

COASTING.

When the mercury goes downward and a freeze is in the air Then I sorter feel a longin' fer another

country where There are creeks in icy covers, and the slopes are clad in white

'An' your breath looks white an' smoky and it's most as light at night 'As it is endurin' day time an' the trees stand

stark an' still 'An' they's red-cheeked, glad-eyed children an' they like to slide down hill.

Childish voices, yes, and laughter echo down the years to me 'An' I see 'em all a-standin' underneath the

apple-tree Where the snow's all tromped and level an'

each feller's got a sled An' each girl wears coat an' mittens an' a tippt on her head, "An' the slope shines smooth below 'em and

boy to hold her on.

her wraps in, so.

in robes of shining white, And just her an' me forever flyin' laughin'

through the night. -J. M. Lewis, in Houston Post.



IEUT. PEARSON swung himself , on a Broadway car with con-

siderable relief. The transport had arrived but an hour ago, thus allowing him scant time and no ceremony in which to see the barber and pay a flying visit to his apartments.

Four years had wrought little material change in the scenes about him; he could shut his eyes and almost fancy that only a day and night had elapsed since the last time he had taken this ride. Alas, how well he remembered it-every little detail, full of sadness inexpressible to them both, but fuller even of a hope that had long since shrivelled and died. Certainly, he thought, it was a very

curious irony that was bringing him to her house now. But whatever the cause -or the lack of one-that had brought about her sudden marriage with the other man, only one fact remained for present consideration. Benton was dead. and with almost his last breath, had entrusted to him, a message for the woman he was leaving behind.

Pearson's hand wept involuntarily to his pocket, just as it had done hundreds of times before in the year that had passed. The packet was safe and he drew a sigh of relief. Another half hour, and It would be-thank Heaven-cut of his keeping forever.

He left the car in a fever of nervous-

"He sais," he answered, slowly. "Tell Doris my last thought and wish and prayer-were for her.'

Mrs. Benton paled, then flushed and paled again. After a little she rose restlessly and crossed the room to an open window. For a long time she stood there mute, staring out into the rapidly thickening dark.

Minutes passed, and a clock somewhere struck seven. Pearson started to his feet with a little exclamation of alarm.

"I really must be going," he explained, hurriedly, "my train for the south leaves in 40 minutes."

Mrs. Benton turned tear-misted eyes to his. She opened her lips to speak, but the words refused to come, and her lips quivered suddenly. She held out both hands to him in the little impulsive way that belonged to her.

Pearson held himself in check by a powerful effort. His hands closed over hers with a restrained pressure.

"Good-by," she said brokeniy. "You they start, an' they are gone! , Each sled with a red-cheeked burden an's than you will ever know—" She paused and turned away for a second. When she I would like to be up yonder for a little while, I would, Where us fellers used to gather where the so earnestly. "I had not meant to tell ol' crab-apple stood, I would like to set a girl on an' ter tuck you, Jack," she went on, tremulously, "but something that I cannot resist, imher wraps in so." An ter just jump on behind 'er, give a shove an' let 'er go! Feel the world scoot back behind us clothed State of the world scoot back behind us clothed of. He is dead now, and hereafter, my lips must be sealed against him. But this much you must know. He did you the greatest injustice one man may do another. He lied-to steal me from you. and I, like a credulous fcol, fell into the trap. You have lied-but to save him from dishonor in my eyes, and to save me

from shame and sorrow. Thank you,

Jack, and-good-by again." A quiver

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ran through her and she turned from him suddenly, breaking into a storm of sobs. Pearson hesitated a second; a strange. glad light pushed its way through the cloud in his eyes. He moved over to where she stood, and for a moment, himself stood looking down at her bowed head.

ness, but the walk of several squares in brushing back the hair from her face After a bit, she glanced up abruptly, the cool, brisk wind, restored his self- with a little nervous gesture. Somepoise. A strange mixture of emotions thing unmistakable-something that he mento and Truckee section. Travelers fought for dominance as he stood again had seen in her eyes a hundred times in front of the old-fashioned door with before in the years that were pasttrembled vaguely through their shadowed blue. He held out his arms. . "And you never really-"

RAILWAY SNOWSHEDS.

Felescopic Arrangement to Preven Blockades In the Mountains of California.

In describing a new snowshed used now by the railroads in mountainous country, a railway magazine says:

"Among the many difficulties encountered by the early railroad builders of the west was the heavy and long continued snow fall in the Sierra Nevada mountains of California, which in some winters, aggregates 60 feet in depth. The history of the invention of the snowsheds by the engineers of the Central Pacific is already well known, and reference has frequently been made to the developments made, as a result of experience with the peculiar conditions, which could not easily have been forseen. The snowsheds, extending from Blue Canyon station almost to Truckee, were first built, as naturally suggested itself, with steep roofs, and in section somewhat resembling an ordinary house, but it was later found that the unbalanced weight of the snow on one or the other side, especially on side hill work, caused continual trouble by

throwing them out of line down hill. "The next step was to anchor the snowsheds back to the side hill with heavy rods attached to the framework of the shed and sulphured or otherwise secured to the rock or earth of the cut. It was found, however, that the snow would melt from beneath the rods, and on the adjacent ground and roof of the shed, so that the entire mass, many feet deep, would hang upon the rods, bending them dow: and pulling the sheds in towards the bank, throwing them out of line in a direction opposite to that which occurred when there were no rods. This brought about a still further development, that of extending the roof, where it was practicable, into the adjacent banks, forming a shed which prevented the wedge of snow piling in between the building and the bank. Much shed of this character is still in

use over the high Sierras. "This was found to be of such advantage that it suggested the present typical shape, which is that of a flat roof, making the top of the shed somewhat wider than the bottom, so that the melting wedge of snow, between the structure and bank, falls away from the side of the shed instead of pressing against it, and the weight upon the base is increased to prevent overturning. This form of roof necessarily brought the roof covering down closer to the locomotive stacks and increased the danger of fire during the dry summer season. To obviate this hazard, deflectors are attached to the smokestacks of the mountain locomotives for the purpose of throwing the sparks to the sides instead of straight up against the roof of the snowsheds. These deflectors are so hung that they can be thrown to one side of the stack when the engines are not in the sheds.

"But there still remained the danger from brush and forest fires, which cause most of the trouble, although the right of way is kept clear of all brush and trees. On the Central Pacific there are 30 miles of continuous snow sheds, and others in isolated spots bring the total up to about 33 miles, along the Sacra-

A Physician's Advice.

A Physician's Advice. Yorktown, Ark., March 7th.-Dodd's Kidney Pills must not be confounded with the ordinary spatent medicine. They are a new discovery, a specific for all diseases of the Kidneys and have been accepted by physicians only after careful tests in ex-treme cases. Dr. Leland Williamson, of this place, heartily endorses Dodd's Kid-ney Pills "as a remedy for the various forms of the diseases of the Kidneys, pains in the back, soreness in the region of the Kidneys foul-amelling urine and cloudy or-

hey Fills as a remedy for the various forms of the diseases of the Kidneys, pains in the back, soreness in the region of the Kidneys, foul-smelling urine and cloudy or-thickened condition of the urine, dis-charges of pus or corruption, Gout, Rheu-matism, Inflammation and Congestion of the Kidneys and all kindred complaints." Continuing, he says: "I could mention many cases in which I have prescribed Dodd's Kidney Pills with success. For instance, Mr. Robert Weeks, farmer, malaria haematuria or swamp fever three times, kidney's weak-ened, continual pain and soreness in back, which made him very nervous, had a little fever and sometimes chilly. Urine change-able, but generally very high-colored, an old chronic case who had taken much medicine with little effect. After taking Dodd's Kidney Pills about six weeks, he was entirely cured and had gained fifteen pounds in weight. The last time I saw him, he was the picture of perfect man-hood."

New Excuse.

In the Portland municipal court recent-ly a woman got to the limit of excuses by saying that an apparent drunkenness was in reality only a desperate attempt on her part to break in a pair of new bhoes and at the same time to walk on ice. Judge Hill smiled but gave her 30 days.—Bangor News. News.

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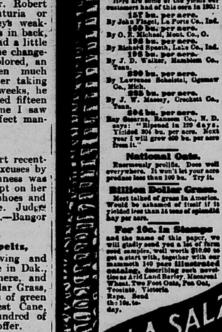
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its old-fashioned brass knocker. But he presented his card quite calmly to the servant who let him in, and sat down without trepidation in the familiar drawing room, to wait.

Mrs. Benton came in almost immediately. "I received your message," she said, holding out her hand, "and I dressed at once so as not to detain you. I think it rather too bad that you must hurry right off again."

The lieutenant relinquished her fing- much?" she asked. ers in silence and sat down in the chair she indicated. "I'm sorry myself," he returned, presently, "but circumstances require it and circumstances, you know. HORSES NOT FOR PRESIDENT. are about as inflexible sometimes as the proverbial 'stubborn fact.' "

After a desultory interchange of inquiries and reminiscences, Pearson fumbled in his pocket for the little package he had crossed the ocean to put into her hands, drawing it out with a keener six Arabian stallions which arrived on sense of constraint than he had imagined the Hohenzollern recently are not inpossible.

"Doris-Mrs. Benton," he began, ungive you this. I-"

"Thank you, Jack," she interposed. quietly, extending her fingers quite passively.

Pearson regarded her in some surprise. He had expected tears, questions, hysterics-anything but this inscrutable calm. Did she, then, love him so very much after all as to be compelled to crush back all feeling behind a mask? Or-he dismissed that other thought almost before it was born.

"Is this all?" she asked after a pause. "Was there any word-any last wordfor me?"

Lieut. Pearson flushed to his temples. How was he to tell her that the man'sher husband's-dying breath had framed another woman's name? Benton had asked him, dispassionately enough, to deliver the packet to his wife; that was time picked up a cake of soap which all. And everything the packet contained was the seal-ring Doris had given him and one of two trivial little ornaments of hers he had brought with him to the Philippines.

"He was unconscious at the last," he replied after a silence.

Mrs. Benton looked at him earnestly. undisguised eagerness.

He met her eyes without flinching now. 'Yes," he said, "there was something." "Tell me," she leaned back in her chair, folding her hands tentatively. "Tell me-everything," she went on by at least two years. with a liftle catch in her voice. "I want to know the truth, Jack."

Parson remained silent for some time. The truth he could not tell her; it must cisco is the largest institution of the be a lie or nothing. The lie was safer. kind in the world.

"Hush, dear. He is dead now, and after all-he was my husband." His arms closed about her. "I'm afraid," remarked Lieut. Pearson

after a while, "that I am going to miss my train." He laughed. Doris Benton lifted her head for a brief

second. "And does it matter so very "If you can be ready to go with me to-

morrow-no." he said.

Arabian Stallions from Sultan of Me rocco Intended for Exhibition at St. Louis.

It has developed that although the

tended as a gift for the president from the sultan of Morocco, they are that certainly, "your-he requested me to potentate's contribution to the world's fair at St. Louis, where the president upon a horse's back is not the correct probably will see them. The president one. This sounds unusual, because, in may not receive such a gift save by an act of congress.

The stallions were taken to a riding academy in Hoboken, where they will be kept until J. W. F. Langerman, formerly vice consul at Tangier and now the agent to Morocco from the St. Louis fair, returns to this country. Before the horses were taken from the Hohenzollern many persons went to the ship to see them, somewhat to the annoyance of the Arab horsemen who are taking care of them, and who seemed to resent the intrusion. No child of luxury could be treated better than are the six chargers. At nine o'clock they received their morning bath and some one who was taking a look at the high-bred steeds at the

was being used for the equine ablution. "Perfumed!" he exclaimed in amazement.

About that time several photographers arrived, and threw the Arabian hostlers into a panic, the queer-garbed men running away from the cameras as though they were Gatling guns. "But-before that?" she insisted with When inquiry was made regarding their behavior, one of the Arabians who can speak English fairly well, explained that it is a belief in Arabia that a person who has a photograph taken thereby shortens his or her life

> Largest of World's Mints. The United States mint at San Fran-

are well acquainted with the famous chain of snowsheds over the Sierra Nevada range. The sheds are built right up to tunnel portals so that trains pass from shed into tunnel and out into shed again, over the 33 miles' course, without going into the open. With the advent of the snow plough it was presumed that the sheds could be ultimately done away with, but near the summit of the Sierra Nevada mountains, the tracks are subject not only to blockade from snow, but also from avalanches containing rocks, trees, etc., carried along with the sliding snow, against which the snow plough is of no avail. During long continued snow storms, only the snow ploughs could use the tracks to the exclusion of traffic, as the deep cuts would fill behind the ploughs almost immediately. Therefore it seems impracticable to dispense with the snowsheds, in this section of the country, in which the snow lies upon the ground in some years from November to June."

The Novice A-Horseback.

The position that it is natural for the beginner to take when first perched so many sports and forms of physical exercise, the attitude that is easiest and most natural is the best. . For instance, in walking, we move with our toes pointed out and our heels in. The beginner in riding naturally places his feet in this position when first seated upon a horse. The correct position for the feet in riding is to carry them parallel with the sides of the horse. The reason for this will be readily understood if we imagine the rider wearing spurs. Were the toes out and the heels in, he would be constantly in danger of jabbing his horse in the ribs. If any further reason were necessary, the awkward appearance of the feet when carried as in walking would suffice.-Country Life in America.

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Mexican Town Fairs.

Every city, town and village in Mexico has its annual fair, not like the county fairs in the United States, but several days given to pleasure, usually in celebration of some religious event. when it puts on its holiday attire, and all the people for miles around congregate for business and pleasure.

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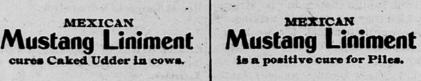
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