nothing like and I'll pop him."—Youth's Companed the whole thing. I told her plainly you don't make, that my income was nothing like and I'll pop him."—Youth's Companion that home, even though it be given him, is a robber." Accordingly no A physician describes a remarkable doctor ever thinks of asking a poor

The reform against food binding is student in the medical college, I had a gaining ground in China. There are few who defend the practice in itself. When the plaster bandage was rectoy. But custom is stronger than resson. ed, and a lighter one put in its place, Several organizations have been form-I noticed that one of the pins went in | ed among the Chinese to promote the

Now is my time, I thought. I blunIy. First fill the lungs with good air,
dered out, "Surely you don't want then blow with steady force vigorousthem to be here, Miss Jenkins? You
Iy but not violently. A few times daily
would rather be alone with me for a will be sufficient.—Ladies' Home Jour.

Instead of through the cloth. Why, lake, and are never met with in the

FEMININITIES.

moment think of his name.

Second—He was the author of "Penager told me I must apologize to Mine. Borne. Rub the silk between the base begin." It said leading!

dennis" and "Under Two Flags," you Nathalie. I replied: "I will apologize to Mine. Then pln it on a cloth to Mine. Nathalie if she will do the silk between the base begin." It said leading!

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Couled a terrible segundal. The manager told me I must apologize to Mine. Borne. Rub the silk between the base begin." It said leading!

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THOSE PICKLES OF MATES

Up here to Malee Though the glasson of pallow is over And the cold, swishing rais

Comes poltering down and you stripping the leaves And smokes in cold spray from edge of the even All, it's wild out of doors, but w here with me. Where mothers as heaven because he

And you need not your eyes sir, to know it is fall In this stilling and stirring and steam like a pall For there's sever of spices and odor-

When your nose rets a sulf of these Dickles of marm's

In the tours of the rais. And the hand of the frost strips the

sheltering leaves
From the pumpicing those boses
the centinel sheaves That atimy and starkly keep guard in

the field. desolate rank without weapon shield. And the fragrance of death like a dellcate musk Floats up from the field through the cannot be with an always."

crispness of dusk; Yet out from the kitchen, more sevory Drifts the fragrance of pickies compounded by me.

The autumn awappe past like a dame to a ball. Up here in Maine.

Her perfumes would stagger sky Springtime but Fall Like a matron of Spain Puts musk on her bosom and sout on ler hur

And prinks her gay robe with state. rate care. Yet the fragrance the sheds has savor of death. The brain is turned giddy beneath her

nerce breath Till over it all floats the vigorous weekt Of spices and hot things and good things, all blent, It's wonderful friend, how it tickles and calma

-That while from those simmering pickies of marm's. -Lawiston Evening Journal.

By George I. Putnam.

habits a single room that is hyrolic in a lodging-letter's processional tax Russian soldiers are supplied with handkerchiefs at the expense of the Government.

The Nile is the longest river in the world, 4,300 miles. The Niger is 2,500 miles, and the Zambesi 1,600 miles.

Mrs. D. M. Rice, of Aptoc. Cal. 18 may be supposed known are something the oldest daughter of American partof a luxury—comething to be industrial to be supposed to be a supplied. There are two hospitals for lepers in this country one in New Orleans and Roberts—a singularly unpractical many one in San Francisco. Each contains doomed to carry a most irreconcission. doomed to carry a most irreconcilably. practical name. You should have need his abstracted features light up with sudden pleasure when rumaging in some bookstall had brought to light egain to the some desirable volume that he could, by other deprivation, afford to best that I have in mind the day when he same across a copy of Thomas Wartonia and Poems upon Several Occasions Manual Italian and Lating with Trailing tions; by John Milton, 1384. He tour the book under bis arm and west in

his lodging—a king. That evening, when I came in the beneath the star burner Encrystal nothing but the book (Look kersel) he cried there is the mine of a manual tor, dead now is to appoint frame printed a century later come now to me in its antique flees. He sould hardy let it go out of high as and thick, in worm-safen DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTY OF THE tion to a cont-of true pasted insiders in cover—that of some old-lime seeing-owner—fild like to know him. alive," end can't be a bad sort now. lifted leaf and fell out in eightbookmark, of course; yellow with again very old. I ploked it up to return and coked at I curtonly and thereigh became it most than its hookings ing faced to the palon brown was on it traced in a woman's delimate hand

Only three words I handed it to some election took him back across the react he sat looking straight before him seeing what visions may sometimes come to bless the most unpractical. There had been unstrated toy at the Hall for a 770k (O. it. september 2)

that prought some shide

The profilest gir in the country my boy said his father prophic

plied the happy son Light-hearied givests had filled the? Hall but now they wurs leaving sure of the last lingering few stood at the eq. france threshold passing merry words With the fow wheeled couch came a

and relative Elector Francisco THE WITE BEE threat to while they be enterialnment be entertainment personalisment of the control of the

You know it is rall without using your than she scheet seemed in a construction of the burdent and that was the burdent in the creat was flower pot dies.

There is fregrance that floats as the burdent in the creat was flower pot dies.

What an old married one Stilling to be a set of a set long," he added; and his partly consessed a yawn

This time steady book of the doubt in her eyes, JON-We-shall not miss our too much," the continued. "If we do no ment beep. YAWRON ASSIS.

"On carly is the symbol: a atop your mosts with a time the decidence true of the common true of t