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He took the book quickly offered him, and deftly placing in it something he secretly drew from his pocket, thrust it out of sight behind him.

"Dost remember, sweetheart, that I told thee the rooster pictured on the front page of thy book would bring thee something if thou wert good

"Ja, brother Karl, and so I have been good; ask sister Olga," said the child, smiling up into his face.

"Indeed, yes," answered Olga. draw ing the little sister close into her arms, and giving her a hug and a "Thilda is always sweet and kiss. good."

"Well, then, let us see what the roosterenas brought thee, my Thilda.' Opening the book, Karl pretended to be manazed at something he saw, and showing it to Olga, she raised her hands in well-assumed astonish ment. Thilda, unable to restrain her curiosity, suddenly seized the book carelessly held in Karl's huge hand just within her reach, and opening it, uttered a shout of delight as she drew forth a beautiful white candy dog, with a pink ribbon round its neek

"Thank you, good Karl," she said simply, pouting up her lips for a kiss

"Nay, child, 'tis not me thou hast to thank, but the rooster," he ex-plained, adding: "Now, min lilla flicka, thou knowest that the good Johan is far away from home, wilt go into thy chamber and pray for thy Fister's betrothed? I have that to say to her which thou mayst not hear. Good child," he continued, patting her head as she turned obediently to obey.

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"Ja, my brother, and the good God tells me he shall come home again." "Then so shall it be, my sweet child, but come, wouldst like to taste Frau Thekla's seed cakes, eh? I thought as much. Well, thou shalt as soon as gift from the Skogfrau. She cannot,

I can carry thee thither. Come, sweetrefuse thee if thou are the first mortal heart; come, Olga." Though wrapped in the warmest of furs, Olga shivered as she stood alone

"In the name of the Christ Child, demand a gift of thee." was all that Olga could utter in her terror. It was a terrible old hag who stood before her and her aspect was threatening. "Some paltry thing, I wis, a ribbon, jewel, Speak, mortal, whatever it a jewel, may be, 'tis thine."

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Olga threw her doors wide open to the whole village, promising a won-derful surprise. Many thought she was not very considerate on Johan's account, thinking she would better be going around with tearful eyes and ioud lamentations, but they ate freely of her good things none the less. Simple souls, they were not aware that the lost Johan was to be the great surprise. Of course, everybody had given him up for lost, and they were amazed that Olga should be the merriest maiden in the village, and that her home was to be the very center of the merrymaking on the Jul Afton. The pastor had been forewarned by Karl, and the good soul came prepared to fight the wicked roll for the salvation of Johan and Olga.

The board groaned beneath the veight of good cheer, and the huge lowl was kept constantly brimming with steaming punch. There was no fermal banqueting, everybody eating when the humor seized him, and drinking whether thirsty or not, because good drink was there to be had without the asking. , The whole wil-lage was there waiting for the sur-prise and uerving themselves up to withstand it by distending their stom echs. None but Olga, Karl and the pastor knew what it was to be, and even they did not know in what shape it would come.

At last the first stroke of midnight. ilga turned pale, Karl stood at aftention and the good pastor grasped his holy book firmly in his hand. The last stroke was still ringing in their cars when a violent gust of wind shook the house and the dragging of heavy chains over the roof brought terror to the inmates. The door was burst open by some invisible force and a heavy bundle was hurled in among the amazed roysterers. An old wizened hag appeared in the doorway and screamed out above the confusion: "Girl, take the gift of the Christ Child, but beware of my vengeance. Shouldst thou accept any other gift before thou hast fully accepted this, then shall it return to me and be mine iorever.'

Johan was quickly restored by colous libations of hot punch, and when able to stand on his feet, Karl put his hand in that of Olga and gave



"Tis now three days since Johan went into the dark forest to cut the firs for the Jul Tieden and returned not as he should have done that same night. The next day we found his ax buried deep in a tree, as thou knowest, but all other trace of him was lost. Well, to-day we penetrated as far as the gloomy Falun mines and found his empty wallet."

"And-and-thou didst follow his steps in the snow?" stammered Olga. "Tell me quickly, Karl, my brother." "That is what we did not do, Olga, for the reason that there were no fcotprints in the snow. The wallet could not have been cast there by any one, for we tracked a circle of a hundred yards and found the snow un broken. Moreover, a plece of ore was laid upon it as if to prevent its being blown away. It was placed there, but not by Johan, Olga."

"Thank God, he has found a shelter there, some miners, perhaps. He may even now be on his way to me,' said Olga, jealously. "Go quickly, my brother, to meet him."

"Do not raise thy hopes too high my sister, neither lot thy heart sink. Thy Johan is alive, true, but the hand that placed his wallet where it was found was not that of a mortal. Nay -be not alarmed," he said, putting an arm around her, for the girl was seized with a fit of trembling. "Be brave, my sister, and all will be well if thou wilt be guided by me."

"In anything and everything, my brother, said Olga, clasping her "My soul for Johan's if need hands.

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"Ja, my brother, though it be to do again as I did to-night."

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Early Christmas Music.

Both in Germany and in England in olden times the custom prevailed young choristers of among going through the streets in bands early on Christmas morning and singing Christmas hymns and carols for alms before the houses of the rich. A familiar picture is that of Martin Luther when a boy singing in the streets at Christmas dawn. Several of the most familiar German Christmas hymns were harmonized early in the seventeenth century by Jacob Practorious to melodies composed about the middle of the sixteenth century by Luther. One of the great est masters of German music, Johann Sebastian Bach, when a pupil at the choir and grammar school at St. Michael's, in Luneberg, walked the streets early Christmas morning ener-ing these "waits," with his fellow choristers, between whom and there of another school the musical rivalry was so intense that the authorities were obliged to map out separate routes for them in order to prevent their meeting and coming to blows,





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Early Christmas Music.

Both in Germany and in England in aden times the custom prevailed monst young characters of page Fromen the street in bands early on Christmas motion, and singuag 'rristmas hymns and carols for alms Confore the heatsets of the rick. A camilian picture is that of Marian father wher a boy singing in the treets at Christmas dawn. Severai of the most familiar German Christlong hypers were harmonized early in i.e. s.venteenti century by Jacob Practicions to includies composed "It will not be so terrible, my sis (about the middle of the sixteenth ter, and when thou hast done it thou century by Lucher. One of the greatter, and when thou hast done if thou scheme of Londer, one of the great-will hugh and rejoice. Now, to be set masters of German music, Johann with thee, to lay up freshness for the j Sebastian Bach, when a pupil at the morrow, I will watch over the sweet scoir and grammar school at St. Thilda and bring her to thy arms in ¹ Martach, in Lineberg, walked, the

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one of those poor un-fortunates — all .run down, worn out, thin and emselated — who have dectored for everything except the right thing, tente one

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BOY NAMED FOR A CAT.

And the Malden Lady's Selection Was

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a Good One. "I have christened children every conceivable name," said a clergyman the other day, "but I think the funniest was a boy I named for a cat. My pastorate was a suburb of Boston, and one of my parishioners was a lady of large estate and a gentlewoman every sense of the word, generally known to the community as Aunt Esther. She was an eccentric person, who wore silken gowns very long in the train and short in the front, and always several old-fashioned brooches at the same time. She visited Washington frequently, always, with her pet cat as a traveling companion, and she was one of the few ladies accorded a seat on the floor of the House of Congress. On the grounds of her country home was a diminutive ceme tery, where her feline pets slept after life's fitful fever.

"During my residence in the parish ner special favorité was a large maltese cat, named Thomas Henry, whose death occurred just before the coming of a new baby at the lodge keeper's home on Aunt Esther's place. She was to be godmother and name the child, while I was to baptize it. Her bitter recent bereavément still weighed on her soul, and when I asked 'By what name shall the child be known?' Aunt Esther responded in trembling tones, 'There is no name so sweet to me as Thomas Henry,' and by that title the boy was thenceforth

A SERIAL QUICKLY ENDED.

called.

Here is a Hint to Long-Winded Story Writers.

There were four of them, and all save the man who once had literary aspirations had told a story. "Well it's up to me. I guess," he began, "and I'm going to tell you the story of the time that I ever tried to write a only novel. It was for a backwoods weekly and as the editor was a pretty good friend of mine he said that he would print it.

"I had the plot all worked out, but was writing it on the instalment plan. doctor and half a dozen other medi-cines failed to help me. Down's Elixir 'd write a chapter or two just to keep was recommended. I tried it and was cured.—Nrs. B. Tyrel. while. Well, when I was about half through with the story I became ill. was preffy sick for a while The editor, of course, ran out of copy, and

his subscribers wanted the story finished. "He was in a quandary. I was un-

conscious and couldn't help him out. so he decided to have a friend of mine finish the story. The fellow was whol-ly unreliable, but something of a He read the story and fingenius. ished the novel in the next chapter. What do you suppose he did? He had all the characters go for a moonlight boat ride. The tub was leaky. the boilers no good, and there was an explosion. All were drowned, and that nded the story."

'Has Woman a Sense of Justice?

Some time ago, in one of these papers, I wrote down the opinion that women have no sense of justice: and his remark called forth some letters of earnest protest. Yet what I said was absolutely true. A woman will often fling herself with passionate intensity into a crusade against some particular injustice, but this is not because she cares anything for justice as a principle, but because the espe cial instance has in some way made an appeal to her feelings. Some other no less unjust, but devoid of the emotional element, will find her utterly unmoved and stonily indifferent. says a writer in the Cosmopolitan. For instance, many women in the North

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GHOSTS HOLD CARNIVAL HERE. House at Dunklin, N. Y., Which is

Haunted by Spirits.

Residents in the Fourth ward are greatly excited over an alleged haunted house in Lincoln, avenue. The house in which the ghosts are said to hold sway is a small, gloomy, vine-covered cottage resting back from the street, almost hidden from view by deep shrubbery. It was the home of an aged woman who was found lying upon the floor one morning dead. For years she had led the life of a recluse and her every action had been shrouded in mystery. After her death considerable money was found secreted about the place. Within the past two years over a dozen families have lived in the house. None remained longer than two weeks. A family who had moved into the house Monday last moved out to-day. They stated that continually about midnight the sound of footsteps, groans, blood-curdling chuckles of laughter, and the clanking of chains could be heard throughout the house.

The lighted 'amp on a number of oceasions was blown out without any ap parent cause, and several times the bedclothes were forcibly pulled from the occupants of the bed. The old woman during her life never allowed a person to enter the house. The opinion is that she has come back to this world to keep people out of the house, which she gunded so jealously before her death .- Dunkirk (N. Y.) Corre spondence.

All the Men Are Princes.

There are about 12,000 people scattered over the twenty-odd rocks or islets which constitute the Force group, between the Shetlands and Iceland. Every man in the country is in some way the descendant of a king-that is, Norse sea-kings, who fied to the islands in the ninth century and peopled them.

In spite of his home-spuns, his turf hut, and his primitive life, every good Forcese is conscious and proud of his ancestry, and he bears himself like a prince. He has no newspapers or social problems; but he knows the history of his island home, and he is a constant reader of books, mostly Danish. His literary taste is inferior only to that of the Icelanders, who 1.000 years have raised and maintained an ideal national literature of merit.

Fifty Dollars to Sit Down. Carmel, Ind., Dec. 15th.-Mr. Jo-seph L. Duffy relates an experience that has aroused considerable interest in this locality. It is best given in his own words:

"When I was working in the fields," says Mr. Duffy, "I would be ready to quit, but I could not get to the house I was so weak. It was worth fifty dollars to get to sit

down. "I had no strength and a person. without strength is not much use.

"But bless the Lord I took four boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and they gave me health, strength and appetite.

"I might say I am cured, but I will keep on taking Dodd's Kidney Pills. Yes, I'll get them if it takes the last thing on the farm."

Dodd's Kidney Pills have effected quite a number of other cures here and it seems safe to say they are an effective and permanent cure for all diseases arising from the Kidneys.

When a fellow starts to run through fortune there are lots of other fellows who are willing to ket as pacemakers. Small vices may be fordable one at a

time, but they soon unite into an impassable river.-Ram's Horn. Steeping Car Line Between De-

and Columbus. troit

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the record of the past, and over fifty thousand people have publicly testified that Doan's Kidney Pills have cured them of numerous kidney ills, from common backache to dangerous diabetes, and all the attendant annoyances and sufferings from urinary disorders. They have been cured to stay cured. Here is one case: Samuel J. Taylor, retired carpenter,

residing at 312 South Third St., Goshen, Ind., says: "On the 25th day (? August, 1897, I made an affidavit before Jacob C. Mann, notary public, stating my experience with Doan's Kidney Pills. I had suffered for thirty years, and was compelled at times to walk by the aid of crutches, frequently passed gravel and suffered excruciatingly. I took every medicine on the market that I heard about and some gave me temporary relief. I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills and the results I gave to the public in the statement above referred to. At this time, on the 19th day of July, 1902. I make this further statement that during the five years which have elapsed I have had no occasion to use either Doan's Kidney Pills or any other medicine for my kidneys. The cure effected was a permanent one. A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mr. Tavlor, will be mailed on application, to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. For sale by all druggists. Price 50 cents per box.

Boycotts Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., special: St .Joscph has boycotted Kansas City. One St. Joseph newspaper publishes the names of all persons who get off trains with hundles from Kansas City

A UNITED STATES

ARMY SANITARIUM. To Be Established in the Black Hills -The Healing Waters at Hot Springs Expected to Restore Quickly the Health of Sick and Exhausted Treepers.

Congress has authorized the establishment of a Sanitarium for disabled soldiers at Hot Springs, S. D., the famed health resort of the Black Hills, and a Board of Managers has selected and a Board of Managers has selected a site for the purpose, bordering on the main street of the town; and including two of the best known springs. Its official name will be The Battle Mountain Sanitarium. The Board of Survey went into the

question of climate, water, etc., in a most scientific and thorough manner and has declared unqualifiedly in fa-vor of the great South Dakota resort as being wonderfully well adapted for the Government's purposes. These springs are not a recent dis-

covery the Indians having known their healing qualities for almost 300 years. In fact the Sioux about the year A. D: In fact the should about the year A. D. 1617 fought a great battle here with the tribe then in possession and drove them out, to hold bossession of the healing waters from that day to the time when, in 1877, they ceded the land to the U. S. Government. It is this great fight of three centuries ago that gives the name to the mountain near the springs and to the Government's new hospital and resting place for troops.

The material development of Black Hills region; and the Sanita-rium project is of much interest to the Chicago & North Western Railway which has a direct line Chicago to Hot Springs, Deadwood and Lead.

Only a loving mother can weep bitter tears over a lost child and then wield the slipper energetically when it returns.

MARK TWAIN IN THE LONG AGO

A Thin, Scrawny Fellow When He Was a Wheelsman in California. Capt. Selwyn Ramsey of San Joa-City, Cal., claims the unique disguin tinction of once having employed Mark Twain as second wheelsman at a salary of \$18 a week. Capt. Ramsey is one of the old pioneers in California river navigation. He commanded the first steam packet that ever ran up the Sacramento river, and although he is over 80 years old and hasn't been on the bridge for more than 12 years, yet he still loves to talk of the good_old river days.

"Yes, I used to know Sam Clemens." said Capt. Ramsey to an interviewer, "and he was one of the best wheelsmen I ever had. It was along in 1868. I was on the old John Wallace at that time, on the Sacramento river

"About the time I met Clemens was pretty hard up for help. Wages good and lots of men deserted were for the mines. All the wheelsmen had to be broken in, as there were no experienced river men in the country those days. And I was pretty glad when I heard of a young fellow who had been in a pilot house on the Mississippi. The minute I tied up in San Francisco I went right over to the United States mint, where I got his address. As soon as I saw him at the wheel I engaged him on the spot "Mark Twain was a thin, scrawny looking fellow then, but he was a great hand making friends, and all of us liked him. I think he was on the Wallace about five months-it's so **ago that I forget the exact time**. Catarrhal tonic, Peruna, for an aggravated was a straight out and out wheels. [case of dyspepsia.] She writes: long ago that I forget the exact time. man, and he learned the river like a book. The country was pretty wild in those days and a man had to watch out for himself, but Clemens got along with the best of them."

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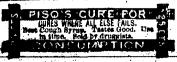


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EAST JORDAN, --- MICHIGAN Charles M. Schwab is simply tired;

tired spending money

It is fortunate for royalty 'that an-prchists are so frequently bad shots.

Sig. Marconi continues to send marconigrams across the ocean through his hat.

France is making the French duel a felony. Ping-pong will surely come in as a misdemeanor.

"Pennies long saved amount to dolhers at last," said Franklin, and it is just as true to-day of cents.

A big sturgeon in the New York Aquarium is reported to have com mitted suicide. Sounds fishy.

The man who succeeds best is generally the one who has the talent to advertise himself most judiciously.

We probably have to do the things we ought to a great deal oftener than we dare to do the things we want to

Sometimes, says the Homely One, I thank the Lord for that I am not good looking, for then I might also be a fool.

The football fatalities, appalling as they are, might have been worse. Several games were unavoidably postponed

Chicago's gambling king is bankrupt. He admits, however, that other professional gamblers were the ones who got it.

Another diamond mine has been discovered in South Africa. Will some one please put an extra chain on the dogs of war?

King Leopold's blast of defiance to anarchists is doubtless made by his comfortable assurance that anarchists are poor shots.

An Eastern paper wants to know "What co-education has done?" Well. from all accounts, it hasn't done a thing to Dr. Harper.

Trains that can run a hundred miles in a hundred minutes are almost as common now as men who can eat thirty ducks in thirty days.

Gen. Uribe-Uribe has been sentenced to death. The wonder is how did he manage to live so long with a name te mention which is to disturb the peace.

The Brooklyn genius, who has seeeured a patent for a nursing bottle holder for baby carriages, dreams of millions like Col. Sellers with his eye wash,

Millionaire Clark offered \$1,000,000 for his first grandson, and his son W. A. Clark, Jr., has won the prize. Has the czar or King Humbert tricd.

The Scottish-American declares that the length of mourning for a motherin-law is six months' crape and six months' black. What man grudge the time? would

Washington's theater managers have decided to stop wasting money. They have voted to abolish window lithographs and to advertise hereafter only in the newspapers.

Asia will probably derive more pecuniary benefit from the visit of President Schwab of the steel trust than America got from that of the



"If there's anything I hate," said the First Traveling Man, "It's boneess turkey-and on Thanksgiving!" "I was brought up on the shank nyself," quoth the Second Traveling Man.

"Last Thanksgiving," reminis cenced the First Traveling Man, "I wasn't at home either-but I had the time of my life. I landed in a little town at the end of a railroad line in Wyoming the day before Thanksgiv ng-home 2,000 miles away and nothng in sight to be thankful for.

"I guess I was a pretty fine photo graph of homesick Willy, and when got done talking busines to the man had to see he sort of tumbled to the sircumstances and asked me what I had on for the feast day. _

'Nothing but hotel.'' "'Then,' says he, with a clap on the back that made me cough, 'then you'll come out to the ranch with us to-morrow-just a little party of the fellows and their girls-quiet little time, you know. Want to?'

"Did I? Oh, say! I didn't jump at that invite. I simply fell on it and held it there, so it wouldn't get away. "We got off the next morning about 10 o'clock-two big springless wagons packed full of the liveliest crowd I ever got mixed up with. We had to sit pretty close, but I can't say I minded.

"On the way out some of the boys suggested a race, but one of the vagons packed a keg of beer, and they were afraid_it might be lost on the road. I can tell you that been had more loving attention than any ady-beer's pretty expensive out Wy ming way.

"I was pretty glad when they decid ed against the race. The roads out there aren't any boulevards.

"The ranch was fourteen miles from town and we got there just about in ime for the grandest dinner that my mouth ever watered over! We smelled that dinner two miles off, and we could actually see the fumes of it coming out of the cracks of the winlows while we were unhitching. Say! I've been to twenty-course affairs, with all sorts of foreign languages on the bill of fare, and waiters who were slick at the now-you-see-it-now-you ion't act in passing the eatables, but

I never came across such richness as saw piled promiscuously on those two tables in the ranch-house. There





"In satisfying the inner person I can't say that the ladies were at all backward, either, and I'm pretty sure that none of them sought the pantry afterward to fill up.'. The Wyoming woman votes and rides horseback, and nine-tenths of them can rope a steer-why shouldn't they he allowed the privilege of eating as heartily as the men? True, those who tight waists were somewhat limited in the noble art of masticating, and had to quit at a certain stage. One of then, however, disappeared about midway of the meal. When she burst again upon our vision she looked considerably wider, but sincerely relieved.

"After dinner those never-tired cow men and sheepmen and substantial western maidens repaired to the barn for a dance. "Well, I'd eaten until my eyes stuck

out, but I was game. And I had the exercise of my life up in that barn loft. None of your fancy gliding over waxed floors to the undulating waves of a heavenly orchestra! We had an



accordeon, a harmonica and a twostringed fiddle manipulated by a man with three fingers. Sometimes they disagreed about the tune, and occasionally the accordeon got left on the way and then hurried to catch up, but on the whole they managed to keep

jumped. I polkaed and I waltzed and I chasseed. I grinned and I sweated and I ached, and when the word went around that the auspicious moment for opening the keg of heer was at hand-well, I was ready for the refreshments.

"But where was the beer? It had been carefully stowed in the safest of all safe places, but not a trace of beer or even keg remained. Man eyed man suspiciously. There was some original and picturesque swearingbut no beer! When this fact was at

HARD WORDS FOR KRUGER.

Eastern Paper Savagely Criticises the Transvall, Expressiont. The Brooklyn Tagle, makes the fol-lowing savage, melaught on ex-President Kruger:

"Some men there are who will not taste the sweetness drawn from the uses of adversity. They will not bury their dead any billion. They will not accept for themselves what all the world has accepted for them, they will not admit the justice of an arbi trament which they invited and which resulted in their discredit and disaster. Clearly such a man is Paul Kruger, late president of the Transvaal republic, whose memoirs are now to be published in London. Some extracts from this forthcoming book have been printed in advance of the volume itself They are monument-ten upon the treasury of his own land. who is known to have profited enor

mously by the sale of privileges, if not by the Sale of Law, enlarges upon the "lies, treachery, intrigues and secret instigations", of the govern-ment with which he so fatally clash-The approver of the infamous ed. dynamite concession says that Cecil Rhodes was one of the most unscrupu-lous characters that ever existed, a liar and a briber. Lord Milner is a murderer at his worst and a "tool of Chamberlain" at his best. Hard

names are not arguments. According to the proverb, they break no bones. In more modern phraseology, they cut no ice. They prove nothing, they indicate nothing; save the gall and the wormwood, the bitterness of an irreparable detect.

BUT THE HORNETS ESCAPED.

Disastrous Attempt to Smoke Them Out of a Barn.

Ames Young of Sterling, Wayne county, took a load of hay to Scranton the other day and sold it. When he went to unload it at the barn of the man who bought it he found a big hornet's nest hanging to a beam in the mow.

To render the occupants of the nest harmless some sulphur was placed in a pail, set on fire, and held under the nest so the fumes would suffocate the hornets. The nail was held too close. the nest caught fire and dropped into the pail.

and the hired man who held the pail chucked it, nest and all, out of the mow window. It fell on the load of hay, which caught fire. Young had time to get his horses unbooked and out of the way, but the hay and wagon and part of the barn were consumed. The hornets escaped .-- New

The Harvest Song. It's sing a song of harvest in the sun-light and the dew, Where the world is like a picture 'neath a living sky of blue; song that echoes sweet,

A song that echoes sweet, Till you hear the world's heart beat thrilling air around you, and the grasses at your feel.

It's sing a song of harvest; the summer it's sing a song of harvest; the summer days were long.
But they led to fair fruition where the harvest is a song;
A song whose music fills
All the valleys and the hillsThat twinkles in the sunlight and ripples in the rills.

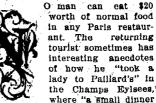
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ry echoes rise-An answer to earth's sorrows, a sclace for its sighs:

amusing extract from a Eelgian ceived he had been trying for pense, suggested "Le Desir du Roi,"

Dining Places of Paris,

Famous Resorts Frequented by Residents. of the Gay Capital-Meals Not as Costly as Report Has Made Them.



(always vague) cost him 300 francs." Or he had stepped into Voisin's or the Maison Doree with his wife-the honest man-and gave up \$35 for "a few baked nothings."

I will tell you a great secret-these men have not been to Voisin's or to Paillard's or the Maison Doree. They are bluffing-and as they have not experience of the true prices they make it strong to be on the safe side.

The \$20 trick-it is a trick or catch because one does not regularly think in detail and because wines, flowers, cigars, liquors and tips are not foodhas been tried often. Regularly it takes the form of a bet, as happened in the case which brings it to my mind.

The victim was an inexperienced English colonial plunger. He soon discovered the difference between ordering \$20 worth of food and eating it.

He began his serious feeding with lobster al'Americaine, because it was likely to cost as much as \$3.60 a portion. They let him off when he had eaten about three-quarters of it, with less than half the burning sauce. -His hors d'oeuvre and bisque cream of crawfish) had cost him (cream of crawfish) scarcely \$2; and the former, in par-ticular, had been expensive-fancy little mysteries, cold, on diamonds of thin toast and highly spiced. A sweetbread in the Toulouse style cost him \$1.80. Then he risked a stuffed and garnished quail for \$3 more.

When he had done with it-and they did not force him to pick the bones, by any means, but only to consume each dish reasonably-that full feeling had already come upon him. But he had been tempted by the obvious expense of the gigot de sept heures (seven-hour roast mutton); and there it was before him.

O man can cat \$20 nins! They were worth 3,000 frants. worth of normal food The manager of a small restaugent pretends to be able to put the various

races into proper categories. "The Russians drink the best," he declared and he has had experience of them. "One day a Russian noble drank, all by himself, a double Jeroboam, one of those immense bottles containing as much as eight ordinary quart bottles. It is not rare to see a Russian do his five quart bottle between midnight and 3 a. m.

"After the Russians, come the Americans, then the Belgians, the English, the Germans and the South Americans, especially the Chileans. The French come last.

"The German is always calm, polite, never complains, never beats



the Ladies to Carry Away the Great Silver Candlesticks as souvenirs.

down prices. He makes an ideal customer-the high-class German with money to throw to the birds. The Russian is generous and bon enfant, but at times boisterous and fanciful. "The American, I regret to say, is tyrannical and ostentatious; he pays royally, but he must have the whole establishment at his feet. Moreover, his tendency is toward cold-blooded orgie long continued but without gayety, stopping only when he is drunk.

"The Englishman is watchfuh-suspicious (No wonder, he has been 'done' so often!) and he tips with difficulty. The South American is very generous, a good drinker also, gay to the point of silliness, and very noisy.

"Whom do you have to help out oftenest?" was asked.

Indeed It is a Gorgeous Sight to See "Those Ladies" Entering with Their Lords and Masters.

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"Very curiously, the French. Yes, Parisians."

You see, it all comes to this; do you want to feed your stomach or your eye-or your pride? The feeding of one's pride-and even of one's eye--in supper restaurants comes higher than plain stoking; and phe hears of a great deal of petty gouging in the sylvan establishments which keep their doors open so late in autumn and early winter season.

Sometimes the victims write to the Paris papers. Such was a Belgian and his wife who recently had to pay

things going at a love. "I hopped and I skipped and I

last firmly established in the minds of all present there was sorrow in the

York Sun.

The Company's Logic.

The man who thought he could eat \$20 worth had already worked up to paper gives the following incident: \$12.80; but his appetite was gone. A woman whose husband had lost The maitre d'hotel, who now per-

his life in a railway accident received from the company ten thousand francs

The hornets began to swarm out

Since President Eliot has made the amende honorable it seems to be up to Mr. Gompers to explain that his allusion to Judas Iscariot was meant in a Pickwickian sense.

"The greatest blessing in life, no doubt, is to give," says .Dr. Lorenz. And yet young Mr. Vanderbilt complains that his father left him so much money that there is no mission in life for him.

Dried corn as an article of diet has caused the separation of a husband and wife in Ohio. But this is a mere patch on the trouble corn has caused throughout the world after it has soaked awhile.

The way to a masculine heart from time immemorial has been via the digestive apparatus, but it has remained for a Hoboken lady to love and marry a man because of the ples he manufactured.

A French army officer claims to ing of the millennium.

Gabrielle d'Annunzio, among other things, had seventy-two shirts and twenty-four dozen pairs of "quiet tint ed" silk underwear. And yet they tell us it does not pay to write poetry!

John L. Sullivan is without his \$1, 000,000. But the rich memories of the in remain to cheer his déclining years.

- Expensive lingerie works not for the finest of silk stockings, every

Fine Photograph of Homesick Willy

was turkey, of course, mallard ducks, venison, fresh beef and mutton-not one or two ducks, but dozens of 'em,

haunches of deer, a side of beef, and have invented a gun that makes it seemed to the there was a turkey neither flash nor sound nor smoke. for every guest. And pie! Cake! Now let us have one that makes no Jam! Did you ever eat chokeberry wound and we may listen for the com- jelly? Well, you don't know what's good. Gimme chokeberry jelly or gimme death!

always thought I was a pretty <u>"I</u> always thought I was a pretty good food punisher, but I wouldn't want to get in a race with one of those western cowpunchers. They went through the bill of fare like a Cansas cyclone. Fiercely the battle

raged, and through it all was heard the steady champ of jaws. Each man gorgeous time he had in blowing it seemed to consider it his bounden duty to surround as much edible material as his capacity would warrant,

- Expensive lingerie works not for and they all acted as though the first modesty. When a girl is wearing one done would get a prize. It sound er like a thrashing machine, a boiler street crossing looks muddy to her. Tractory and a sawmill in full swing.

camp. Somebody had taken the beer. Nobody knew who. Nobody ever found out that I know. So we went beerless, after all our painstaking care. It was a great trial to the thirsty-and we were all thirsty.

"It was the shady side of midnight when we began to think of home. Considering my aching limbs, as I piled into one of those springless wagons and thought of the road ahead, 1 prayed that our townward progress might be a slow and solemn one. But not so thought our driver, who no sooner struck the open road than he challenged the other wagon to a race. "Remember, my friend, that was a springless wagon. The Sorrows of Werther were as nothing to mine. Up hill, down hill, over rocks a foot high, through creeks, across dilapidated bridges, clinging to the side of a hill on one wheel, bumpety-bump, rattle, clatter, thump-thump-thump! Fortunately I had been placed-for

safety, possibly-between two fat damosels. I religiously and impartially held on to both.

"I didn't know which wagon was gaining, and can't say that I cared. I think I kept up a careless pleasant demeanor, and would have continued to do so but that our wagon suddenly upset, and the first thing I knew thereafter I was lying, face down, in painter, possesses, a small monagerio a bunch of sage, with one of the fat of pet creatures which serve her as damosels sitting demurely upon the models. At her capacious studio she back of my neck. I can't understand incessantly plies her brush in the dehow it wasn't broken. I suppose it's lineation of equestrian studies, in been toughened in anticipation of the

net profit of \$250.000.

Our Planetary System. Six planets of our system have be tween them twenty moons.

way of compensation, Shortly after she heard that a traveler who had lost a leg had been paid twenty thousand. The widow at once put on her bonnet and shawl and went to the office of the company. "Gentlemen, how is this?' she ask

'You give twenty thousand francs ed. for a leg, and you allowed me only ten thousand for my husband."

"Madam," was the reply, "the reason is plain. Twenty thousand francs won't provide him' with a leg, out for ten thousand you can get a husband.

Compulsory Attendance.* Emperor William recently ordered the army chaplains deliver periodical lectures in the evening for the benefit of private soldiers. Attendance is usually small, not being compulsory, but one reverend gentleman found that his lecture-room now as filled every evening. He was much pleased and to the commanding officer expressed his pleasure at the roligious awakening. "Rubbish,", spid the uncompro-mising colonel: "Thave morely discovered that compulsory attendance at your sermons is excellent punish-

Courageous Woman Painter.

Miss Lucy Kemp'Welch, the animal which she excels. She combines pluck

 been congneted in anticipation of the which and excess sinds domnings pitted

 ax ever sinde I've been working for the trust."—Chicago Record-Herald,

 horse, serving as a battle model in her studio, compared to the street,

 Exposition Makes a Profit.

 Duesseldorf exhibition has made p

 rust of \$250.000

away, brought him back and continued her work. N 18

Bet and honor "are" sometimes -at odds.

the King's Desire, at \$3 in vain. "I can eat asparagus," he mused; and the maitre d'hotel accommodated him with the luscious branches from a Brussels hothouse at \$2 the portion -they were almost, worth it! There remained almost \$6 to spend on hothouse fruits. Though swelled

It cost him \$2.40-a piece of classic

cookery if there is any. This tri-

umph of the cuisine of old France

is from a leg of multon roasted, very

slowly, during seven hours; and the

necessary basting involves patience

that is to be found in few modern res-

taurants.



The Englishman is Watchful and Eus picious,

the sport got away with a dozen beau tiful big strawberries at 20 cents apiece. And stopped short. "Try those hothouse peaches at 60 cents apiece!" they suggested to him. "You are within \$3 of winning your

He refused to try.

"Bring me my coffee and a glass of chartreuse!" he whispered. "I lose!" This is the story as it runs with variations. Regularly it ends in a discussion on the fairness of making up the major part of the bill from expensive small things like ortolans and hothouse strawberries-which would constitute no proper meal. It is well agreed, however, that

that above \$20 or \$30 a cover, it is no longer either the food or the drink one pays for. When one spends mure it is to make expense.

One particular dinner given was in honor of a Russian grand duke, who told the ladics to carry away the four great silver candlesticks as souve-

\$1.50 for three poached eggs, the fourth being "good only in parts." Such an establishment in the Eois charged friends of mine \$3.50 for a melon at a time when melons could be had for 50 cents aplece.

At the Chateau de Madrid in the full Bois; at the Pavillon d'Armenonville, the very country club of the fast set: at the Ambassadeurs, in the Champs Elysees, and at Maxim's and the Cafe de Paris, their strong hold is the spectacles of gayety. And indeed it makes a gorgeous sight to watch "those ladies" entering with their lords and masters of the day, or mayhap with a train of bacchanalian followers to take their favorite tables, kept for them by the management on the mere hope that they may turn up to grace the feast and advertise the shop.

... Their skirts rusile, their gauzy chiffons sparkle with jeweled pins and buttons, they revel in fantastic collars, row on row, of pearls, while their corsage is a constellation of diamonds and colored stones and their immense hats poems of posies.

To see, one must pay a fair price, but there is one device, known and dreaded by waiters and proprietors. whereby the cost of the spectacles may be kept down to a strict mini-mum. A soup, a meat dish, a salad to follow, a three-franc bottle of win and then coffee-what can the one in raged waiter do to the imperturbatile couple that has managed to ob aim a table and given such an crder?

Uncarth Skeleton of Mastodon. A perfect skeleton of the mastodon has been unearthed in a clay bed at Grove City. Ohio. The tusks are about twelve feet long, and the well-worn tooth show that the animal wag an old one.

ment for trivial offenses."



Great Britain and Germany at War With South American Republic. 461 55 venti es

WARSHIPS SEIZED AND SVNK IN LA GVAYRA HARBOR BY ALLIED EVRCPEAN FLEETS

President Castro Issues Letter of Defiance and Calls All Citizens to Arms-British and German Residents Arrested and Imprisoned-Washington Authorities Are on the Alert.

Great Britain, Germany and Venezuela reached a crisis Dec. 8, when Great Britain and Germany presented ultimatums to the Venezuelan government. Immediately afterward the British minister, W. H. D. Haggard, and the German charge d'affaires, Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, closed their embassies and proceeded to La Guayra, where they went aboard the British cruiser Retribution and the German cruiser Vineta, respectively. The British and German diplomats

Affairs in the controversy between | tured were taken outside the harbor the next day and scuttled. President Castro has called the people of Venezuela to arms to resist the demands of Great Britain and Germany. He has cabled messages to Venezuelan envoys to foreign coun tries, denouncing as unjust the menace of the British and German fleets and intimating that Venezuela will meet force with force. Two hundred and five British and

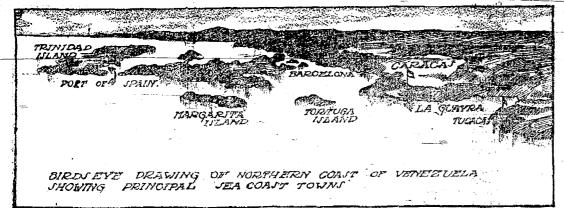
German citizens have been arrested his political enemies from prison and W. W. Russell went at once to see President Castro, and after a long conference succeeded in obtaining the of Dr. Koehler, Mime. von Pilrelease grim-Baltazzi's physician, and Consul Valentine Blohm. Minister Bowen also obtained the official authoriza tion of the Venezuelan government to represent British and German interests during the imbroglio.

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WHAT THE CLAIMS ARE.

principal British creditors



Scene of Operations on the Venezuelan Coast.

quitted Venezuela almost secretly. | pite the efforts of United States Min-They did not notify the Venezuelan government of their intended departure, fearing a hostile demonstration. They did not even deliver the ultimatums according to diplomatic forms.

The demands of the two governments were simply left at the private residence of the Venezuelan ministr eign affairs, Lopez Barralt.

The British demand is for the settlement of claims and other matters arising out of the last revolutions. The German demand is for the payment of the interest on the German loan and other claims. The demands without any specifications as to the time given for an answer, but they are in the form of an ultimatum.

President Castro, in an open letter to the people of Venczuela, defends his own course, and practically defies the British and German governments. He says:

"Honorably, I cannot do more, put honor first, and will not seek excuse to disarm foolhardy enmities by accepting humiliations which would offend the dignity of the Venezuelan

ister Bowen to secure their release. 'Mobs have partly wrecked the Ger n an embassy and consulate British and German flags have been

ourned in the streets. The British and German railroads to La Guayra and Vafencia have been seized

President Castro has_released all his political nemies from prison and restored all estates confiscated during the recent rebellion.

There was a great patriotic demonstration at Caracas when the news arrived that the British and German warships had soized the Venezuelan war vessels at La Guayra. Crowds quickly gathered and paraded the streets and squares of the capital, displaying banners and singing patriotic songs. Violent speeches were delivered at various points. The populace marched to the palace of President Castro, who addressed it.

The mob then moved on to the German legation, shouting "Death to the Germans!" The windows were shattered with stones, and attempts were made to force the doors, but the people, and which would not be in latter resisted these efforts, and Mme.

whose claims are to be enforced by the ultimatum against Venezuela are according to the New York Tribune's correspondent in London, railway and Larbor improvement companies. Some of these companies complain of de faults of interest guaranteed by the Venezuelan government, and another corporation, which took up an issue or bonds, claims that'a considerable amount of unpaid interest is due it.

The German claims are larger in amount and more varied in their nature and the responsibility of the Venequelan government for the redemption of the obligations is less obvious in certain sections of the account. The precautions taken by the United States in ordering a strong fleet to the Venezuelan coast do not escape It is considered a sign attention. that the Washington authorities are on their guard against the taking of either of Germany or England for the collection of a debt from a weak

FLEES

GERMAN

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The Bow of Orange Ribbon A ROMANCE OF NEW YORK

By AMELIA E. BARR

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to me.'

ness.

waited upon him. Hyde laughed light-

ly at "Mr. Semple's impatience of of-

fense," and directed Mr. Beekman to

Capt. Earls as his second; leaving the

choice of, swords and of the ground

Lightly as Hyde had taken the chal

lenge, he was really more disinclined

to fight than Nell was. In his heart

he knew that Semple had a just cause

of anger; "but then," he argued, "I

would not resign the girl for my life

for I am sensible that life, if she is

another's, will be a very tedious thing

All day Neil was busy in making his will and in disposing of his affairs.

Hyde felt equally the necessity for

some definite arrangement of his busi-

and Cohen's bill was yet unsettled.

He drank a cup of coffee, wrote sev-

eral important letters, and then went

to Fraunce's, and had a steak and a

bottle of wine. During his meal his

thoughts wandered between. Kath-erine and the Jew Cohen. After it be

It happened to be Saturday, and the

shutters were closed, though the door

was slightly open, and Cohen was sit

ting with his granddaughter in the cool

shadows of the crowded place. Miriam

retreated within the deeper shadows

of some curtains of stamped Moorish

leather, for she anticipated the im-

She was therefore astonished when

her grandfather, after listening to a

few sentences, sat down, and entered

into a lengthy conversation. When at

last they rose, Hyde extended his hand. "Cohen," he said, "few men

would have been as generous and, at

this hour, as considerate as you. . I

have judged from tradition. and mis

judged you. Whether we most again or not, we part as friends."

gentleman, captain. May my white

hairs say a word to your heart this

hour?" Hyde bowed; and he con-tinued, in a voice of serious benignity:

"The words of the Holy One are to be

regarded, and not the words of men.

Men call that 'honor' which He will

call murder. What excuse is there in

your lips if you go this night into his-

There was no excuse in Hyde's lips,

even for his mortal interrogator. He

merely bowed again, and slipped through the partially opened door into

the busy street. Miriam returned to

her place and asked plainly, "What

and another. It shall be called mur-

"The other, who is he?"

"It is a duel between Cant. Hyde

"The young man, Semple. Oh. Mir

iam, what sin and sorrow thy sex over bring to those who love it! There

are two young lives to be put in death

peril for the smile of a woman-a very

"She passes here often. The daugh-

"Oh, but now I am twice sorry

Cohen, with his hands on his staff,

She has smiled at me often. We have

and his head in them; sat meditating, perhaps praying; and the hot, silent

noments went slowly away. In them,

Miriam was' coming to a decision which at first alarmed her, but which

as it grew familiar, grew also lawful

or to the Elder Semple would be suf-

ficient. Should she not say it?

A word to Van Heemskirk

ter of Van Heemskirk---the little fair

"Do I know her, grandfather?"

murder is there to be, grandfather?"

presence?

girl she is."

one, the child."

even spoken.'

"You have settled all things as a

mediate departure of the intruder.

went straight to Cohen's store.

He owed many debts of honor

entirely to his direction.

| Capt. Hyde still sleeping when he

CHAPTER V.-Continued. Neil was intensely angry, and his dark eyes glowed beneath their dropped lids with a passionate hate. But he left his father with an assumed coldness and calmness. The sarcastic advice annoyed him,

and he wanted time to fully consider his ways. He was no physical cow ard; he was a fine swordsman, and he felt that it would be a real joy to stand with a drawn rapier between himself and his rival. But what if revenge cost him too much? What if he slew Hyde, and had to leave his love and his home, and his fine business prospects? To win Katherine, and to marry her, in the face of the man whom he feit that he detested; would not that be the best of all "satisfac-

tions? He walked about the streets, discussing these points with himself, till the shops all closed, and on the stoops of the houses in Maiden Lane and Liberty street there were merry parties of gossiping belles and beaux. Then he returned to Broadway.

Still debating with himself, he came to a narrow road which ran to the river, along the southern side of Van Heemskirk's house. Coming swiftly up it, as if to detain him, was Capt. The two men looked at each Hyde. other defiantly; and Neil said with a cold, meaning emphasis:

"At your service, sir." "Mr. Semple, at your service,"-and

ouching his sword,-"to the very hilt, "Sir, yours to the same extremity."

"As for the cause, Mr. Semple, here t is;" and he pushed aside his emproidered coat in order to exhibit to Neil the bow of orange ribbon beneath it.

"I will dye it crimson in your blood," said Neil passionately. "In the meantime, I have the felicity

of wearing it;" and with an offensively deep salute, he terminated the interview

CHAPTER VI.

At the Sword's Point. Neil's first emotion was not so much one of anger as of exultation. "I shall have him at my sword's point," he kept saying to himself as he turned from Hyde to Van Heemskirk's house. Katherine sat upon the steps of the Touching her, to arouse her stoop. attention; Neil said, "Come with me down the garden, my love."

She looked at him wonderingly, butose at his request and gave him her hand.

Then the tender thoughts which had der at the last." lain so deep in his heart flew to his lips, and he woo'd her with a fervor and nobility as astonising to himself as to Katherine. He reminded her of all the sweet intercourse of their happy lives, and of the fidelity with which he had loved her. "On, my Katherine, my sweet Katherine! Who is there that can take you from me?'

"No one will I marry. With r father and my mother I will stay." With my "Yes, till you learn to love me as I love you, with the whole soul. You are to be my wife, Katherine?" 'That I have not said."

is it true that Capt. "Katherine, Hyde is wearing a bow of your orange ribbon?'

"Yes. A bow of my St. Nicholas rib on I gave him." "Why?"

"Me he loves, and him I love. "You have more St. Nicholas rib

He turned from her as he said the

vords, and, without speaking to Joris,

he predicament. He was quite sen

sible that his first words, to Cant. Hyde that night had been intended to

provoke a quarrel, and he knew that

te would be expected to redeem them

'Sir-A person of the character

more of a gentleman than I have rea

on to believe, by meeting me to-night

as the sun drops in the wood on the Kalchhook Hill. Our seconds can lo-

cate the spot; and that you may have

no pretense to delay, I send by bearen

two swords, of which I give you the

He had already selected Adrian Beekman as his second, a young man

of wealth and good family. Beekman

accepted the duty with alacrity, and

indeed, so promptly Carried out his

principal's instructions, that he found

"Neil Semple.'

"In the interim, at your service,

privilege to make choice.

ons? Go and get me one. Get a bow, Katherine, and give it to me. I will ait here for it."

is heart out with it."

y a formal defiance.

decisive words:

tv's Service:

)wn home.

Perhaps Cohen divined her purpose,

At that moment Nell and Hyde were on the fatal spot. Nell flung of his coat and waistcoat and stood with bared breast on the spot his second indicated. Hyde removed his fine scarlet coat and handed it to Capt. Earle, and would then wave taken his sword; but Beekman advanced to remove also his waistcoat. The suspicion implied by this act roused the soldier's indignation, and with his own hands he tore of the richly embroidered satin garment, and by so doing exposed what perhaps some delicate feeling had made him wish to conceal-a bow of orange ribbon which he wore above his heart.

The sight of it to Neil was like oil flung upon flame. He could scarcely restrain himself until the word "go" gave him license to charge Hyde.

Hyde was an excellent swordsman and had fought several duels; but he was quite disconcerted by the deadly reality of Neil's attack. In the sec ond thrust his foot got entangled in a tuft of grass, and, in evading a lunge aimed at his heart, he fell on his right side. Supporting himself, however, on his sword hand, sprang backwards with great dexterity, and thus escaped the probable death-blow. But, as he was bleeding from a wound in the throat, his second interfered and proposed a reconciliation. Neil angrily refused to listen. He declared "he had not come to enact a farce;" and then, happen-ing to glance at the Fibbon on Hyde's breast, he swore furiously "He would make his way through the body of any man who stood between him and his just anger.

Up to this point there had been in Hyde's mind a latent disinclination to slay Neil. After it, he flung away every kind of memory, and the fight was renewed with an almost brutal impetuosity, until there ensued one of these close locks which it was evident nothing but "the key of the body could open." In the frightful wrench which followed, the swords of both men sprang from their hands, flying some four or five yards upward with the force. Both recovered their weapons at the same time, and both, bleeding and exhausted, would have again repewed the fight; but at that moment Van Heemskirk and Semple, with heir attendants, reached the spot.

Without hesitation, they threw themselves between the young men. But there was no need for words, Neil fell senseless upon his sword, making in his fall a last desperate effort to reach the ribbon on Hyde's breast; for Hyde had also dropped fainting to the ground, bleeding from at least half a dozen-wounds. Then one of Semple's young men, who had probably divined the-cause of quarrel, and who felt a sympathy for his young master, made would pick up the fatal bit of as if he orange satin, now dyed crimson in

Hyde's blood. But Joris pushed the rifling hand hereely away. "To touch it would be the vilest theft," he said. "His own-it is. With his life he has bought it."

CHAPTER VIL

At-"The King's Arms."

The news of the duel spread with the proverbial rapidity of evil news. Batavius heard the story from many a lip as he went home. He was bitterly indignant at Katherine, and hot with haste and anger when he reached Van Heemskirk's house

Madam stood with Joanna on the front stoep, looking anxiously down the road.

Just as Dinorah said, "The tea is served, madam," the large figure of Batavius loomed through the gathering grayness; and the women waited for him. He came up the steps without his usual greeting; and his face was so injured and portentous that Joanna, with a little cry, put her arms round his neck. He gently removed them.

"No time is this, Joanna, for embracing. A great disgrace has come to the family; and I, who have always stood up for morality, must bear it,

too drastic measures on the part power distracted with revolution. As Viewed in Washington, President Roosevelt's recent utter

GERMAN FLEET-(A) Cruiser Faike, 1,731 tons, 15 guns; (B) cruiser Gazelle, 2,650 tons, 30 guns; (C) gunboat Panther, 900 tons, 22 guns; (D) cruiser icbe, 2,650 tons, 28 guns; (E) cruiser Ariadne, 2,650 tons, 28 gun; (F) cruiser Amazon, 2,650 tons, 28 guns.

of our national dignity is based on our rights and our possession of justice, and on our relations of friend ship and mutual respect with foreign nations."

December 10 the combined British and German fleet seized the Venezuelan fleet, composed of four warships, in the harbor of La Guavra. The Venzuelans made no resistance, not a shot being fired.

On the same day all German and British subjects in Caracas were arrested. The coming of the arrests so soon after the hurried departure the representatives of Germany and England is taken to be more than a coincidence. The belief is that both envoys had advance information garding President Castro's intent and decided to get out of the way.

All the stores and banks at La Guayra, are closed. Great excitement prevails, as the population fears that the town may be shelled or other action taken by the Anglo-German vessels

All the Venezuelan warships cap-

WILLIN NY MULTAN

German charge d'affaires, who has been ill in bed for the last two months and therefore could not leave Caracas with her husband, was thus saved from violence.

The crowd then marched to the German consulate and then to the residence of Dr. Koehler, again stoning the windows and attempting to force an entrance. The police made no effort to disperse the demonstration.

All the British residents were arested except Albert Cherry of the Venezuela British owned Central rail. way and Mr. Wallace, manager of the telephone company, who escaped to a place of safety.

Ninety-seven German residents were arrested, among them the German consul, Valentine Blohm, and Herr Knoop, the manager of the German Central rallway. Herr Simmross,

chancellor of the German legation, was met by the police, hear Bolivar square, and also arrested. On learning these incidents United

accord with my public life. The cause | von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, the wife of the | ances on the Monroe doctrine in his message to congress were written with the Venezuelan matter in view and probably for the purpose of indicatpassed through the garden gate to his ing to Germany and Great Britain how

far this government was willing they should proceed in the collection of the moneys which they are claiming from Venezuela. It -is presumed, therefore, that President Roosevelt is ready to meet any emergency which may arise in the future.

It is regarded as significant that the great naval maneuvers under Admiral Dowey which are now going forward around the island of Porto Rico were conceived after Great Britain and Germany had formally announced their purpose to send hostile fleets to the Venezuelan coast

This government is well prepared for contingencies. The Navy Department could on short notice send into those waters a fleet far stronger than the combined naval forces of Germany and Great Britain, but no was ship will be sent if it can be avoided. The country's policy has been to hold States Minister Bowen and Secretary distinctly aloof from both sides.



BRITISH FLEET-(1) Cruiser Indefatigable, 3,600 tons, 44 guns; (2) cruiser Retribution, 3,600 tons, 22 guns; (3) cruiser Charybdis, 4,360 tons, 30 guns; (4) sloop of war Albert, 350 tons; 6 guns; (5) torpedo boat destroyer Quail, 300 tons, 6 guns; (6) cruiser Tribuns, 3,400 tons, 22 guns; (7) cruiser Ariadna, 44 gurs.

"No, that I will not do. How false, and was not unfavorable to it, for he how wicked I would be, if two lovers suddenly rose, and, putting on his cap, said, "I am going to see my kins my colors wore!"

and kind.

"Well, then, I will cut my bow from man John Cohen. At sunset, set wide Hyde's breast. I will, though I cut the door; an hour after sunset I will return."

As soon as he had gone, Miriam wrote to, Van Heemskirk these words: "Good Sir—This is a matter of life and death; so then, come at once, and

In the calm of his own chamber, will tell you. Miriam Cohen." It was not many minutes before Van through the silent, solemn hours, when the world was shut out of his Heemskirk's driver passed, leading his life, Neil reviewed his position, but loaded wagon; and to him she gave he could find no honorable way out of the note.

That day Joris had gone hon earlier than usual, and Bram only was in the store. He supposed the strip of paper to refer to a barrel of flour or some other household necessity.

However, as he idea became familiar, it became 'Its actual message was so unusual mperative; and at length it was with and unlooked for, that it took him a flerce satisfaction he opened his moment or two to realize the words; lesk and without hesitation wrote the then he answered the summons for his father promptly. Mirlam proceed To Capt. Richard Hyde of His Majesed at once to give him such information as she possessed. Bram stood gazing at the beautiful, earnest girl ear cannot allow the treachery and and felt all the fear and force of her lishonorable conduct of which you words; but for some moments he have been guilty to pass without puncculd not speak, nor decide on his first ishment. Convince me that you are step.

"Why do you wait?" pleaded Miriam. "At sunset. I tell you. It is now near Oh, no thanks! Do not stop for It. them, but haston away at once."

He obeyed like one in a dream. Semple was just leaving business. He put his hand on him, and said, "Elder. no time have you to lose. At sunset, Neil and that d---- English soldier a duel are to fight."

"Eh? Where? Who told you?" "On the Kalchhook Hill. Stay not for talk.'

"Run for your father, Bram. Run ny lad. God help me! God spare the lad!"

(To be continued.)

too

"BAIT" FOR WILD TURKEYS."

Hundreds of the Birds Have Fallen Before Gun of Expert.

Wild turkeys are still quite plentiful in some portions of North Carolina. as they also are in Arkansas, Texas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Southern Missouri, says the American Field, but just how long they will be plentiful in any of these states is a question. if the states possess a Gil McDuffie, as does North Carolina, who, it is said, only a short time since killed seven turkeys at one shot. claimed that McDuffie has killed 1,500 wild turkeys and 700 deer in his time, besides countless numbers of smaller game. The way he makes his war on "baiting." turkeys is by He finds where a flock of turkeys use and he lays a train of corn to a locality where can arrange a good blind. The blind is made and corn is put out in good quantity for the turkeys not far away, he being careful to place the corn in such shape that when the turkeys feed upon it they will be well hunched. He then secretes himself in his blind and lies in wait for the turkeys. When they come and getbunched up over the quart or two of corn, he turns loose with a shotgun, and the slaughter is tremendous.

Fence of Elka'-Horns.

A fence nearly 200 feet long at Livingston. Mont., is made entirely of horns of the elk-more properly called wapiti. These animals, like the others of the deer family, shed their horns once a year and grow new ones. The old horns are found in large numbers in the forests and are used for various commercial purposes.



"I was right. The better days did come, an' soon too. Once forgettin' the

which was drawn a snowy dotted swiss curtain, nodding. By and by she roused with a start and, suppressing a groan, looked toward the

"Was it somebody knocked?" she queried. Then, "Come in," she called. "Come right on in."

The door opened, and a young woman in a slatted sunbonnet stood on the

"For the land's sake, Sully," cried Miss Simpson, "shut the door! The

Sally hastily shut the door and stood against it, sunbonnet off and in hand. "There!" she exclaimed triumphantly and drawing a chair close to Ann's.

'Now tell me all about the weddin',"

an' tell me every little thing about it,

loudly on the mantelpiece, drew aside the curtain and peered from it to the

"They must be gone by now," she complained. "An' I slept through their

the carriages as I was comin' up the street. But they'll the back again, an' you can see them then. Why wa'n't you at the weddin', Ann'?" "You don't suppose, now," asked

Ann, with some asperity, "it was on account of the want of an invitation, do-you? There it is on the mantelpiece the clock if you'd like to see it to

"No. That wa'n't why. It was this rheumatiz. When there's anything I want particularly to 'tend, it takes me down. That was why I was took down

"But dou't you think for a second that Lavinia 'll forget me. She ain't that sort. There ain't a kinder hearted soul in this here town than Lavinia. She'll send me some of every little thing she's got on the table an' a piece of the weddin' cake besides to dream on tonight.

"Lavinia's already sent me some of the flowers what belongs to her wed-din'," Ann continued. "There they are ittle table in the corner. Get up an' smell 'em. "You hardly know," she went on as Sally obediently got up, buried her nose in the roses for the space of a fragrant moment and sat down again. "what to think of this here weddin' of Lavinia's. It's mightly strange the way it come about. You see, I know it all from be-ginnin' to end, from the very start, datin' back to that first husband of her'n, what was, without any eggsageration. the meanest white man that ever put foot on top of earth. 'Yes, it's jest as I say-the meanest white man what ever put foot on top of earth. You couldn't, that is to say, lay a finger on him an' say, 'This man's a burgiar or a thief or a cutthroat or an all round desperado.' No. He might 'a' been a better man if you could. An out an' out desperado ain't often underhand, an' mean, like this husband of Lavinia's mean clean to the hone-one of them men what's afraid to tackle a good sized man of his own sex, but what 'll delight in breakin' the heart of

jever made, instead of one hold recidentally sp'fled in the makin? "Anyway Layinia, as I say, folk wed

him to the grave sheddin' big tear s an' tramblin', all over black from the crown of her head to the soles of her little feet. I didn't go to the funeral. I. didn't have it in my heart to pretend to grief I didn't feel. But when she come back I went over to her house an' save to her: 'Oheer up, Lavinia. Dry them tears of your'n an' "don't cry no more. The cherries-'ll be ripe for your pickin" ret, if I know anything about it."

ghastliness of death, the horror of itan' 'tain't nothin' but that makes these widders take on so for awhile-Lavinia begun to feel the happiness of bein' There was nobody about to say, 'Do this' or 'Do that' or 'Come here' or 'Go there,' a-succrin' at her when she laughed an' snarlin' at her when she cried. An' 'twa'n't long before, with them fetters dropped off away from her for good, she sprung up in the blessed light of freedom an' commenced to bloom like any flower. An' pretty! Lavinia got to be pretty as a picture, exceptin' for them wrinkles under her eyes. "You'd think, wouldn't you, now, that

when a woman 'd once found out what a good thing freedom was she'd stick to it? But I s'pose if she did that she wouldn't be a woman. Lavinia wa'n't no exception. She hadn't more'n got good an' used to doin' without her shackles than she made up her mind to put on some more. It appeared she was sort of fated, Lavinia- was. You'd be surprised to see the mail she settled on. Tom Wofford! Oh, yes, of course, you know him. He don't live far from you. I'd forgotten that. Well, he was the man. Of all the onnery men that ever lived in this town, with the exception of her first husband, he is the onnerlest, I ain't meanin' 's far 's money's consarned or clothes or way of livin', but disposition.

"Heigh, ho! I'll never forget the night Lavinia come over here after he'd gone an', without sayin' a word-layinia an' me's such friends that words ain't allus necessary atween us-walked to the mirror over the mantelpiece there an', takin' up the light, raised it above her head, gazin' at her eyes. From where I set, which was jest about where I'm settin' now, I could get a glimpse of her face, the prettiest pinky white complexion you ever see, with a bow mouth like a child's an' a dimpled chin, an' nothin' the matter with it at all but them there wrinkles under the eyes."S far 's L was consarned them wrinkles didn't make no difference. I couldn't see 'em half the time for the shine of the eyes. But Lavinia, she puts the lamp back on the table where she got it an', turnin', stares at me. "'He says,' she commences, 'that I

would be pretty, awful pretty, if it wa'n't for these here wrinkles under my gyes.

worryin' a minit about them wrinkles under your eyes.

"She promised she wouldn't an' went away. But 'twa'a't many days before back she come again, an', takin' that little stool you've got under your feet, puts it close to me, same 's you're settin' now, an' lays her head on my knee. I rests my hand on it, silentlike, comfortin' of her. 'Twa'n't the first-time. A woman can get along attright generally till she falls in love with a man. Soon 's that happens she begins to need comfortin".

what can take the wrinkles out from under the eyes. 'Tain't no trouble,' he says. 'All they've got to do is to cut away some pieces of flesh an' sew up the places. Then when it's well the wrinkles is gone, an' they never come

let well-enough alone. Better stay 's the Lord made you. He knows best. He knows what he's about, if it does

him deaf as a post intellegality, Why "You can understand, then, Sally, that it wa' a't nothin fbut natcheralhearin' all these stories un' more what I haven't got time now to tell you-I was gettin' mighty oneasy about Lavinia an' them wrinkles of hor'n. In a few weeks she come back allve, though, an' of course, her an' me bein' such fast friends, the first thing she does is to come st raight over here to me. There ain't a sweeter soul in this here town than Lavinia. Well, she stands still right 'aere facin' the winder with the light floodin' her like an' says to me: "'Is the wrinkles gone, Ann?'

"New, Layinia had eyes-they had left I er eyes-an', havin' eyes, she could see them wrinkles of her'n jest the sam a as I could see 'em. She could see that they was jest as bud as they allus was, if they wa'n't to say worse. So why in I didn't say nothin' at all to her, see in' I couldn't say nothin' comfortin', walks to the winder an' looks out pif iful like an' says, 's if she was talkin ' to herself, me settin' by mute actin'

When I wake up in the mornin', it's the first thing I call myself an' the last thing at night-idiot, fool!'

"An' she wa'n't to say altogether wrong. If people will deliberately set in a chair an' have their faces whacked into, they'd oughter be disfiggered for life, an' that, candidly expressed, is my opinion. Of course, though, I didn't say nothin' of that cost to Lavinia. Spilled milk is spilled milk, an' there ain't no use ervin' over it, but-

"You can call yourself names like that, Lavinia,' says I, with a grunt of a laugh, 'but if somebody clse did it you'd up an' slap 'em.' "As I say, Lavinia an' me, we'd been

such friends we didn't have to talk to understand. So when she come to me one day at twilight an' set at my feet on the little stool an' put her head in my lap, moanin' like any hurt child might 'a' moaned. I Kuciw what was the matter. That Tenn Wofford, that onnery sweethcart of her'n, had com-plained because the wrinkles was there same as ever an' would stay there till the good Lord got ready to smooth 'em away all in his good time, an' I never said a word. I bent down an' kissed her on the hair an' took hold of her hand to let the feel of my sympathy go

through it to her, an' that was all." Suddenly Sally sprang up and drew aside the curtain.

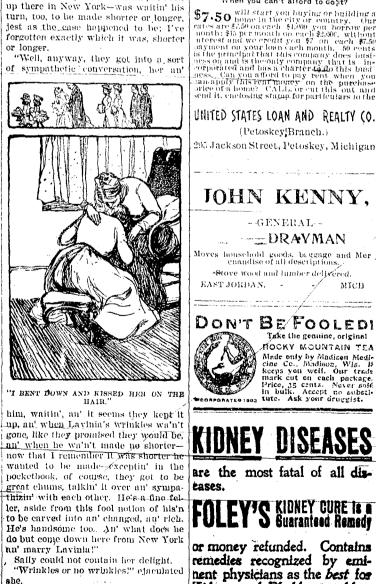
"There they come!" she cried. "Look! The groom and Lavinia! See! She's glancin' this way. She's throwin'-a kiss to you, Ann. Throw one back to her, quick. Ah-h-h! Don't she look pretty? An' them orange blossoms! Beautiful! But, Xhu, Ann! That don't look like Tom Wofford with her. He's taller somehow. Wain't it Tom Wof-

ford she married, after all?" "Tom Wofford!" grunted Ann. "I reckon not. A man what would let her go an' have her face cut to pieces an' then complain!" "Oh, tell me who she married, Ann.

I've been away. I've just got back home. How can I know? Tell me!" But Ann, who was in no hurry, phisophized.

"It seems, 's far 's I can hear the straight of it, that while she was waitin' her turn in them doctors' office some other idiot-they ain't all dead yet even up there in New York-was waitin' his turn, too, to be made shorter or longer, jest as the case happened to be; I've forgotten exactly which it was, shorter or longer.

"Well, anyway, they got into a sort of sympathetic conversation, her an'







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"They are gone." said Sally. "I met

"'He says,' she begins by an' Ly, 'that there are doctors up in New York

back no more; never no more.' "'Lavinia,' says I, answerin', 'better

shr d'ammy: ""'An' the pain of it! The awful pain of it! An' all for nothin'! Fool, idiot!



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woman by inches in wringin' it an' wringin' it till she's nothin' but a bun-

dle of sobs an' moans an' tears. "Well, it was them tears he made La vinia shed what brought the wrinkles under her eyes. He wa'n't worth no tears. No man is: not a tear nor a sigh nor a sob. But what woman will believe that? Lavinia wouldn't for one. She'd let every little, mean, triffin' thing he said to her set her palpitatin' with misery, same's if it had been said by some-body worth troublin' about, somebody whose opinion was worth somethin' It's the way with women. Well, in the course of time he died, an' I was glad."

"Lookin' at the wrinkles under Laviala's eyes cut by the tears he had made her shed, I wa'n't much inclined to grieve for her husband. But Lavinia! A softer hearted woman never lived in this town than Lavinia. She followed him to the grave, sobbin' fit to kill, exactly 's if he'd been the best husband while the boot the fictor and

seem sort of strangelike at times the way he manages. When he put them wrinkles in your face, he meant for them to stay there till he gets ready to smooth 'em out.

"'Anyway, Lavinia,' I goes on after a minit of studyin'. 'if this here young man of your'n don't love you enough to forget them wrinkles under your eves he ain't much good to tie to. That's my opinion. I give it to you for what it is worth."

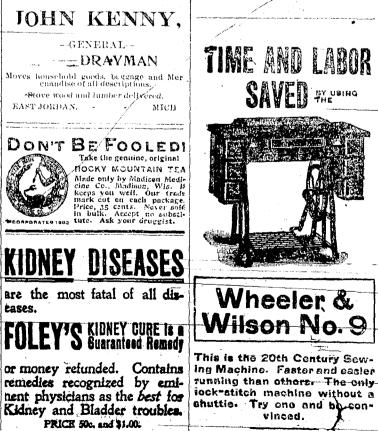
"'But I want to be beautiful?' she sort of moans. 'I want to be beautiful?' "Well, when a woman once makes up her mind to win a man's love there ain't nothin' short of choppin' off herhead goin' to stop her. So I wa'n't to say surprised when Lavinia come runnin' over a day or two after a-tellin' me goodby an' sayin' as how she was about to take a little trip up to New York to look up them doctors Tom Wofford had been talking to her somuch about. "When I come back,' she suffers, but-

with a scared look in her eyes, 'I shall now that I remember it was shorter he be beautiful."

"While she was gone I got to inquirabout them New York ductors what cut an' slashed into people's faces so reckless, smoothin' out wrinkles put there by the hand of God, shapin' noses over, settin' back curs an' takin' reefs out of double chins to make 'em single. An' what I heard about 'em, Sally, didn't tend to encourage me much about Lavinia, I can tell you that. On the other hand, it scared me about Her. If you could 'a' heard some of them tales they told me, your hair would 'a' stood straight up. One feller's nose they said, had been made a good enough shape, but what with tinkerin' away on it, the mame's if it had been wood, it, had got so delicate he was afraid of of her armchair to think it over. blowin' it, atraid it would come to was about even when you come to pleces altogether an' he wouldn't have study the sides of it. It's six of one an' no nose. Another had his cars set back half a dozen of the other. He's got a too far. The flesh clean covered the sort of limp in the left leg where them

"Wrinkles or no wrinkles!" echoed Ann Simpson and smiled a smile indicative of pure content. "Still I don't know,"

she added pres ently when Sally had put back the cur tain and deposited herself in the depths hole he had to bein out of our monter Many York decises hand him?"



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