WHAT, WHEN, WHO, ETC.

Pray, what did T. Buchanan Read?
What did E. P. Roe?
What relations did Egbert Wright?
And where did E. S. Rote?

Do Thomas Hardy nowadays?
Is Rider Haggard paid?
Is Minot Savage? Ossie Wilde?
Did Edward Everett Hale?

Was Lawrence Sterne? Was Hermann Grimm?
Was Ethelred Yeomy? John Gay?
Jonathan Swift? and did John Bright?
And why was Thomas Grey?

Was John Ruskin? and is J. R. Green?
Chief Justice Taney quite?
Was William Black? Di Blackmore?
Mark Lemon? H. K. White?

Was Francis Bacon lean in streaks?
Was Spenking of love in tears?
Was Roxy much given to the pen?
Are Lizzie and Lottie still today?

Of Mary Mapes Dodge just in time?
Did G. D. Warner? How?
In what did Andrew Lang revel?
Does Edward Whymper now?

What goodies did Rose Terry Cooke?
Or Edward Eggleston plan?
What gave the wicked Thomas Malich
And made Mark Akenside?

Was Thomas Bailey Aldrich glad?
Did Richard Steele, I ask?
Or was his George a Selby sale?
Did William Cowper a mask?

Does Henry Cabot Lodge at home?
Is Dudley Warner what he was?
Is Gordon Cumming? Isaac G. W.
Clarke? Arnold? Hamilton W.
Mary Packard Hollins in Good Housekeeping.

DICK'S DARLING.

BY CLARICE LEE IZBELLE.

CHAPTER VII—CONTINUED.

"Ah! I thought I saw a young man by the name of Parker, on the lawn with your daughter, and I thought—that is, I naturally supposed from her past, that he was staying here."

George Kingsley turned deliberately and fixed his eyes piercingly upon his visitor.

"Will you please explain that remark?" he requested, coldly, but his visitor could see that he was in dead earnest. "I demand to know why you judged that he would be here from my daughter's past. What has he to do with my daughter, or her past?"

"Well, you see," hesitatingly, "my cousin, Sarah Moore, raised Carmen, and—"

"Wait a minute. Who is Sarah Moore, and how did she happen to have charge of my daughter? I have never asked one question concerning Miss Kingsley's former life, and I did not care to hear more after I was told she was unmarried, but you have excited my curiosity. Explain yourself fully."

"Well, it was just this way," easily. "You know Pearl's grandfather married my mother's niece when we were both small chaps, and naturally we were rather fond of each other; being brought up under the same roof. I was quite a little boy when Pearl so unceremoniously stepped aside to go on the stage, and once when I found her in trouble, I looked about for a place to take her, and I fell upon my Cousin Sarah as a good, safe person. In that way they got to know each other, so when poor Pearl was dying she asked Sarah to see after her little girl. Sarah had a house full of girls of her own, but she promised to care for her, and she did. When Carmen was four or five years old, an old miser, named Sterne, came to Sarah to get her to board his sister's boy, and as Sarah took him, as at what terms, I have been considered starvation prices by anybody else. Well, the upshot of it was, this boy and your girl grew up together until they were both in and his old uncle set him adrift to earn his own living. He ran away, but he and Carmen have always kept sight of each other, and I have thought by Cousin Sarah and her girls that they would be married just as soon as he was able to support a wife, which will undoubtedly be some time. He is a wild chap, but perhaps they think it an easy enough matter now that little Carmen is the Kingsley heiress. It would be a good thing for him, and then I guess he is fond of her yet. He was wild about her two years ago."

"Thank you." If the tone was ironical Blake was apparently unconscious of it. "And, Mr. Blake, as you have been so kind, perhaps you will oblige me further. Can you tell me the name of that young lady with whom my nephew is speaking?"

His guest wheeled around and following the direction indicated saw the table under the trees. Dick and Dolores were still standing quietly by themselves, apparently absorbed in each other.

"Isabella?" was his ready response. "That is the adopted daughter of my step-sister Ellen. You remember Ellen Grey, Kingsley? Well, she was a fool to put at liberty to divulge her real name, although she knows it, nor her parentage. It is one of those cases where it is best to know very little, I suspect, and you know Neil Grey of old. If she does not choose to tell, wild horses could not drag it from her. There is something queer about this girl. Do you not observe an extraordinary resemblance to some one significantly."

"Resemblance?" Kingsley searched for his eye-glass, "I had not observed her closely, and my sight is bad. I was Dick instinctively, but—" he paused suddenly. Long and anxiously he strained his eyes, his muscles grew tense and rigid, and his mouth setting with lines of pain as he noted each curve and line, each tint and expression of the shy, serious face raised so unflinchingly to Dick Kingsley's. For fully two minutes the man sat like an image, and then, removing his glasses, he leaned back in his arm chair.

"Yes, I think I do," he said with white lips. "It is as you say—remarkable. Now, Mr. Blake, if you will pardon me, I must ask you to go, I shall be pleased to have you call again and so will my daughter. Wish you good day, sir."

"Good day," responded his visitor, "I thank you for your invitation and will most assuredly avail myself of it. Good afternoon," and he passed out of White Hall with a smile that grew broader as he glanced at the group under the locusts. Fred Parker was still at Carmen Kingsley's side.

CHAPTER VIII.

"Love is the Only Good in the World."

It was two hours later. The dying embers of the tea fire burned with a faint crimson, and reflected from the many windows at White Hall a flood of golden light. Contrary to his usual custom George Kingsley had not gone for a short drive behind his handsome grays. He sat in deep thought behind his library table. The door opened and his daughter came into the room. She was dressed in a cool white gown opened at the neck enough to display her perfect throat and caught by a bunch of yellow flowers. It was her whim to select rich, bizarre colors, crimson, gold and black or deep, soft pink. She came to the table and stood expectant. Her father motioned her to a seat.

"How old are you?" he questioned abruptly, fixing his keen eye upon her.

"My birthday was the sixteenth of June," was the calm reply. "You know how many years that makes."

"Quite old enough to marry, at any rate," sharply. "May I ask if you have ever yet thought of marrying?"

"Certainly. I have coveted that much-to-be-desired event since I was six years old. Unfortunately no one has taken the trouble to ask me, that is, anyone I care to marry."

Her tone was careless, half contemptuous, such as she always used when speaking of love and marriage. She looked the image of cool, careless indifference.

"You have no objections to marrying, I presume? You will get married some day?"

"Certainly, when the man I love shall make his appearance and asks me," with unruffled calm.

Her father frowned.

"Girl, do you know that is shere nonsense? he questioned, sternly. "Love! Faugh! Love is a delusion for boys and girls to rave about, and novelists to coin into dollars and cents. Love! Girl, if you know anything of the world, and I think you do, you well know that it is a sham, a fraud, an absurd madness that blinds people for a while until they do the rashest, the wildest deeds that ever made a man regret his own existence, and for which he pays the penalty forever after. Do not believe in it! It is an delusion, a snare, a blindness that never lasts, but which is the greatest curse upon earth. You have seen the result of it, for you are no fool, and despite school-girl, or my faculty of reading character is at fault. Answer me, is that not true?"

"Yes, father, it is true," calmly. "I have seen this all for love and the world well lost drama played out to the bitter end, and it is as you say, a delusion and a snare. But there is another phase of love, I mean, calm, peaceful affection born of perfect trust and perfect peace—a love that lasts, a real thing, and of unrest instead of misery, and in which passion has no place. That is the love I would have, if I marry, and oblivion is my hard to find. If I ever find it—"

"You never will," with a slight sneer. "It is just as well for you to get rid of these ideas at once and for once. I sent for you to-day to have a sensible conversation. It is my wish, my earnest desire, my one desire now, to see you married, for I feel that you marry. I may not live long," passing his emaciated hand across his face, "and I want to know that you are in which I leave White Hall and my money. You know this place belonged to my great grandfather. I want it to remain in my family, and I have set my heart upon it that you marry. You know my views. I am not living in the past, but I am a believer in the old maxim, 'Blood will tell.' I have seen some wonderful cases of it, and I have a sincere liking for him."

"Then you—"

"No. I think not. And then Dick would be the last person in the world to make a mercenary marriage. He cares nothing for money—"

"We shall see about that," quietly. "A man is never known until he is tried. I will be frank with you. I have made my will, and I have set my heart on seeing you married to Dick. All I have, I give or bequeath to you, but while you are a stranger to me Dick has been a son to me, and the easiest way out of it is for you to marry him. You understand me?"

"Perfectly. Is that all?"

"No. One thing more. Who is this Dolores Grey I saw on the lawn this afternoon?"

"Dolores Grey? I know nothing beyond the fact that she is the niece of Miss Ellen Grey who lives in the Wayne cottage up the road, and they are strangers about here."

"Is that all?"

"Yes, quite," with an indication of the head.

Carmen passed proudly out at the long window and stood in the shadow of the vines at the head of the long veranda, idly pulling the leaves to pieces between her restless fingers. There was a curve to her short red lip, and a scornful, rebellious look in her eyes, that were black with passing emotions.

"I wonder if he thinks I would—if I am as low as that?" she thought bitterly. "I would do almost anything for money, for I must have it; but—no, that is all. I will never sell myself for money, no, never, never!"

The dusk grew deeper, and a very last ray of sunshine struggled through the clustering vines across her passionate, scornful face. A man coming carelessly along the path to the steps beside her, stopped a moment in curious study of the glowing, wavy the stump of his cigar, he rose up the steps beside her.

"What is it, little one?" he asked tenderly. "There is something wrong, eh?"

"Wrong?" she started violently. "How you frighten me, Fred! Yes, there is something wrong with me myself, nothing else. I was working myself into a passion because my amiable papa informed me that I was to marry Dick Grey, and I will not, I won't be unjust to Dick. He is a very good fellow, but you know, Fred, how I should feel about it."

"No, I can't say that I do, slowly. "It is a very admirable arrangement, I think. When is it to be—the wedding, I mean?"

"When? Why, never, of course," angrily. "I hope you don't think I hold myself low enough to submit to being handed over to a man who does not want me, like a bale of goods or a piece of inanimate marble! No, I marry no man for money, Fred Parker!"

"I thought that was your object, a rich marriage," remarked Fred, with a quick glance. "You said, only yesterday, that you were deaf, dumb, blind, and an idiot, and you wanted nothing to do with him. You have often said you did not believe in love, so I naturally supposed you would go in for the almighty dollar when you married."

"Then you thought wrong," with vehemence and a warmth that made many simple things in my life, Ted, that I did not mean, and that was one of them. I do believe in love! I believe it is the best, the dearest, the sweetest thing on earth, and I will never marry any man until I can give him the whole love of my heart, heart and soul. There, you heard me, and 'them's my sentiments,'" with a little laugh verging upon the border of tears.

CHAPTER VIII.

Love's Young Dream.

The evening was pleasant. Dick felt that he was and ought to be perfectly happy, as he strolled home with Dolores by his side. Happy? Who could help being happy with her beside him, he wondered, his eyes drinking in the beauty of the sweet, serious face raised to his, with perfect content shining in the dear, starry eyes.

Did she love him? Sometimes he thought she did, and then a great fear would fill his heart. Suppose she did not? There were so many reasons why she should not, and so few why she should.

And then she appeared so young, so fragile, so weak, that he wanted to hold her to breath when he came near her for fear she would suddenly disappear into thin air.

They passed through the long rows of corn, the weed-grown path, and arrived at the fence. All the time this broad-shouldered, cool young man was in a state of conflicting emotions. Did she care for him? It was too good to be true! But she had been so kind all the afternoon, had kept very close to his side and him alone, and a bit of color had flamed in her usually colorless cheeks at his approach.

Apparently she was not noticing his distraction, for she was chatting in quite an animated way for one who was always so quiet and gentle.

"I am sure I have seen Carmen before," were the first words he heard.

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A Very Practical Man.

The late Dr. Jowett, master of Balliol, once asked of a young man who had been taking private lessons of his love for the poets, "Do you ever write poetry, Mr. M—?" "Yes—well, I do something in that way," was the answer. "Quite right, mind," said the master, "how much you write, so long as you burn it all." On another occasion an undergraduate was heard to say, "Isn't it delightful to lie on one's back and watch the glory of the bright spring day." "The shower of blossom, the song of birds, the music of bees—what a gift from God it all is!" "It makes us all poets. Does it not make you feel poetical, master?" said the rash youth. "No," said Jowett, testily, "I think not. Taking another look at Jowett's reality could not stand comfort a bit more than he could get away with blieness. Instead of saying, as Harry Smith would say, 'My dear sir, you are a very young man, and belong to a very old college,' Jowett would say straight out, 'You are a very conceited young man; do not be so foolish.'"—Argonaut.

The Newest Lote in Dogs.

The style of dogs has changed. The King Charles spaniel, which took the place of the despised pug, was in turn supplanted by the bull terrier, who has given way to the bullet heads and beetling jaws of these canine marauders were dangerously conspicuous. Now the Himalaya dog has glided carelessly into the affections of the modish young woman, and is to be seen on pleasant mornings, muffled in furlined blankets, gambling lightly toward the park. This new spe ies of canine has a head like a deer, its limbs are fragile and graceful, and it is moderately docile, but also is very intelligent and affectionate, but so sensitive to cold as to make it an object of constant solicitude. A girl who keeps a Himalaya dog is safe alive for two seasons could conduct with complete success a private sanitarium for indigent husbands.

Use of the Cross in Signatures.

The ancient use of a cross instead of a signature was not general alike by those who could and by those who could not write. It was a symbol of an oath from its earliest associations. In this account Charles Kalght, in his notes on "The Pictorial Shakespeare," explains the expression, "God save the mark" (Henry IV.) as a form of adjuration approaching to the form of an oath. Kelly, in his "Comments on Scotch Proverbs," observes that the Scots, when they used to swear by one person to person, used the expression, "God's mark." Another explanation of the expression is that in archlery, when an archer shot well, it was the custom to cry out, "God save the mark!" that is, prevent anyone coming after to hit the same mark and thereby spoil the shot. Originally, it was said to a novice, whose arrow struck nowhere.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Biblical Quotations.

A collection was lifted in a Boston Sunday school for a foreign mission, and the pupils of one class were asked to suggest a text from the bible appropriate to the occasion. The first boy said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." "Good!" said all. And then they went on: "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver;" "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord," and so on. One boy staggered the class at last by quoting: "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak" but a certain amount of appropriateness was recognized. A small girl who looked lengthened some faces when the next boy blurted it out, but the climax was reached and the quotations ended when a little fellow shouted: "A fool and his money are soon parted."—Boston Traveller.

Rough on the Prophets.

Tommy, reading very poorly in the bible—Lord, it is good for us to be here. Let us build three tabernacles One—for Thee, etc.

Teacher—If you don't read better I'll give you a box on the ear—

Tommy, still reading—And one for Moses, and one for Elias.—Texas Siftings.

Still in Doubt.

Adorer—I know I am poor, but I will insure my life for $20,000, which ought to be enough to support you, and enough to live on comfortably in case anything should happen to me.

Miss Flighttle, doubtfully—Do you think it will be enough to support another husband?

A Bankrupt Empire.

In 1811 the Austrian empire was bankrupted and "converted" its notes, the holders receiving one for five. Five years later the new notes were declared void and again "converted," the holders getting two new notes for seven old ones.

A One-Man Furnace.

House Owner — How does your furnace work this weather?

Tenant—The exercise of raking it keeps the wares enough, but the other members of the family complain.

Compensation.

"Poor Tom didn't get to take part in the foot-ball game did he?"

"No, but he fell down the back stairs and to-day you couldn't tell but what he had."

HERE'S THE TICKET.

THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION AT GRAND RAPIDS.

Gov. Rich Re-nominated After a Rather Stormy Time—Pingree's Name Withheld—The Platform Strongly Republican—Proceedings of the Convention.

The Republican state convention was called to order in Hartman's hall, Grand Rapids, by Secretary Brown of the state central committee, with the prospect of a very stormy time over the naming of leader of the ticket. The hall was gaily decorated with flags and red, white and blue streamers. The only picture displayed was a three-quarter lifesize crayon portrait of James A. Garfield. Rev. J. W. Smith opened the proceedings with prayer. The Grand Rapids Glee club sung two songs, parodies on free trade and Democratic things generally. Secretary Bates then read a letter from the state chairman, Senator McMillan, containing his regret at being unable to attend the convention, "but my duty is in Washington," said the letter, "so long as there is a chance to defeat a tariff bill justly called infamous alike by its opponents and its defenders."

Mayor Fisher, of Grand Rapids, delivered a short address of welcome and Senator Palmer was introduced as temporary chairman. After referring to the unanimity in the Republican party of Michigan he gave a shot at Don M. Dickinson, speaking of him as the Democratic boss, and said he expected to be looking for votes for Rich would bring victory to his party in the state this year, but he insisted on leaving him for a time denouncing the Wilson tariff bill, he said that the McKinley law, instead of being doomed, was the most popular political corpse in America today. He spoke at length and caustically of the times were before the Democratic federal administration came into power, and insisted that if the people had not been started for the revision of the tariff laws, and the McKinley bill had been left to stand and unchallenged, the hard times that have come upon us would have never been known in the land. He said that it was plain that there was no use disputing the fact that the idea of silver remonetization is gaining rapidly in the Republican party. Bi-metalism and protection, he declared, must receive recognition from the Republican party. He closed with predicting 60,000 majority for the ticket this year.

A. W. Smith, of Ionia, was elected temporary secretary and H. W. Newkirk, of Dexter, and Col. J. W. Sumner, of Kalamazoo, assistant secretaries.

The convention adjourned at noon until 1:30.

The hall was crowded to its utmost when the convention was called to order from the afternoon session and Temporary Chairman Colgrove was made permanent chairman. A message was read from Senator Stockbridge expressing regret at his enforced absence.

Chairman Fox, of Tuscola, chairman of the platform committee, reported that there were no contesting delegations. The report was adopted without debate.

The committee on organization and order of business reported that the temporary officers be made permanent and the usual committees appointed. The report was adopted.

The committee on resolutions were not ready to report, and on motion of George A. Farr, of Ottawa, nominations were proceeded with. George Turner, of Coldwater, named Alfred Milnes for lieutenant-governor. Mr. Hubbell nominated Thomas B. Dunstan. There were several seconding speeches, no other candidates being named. Milnes was chosen by a vote of: Milnes, 621; Dunstan, 317.

Secretary of State Gardner was, on motion of Burton Parker, renominated by acclamation.

George A. Steele, Clinton county's candidate for the state treasurer, was presented to the convention by Prosecuting Attorney Norton, of that county. State Treasurer Wilkinson's name was presented by George Waite, of Mendon. The result of the ballot was: Wilkinson, 579; Steele, 387.

For the office of auditor-general the names presented were: Stanley G. Turner, J. H. D. Stevens and Roscoe D. Dix. Turner received 534 votes, securing the nomination.

The remainder of the ticket was chosen as follows: For attorney-general, Fred A. Maynard, of Kent county; state land commissioner, William A. French, of Presque Isle county; superintendent of public instruction, H. R. Pattengill, of Ingham county; member of state board of education, Perry F. Powers, of Wexford county.

Chairman Colgrove, being attacked with sudden illness, was obliged to leave the hall and K. P. Allen took the chair in his stead.

The platform was adopted by a good majority. There was, however, considerable wrangling over the silver plank, which finally assumed much the same form as that adopted by the Republican league at Denver. The platform was in substance as follows:

We the representatives of the Republican party of Michigan in convention assembled, hereby declare and renew our fealty to all the cardinal principles and purposes of the Republican party. We congratulate the country upon the present unbounded prosperity which will lead it from the past most unhappy and demoralized era of Democratic misrule. We are unalterably set to fight, into an era of hope and happiness and prosperity for our country and our people.

We heartily approve of the administration of our state affairs by Gov. Rich, and we commend his attention to the public interests and his prompt and faithful performance of every duty devolving upon him.

We favor such legislation as will secure protection to the American doctrine of protection. We believe that the present unhappy financial condition of our country is in great part due to the tariff and other purposes of the Democratic party to destroy the American system of protection. We believe that all articles which cannot be produced in the United States, except luxuries, should be admitted free of duty, and that on all imports coming into competition with the products of our own labor there should be duties levied equal to the difference in wages between labor at home.

We believe in the use of gold and silver as money metals, to be maintained in circulation by the people, equally and unconditionally. We recognize the so-called silver question as one of high paramount political importance of the day and believe that the people of this state will be satisfied with no Republican party platform of ability and pluck which does not declare a wise and adequate solution of this problem. We, therefore, demand the Republican party of Michigan to use every honorable effort to restore silver to its proper position in the United States as a money metal on a parity with gold, and to the independent prosperity will not be assured or justified while silver takes the inferior and degraded place side by side with gold as one of the money metals of the world.

We believe that the doctrine of reciprocity is sound in principle, that matchless statesman, James G. Blaine should under our protective system be investigated and extensively applied in our trade relations with other nations.

We recognize that the employment of both capital and labor is necessary for the prosperity of our people and that the enactment of laws which will properly and wisely adjust and settle labor difficulties is one of the first duties of investigation by the state. We always been and still is the friend of the laboring man. While we believe that government was instituted to protect the weak against the strong and to secure equal rights to all, and that it is therefore the duty of the state to regulate all corporations and conditions so as to protect every right and interest of the people, we are unalterably opposed to all mob rule, riot and bloodshed. We believe that law and order must be maintained, and that the ballot box and court of justice are the only means by which to settle economic differences. We believe in arbitration as a means to settle grave differences, and favor the enactment by the legislature of such laws as will provide for the appointment of boards of arbitration, whose duty it shall be to investigate and settle all disputes between employer and employe.

We believe in the protection and elevation of the American citizenship. We believe that the safety of this republic depends upon the virtue, intelligence and loyalty of its people, that it should be sustained for the welfare and happiness of the people, and that every constitutional right of suffrage should be guarded with care. We have faith in our American citizenship. We believe that the people have the right to vote upon all political rights and the enjoyment of equal opportunities. The laws are the essence of liberty, and should be the first care of all citizens. We believe in free speech and free press, and that the exercise of these rights of citizens, we denounce the actions of the democratic party in the state of Tennessee, wherein, whereby the courts of the United States are rendered powerless to punish the lawless and armed voters or the punishment of fraud, and violence, the will of the people, and we demand the enactment by the state of laws that shall protect the citizens of the United States in the exercise of their rights.

A further resolution commended the efficient service of the party rendered by the Detroit press of the state.

The following was adopted as an independent resolution:

Whereas intelligence from authentic channels have reached this country that the people of the Hawaiian islands after a peaceful revolution, on the fourth day of July, the national day of this great republic issue their constitution and declared their independence and announce to the world the birth of a free and independent republic among the nations of the earth; therefore be it

Resolved, That we the delegates of the Republican state convention of Michigan, representing a large majority of the liberty-loving people of our state, hereby express the fellowhood of states send a hearty greeting and welcome to our young sister republic of Hawaii, and assure her of our most earnest sympathy and best wishes for a glorious future.

There was a wrangle over the silver plank in the committee and the following minority report was presented, but failed of adoption:

The American people from traditions and immediate interest favor bimetallism and the Republican party of Michigan demands the use of both gold and silver as standard money and measure of values. In the name of the toilers of the country, the farmers and workingmen we declare without equivocation or reservation in favor of a wise and patriotic American money policy that will restore to the people money that will give our people the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the present ratio of sixteen to one, a ratio of 1 to 16, and that each and every dollar coined shall be clothed with full legal tender power and be receivable in payment of all debts, both public and private. We are opposed to the issue of interest-bearing bonds by the government in time of peace.

Oil Warehouse Burned.

McMorran & Company's big coal and oil warehouse on the river dock at Port Huron, was destroyed by fire. Flames from the river carried the fire to burn very fiercely, but it was confined to one building. A large quantity of coal oil was consumed and some 2,000 tons of coal damaged or destroyed. A large fishing boat lying at the dock was burned to the waters edge. Loss $10,000, covered by insurance.

For denouncing a shooting affair in Newport News, Va., Dr. Stone, a British subject was tarred and feathered.

Violent storms swept western states doing great damage to crops and property. A number of people were killed.

Twenty-five families were rendered homeless by fire in a thickly settled tenement district of Newark, N. J.

In Chattanooga, Tenn., the grain ware house of J. T. Thomas, Son & Co., covering nearly an acre of ground was burned.

Dun's Review of Trade says business is still paralyzed by the two recent great strikes and slow work in congress.

A proclamation has been issued by President Cleveland which practically places Chicago under martial law.

Bank clearings for the principal cities of the United States show a total decrease of 15.5 per cent of the week.

John H. Chapman of Chicago was re-elected president of the Baptists Young People's Union at Toronto.

BAKED THE CORN.

Fearful Wave of Heat Swept Over Western States.—Crops Shriveled by Heat.

Omaha: More withering blast never swept across parched Sahara than that which smothered the great valley between the Mississippi river and the Rocky mountains. For two days the simoom blows from the southwest and each day was hotter than its predecessor; the maximum temperature was 104 degrees all over the territory, contrary to Othaina, a strip of three hundred miles north and south and five hundred miles east and west, come reports of the terrible effect of the hot winds. Wherever the ground was already dry the growing corn has been baked. Where there was any moisture left there is still hope for the crop, but where the fires are burning generally and will suffer none. Potatoes are faring better than corn. The latter ripens in August, setting in the year and is therefore more susceptible to the heat.

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BIG STORM DOWN EAST.

Several Persons Killed and Considerable Property Destroyed.

Manchester, N. H.: The most disastrous storm that visited this locality in years did a great amount of damage. At Lake Massabesic, four miles from the city, the storm was accompanied by a cyclone, which tore houses, buildings, blew down large trees and destroyed much valuable property. Eighteen or 20 summer cottages were partially wrecked and half that number demolished. There were scores of pleasure boats on the lake when the storm struck, and three went down with a total of eight or 10 lives lost.

Newcastle, N. H.: Richard Pickett, his son, Edward Pickett, and James Martin, were drowned. They went sailing on the lake in a pleasure boat and as they did not return it is supposed that during the storm their boat was upset and the men were drowned.

New York: A small yacht, carrying six persons was capsized in the Hudson by squall boats on the river during the severe storm and three of the passengers were drowned.

Newburyport, Mass.: During a heavy thunderstorm on Great Bay, a small boat containing William R. Byrne and Michael Carroll was capsized and both were drowned. Another boat went to the assistance of the occupants, but was also drowned.

Fire that started in the basement of the six-story building, 82 and 84 Fulton street, New York City, did $150,000 damage.

A disastrous conflagration destroyed 2,000 houses at Cottrel, a town in Bulgaria. Many Turks need a blood girl, and with it is the reason that her descendants do."

She drew another breath and was about to continue, when the door was lor pulled his hat down over his eyes and

They Would Be.

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"Because Adam never got down betimes with the pain in his back and stretching, yawned out: 'Isn't stop per most ready, my dear? Not he. He made the fire and hung the kettle over it. Then, if Eve was sick, he ought to do. He chopped the kindling, brought in the coal and did all the chores himself, and he never brought home half a dozen friends to dinner when Eve hadn't any fresh provisions.

The little woman stopped a moment for breath and went on with renewed vigor: "And Adam never stayed out till 12 o'clock at a political meeting, hurrahing for some candidate, and then scolding because poor Eve was sitting up and crying by herself. He never played billiards, rolled tenpins and drove fast horses, nor choked Eve with cigar smoke. He never loafed around corner grocers and engines, while Eve was rocking little Cain's cradle at home. In short, he didn't think she was specially created for the purpose of waiting on him, and wasn't under the impression that it disgraced a man to lighten a wife's cares a little. That's the reason that Eve didn't need a hired girl, and with it is the reason that her descendants do."

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