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The Maskell Free Press.

TALENT PLAY **A GREAT SUCCESS**

The Free Press is pleased to quent and hearty applause. note the great success of the Mrs. Bruce Bryant as Susette home talent play, "Ferguson of Hawley, a niece of the elder was Troy," which was presented at a great success in her part. Dick's Theatre Saturday night, Miss Allie Irby as Johana December 13th, under the direc | Mulrooney, the Irish maid, sliption and management of Miss ped the Irish brogue with little Franke Terrell. This was the difficulty, and was so petite that second time this play had been no one could blame Mike for presented in this city by Miss "keeping his eye on the house Terrell. A few months ago a all the morning." large crowd enjoyed the per-Some very pretty and well formance, and so universal was rendered musical numbers were the delight that the accomplish- interspersed during the pered young lady at the head of it formance, among which was

was prevailed upon to repeat the a chorus by Mrs. Baker's class. performance. At the time, she Mrs. Baker also delighted the had a number of engagements audience with a beautifully renahead, and could not do so then, dered solo, in her usual charmbut promised to return and pre- ing way. And the chorus, "Besent the play again, and true to lieve Me Kid," by sixteen young her promise, this rip roaring ladies, captivated the audience. comedy was repeated on the The performance was given date above mentioned, with for the benefit of the Haskell equally as large a house to wit- Fire Department, and the audiness the performance as before, ence felt well repaid for the and the preises of the splendid price of admission.

production are equally as enthusiastic. Miss Terrell is a Hasa child, and the old saying that a person is not without honor save ply to this young lady, for she has ever been popular with our people, and her talents and accomplishments are recognized and appreciated in a high degree by all who know her.

A Most Eventful Year

The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, has truly had a most eventful year. A successful reunion from 10.000 former students, a T. C. C. day on the Dallas Fair program and a special train of seven coaches of students from Tyler. A new building giving almost 50,000 square feet of floor space, 2000 enroll-This play is an exaggerated ments for the year. A greater farce. In a very touching and demand of our students than we effective manner it demonstrates can supply and the successful the incomprehensible situation launching of our course of Busiof an entire household when the ness Administration and Finance arch enemies of mankind, jeal- We have had many enrollments ousy and duplicity enter that and splendid work was done in sanctuary. It is a comedy of the new department. Business men congratulate us on our be-Mr. Gaylord Kline covered ing the first institution in the himself with renewed glory in South to put in this much needthe part of Elder Walter Hawley ed course, covering the followof the reformed church. The ing subjects: Money and Credit, many predicaments in which he Corporation Finance, Taxation was placed as a result of his and Public Finance. Private Sechaving attended a chicken fight, retaryship, Salesmanship, Ad-List of unclaimed letters for trying to hide the fact, and some vertising, Commercial Geograother infractions of the straight phy, Commercial History, Highand narrow path of an elder, er Accounting, Economics, Parfrom his wife, whose confidence limentary Law and Mananager in his integrity and piety was ialship. There is continually unbounded, was greatly enjoyed being created a greater demand and Mr. Kline proved himself an | for higher trained business men and women. The State of Tex Tom Ferguson, an M. D., was as now requires that all counties well represented by Ernest of 40,000 population and over Grissom, who played his part employ an auditor at a salary of with dignity and proved him. \$2,400 per year. Wholesale self very capable of performing houses and banks of any size require their business to be auditsuch meeting. Charley Marshall, a college ed once a year. The U.S. Govchap, was presented by Burrell ernment has inaugurated a de-Hight in a manner that was partment of auditing in their Civil Service Department that pays a handsome salary. Men at the head of large corporations are wanting private secretaries and men of exceptional ability. even more naturally than he did The mastering of Law and Medihe would have proved a better cine holds out no such inducements as is held out to one who completes our course of Business Administration and Finance.

"Peace on Earth Good Will toward Men"

Christmas is the annual expression of good will-and good will is the foundation of every successful business. Of all the year there is no time when the spirit of kindliness will reach so deeply into the hearts of all you deal with. So we come to you this Christmas morn with a message of good cheer. This is the twenty-third Xmas of our business. We have seen more prosperous times, but the real Christmas feeling, the feeling of good cheer, the feeling of good will and good fellowship is here. Many calamities have overtaken the people this past year, but the old year is almost in the background and we are about to launch out upon a new year. Let's forget all the disappointments of the past, and look forward to the coming New Year with new hopes and renewed zeal. Let's make it the greatest of all the years we have spent. That's our hope and our determination.



CITY COUNCIL HAS ENJOY CHRISTMAS INTERESTING SESSION

NO. 52

The City Council met in reg- The Free Press is issuing a ular session Thursday Dec. 18th few days early this week in or- kell girl, having lived here since with the following members der to let the printer boys have present: T. C. Cahill, Mayor, a few days of recreation. Many Leon Gilliam, Secretary and papers fail to get out a paper in his own country does not ap Treasurer, J. W. French, City during Christmas week, but we Marshall, and N. Mc Neill, M. A. have made it a rule to issue some Clifton, T. E. Ballard and H. M. kind of a paper. It may not come Rike, Aldermen. It has been up to the standard, but we are the aim and object of the pres- trying to give most of the local ent Mayor and City Council to happenings, anyway.

reduce the expenses of our In this connection we will take city government so they could occasion to extend to our subget it out of debt and put on a scribers, advertisers and friends

dermen agreed to serve free of charge for the next two years which will make a saving of \$1, 000 to the city in salaries. It the week ending Dec. 20, 1913. was also agreed to install another boiler and pump at the pumpstation which will reduce our present Key rate 6 cents on the \$100, making a saving of about \$1200 per year in Fire Insurance. The salaries of City Treasurer, Secretary, Assessor and Collector and City Marshall were left the same as they have been. With this reduction the City Council thinks with the cooperation of the citizens that they can seen pull the city out of the hole and make it's scrip worth 100 cents on the dollar.

cash basis. To do this they in general our well wishes for a thought advisable to begin at happy and joyous Christmas. the fountain head and reduce Let's meet and mingle in gladsalaries of the city officers first. some rejoicings, that nineteen The Mayor's salary was reduced hundred years ago there came to from \$800 per year to \$100 per | earth One whose coming was one year. The city attorney's sal- of rejoicing. Let that rejoicing ary was reduced from \$300 ex- be conducted on the high plane officio, to the fees of the office. that He would approve. Let the The city health office with its true Christmas spirit abide in salary of \$200 per year was elim-inated for the present. The al. will toward men."

Advertised Letters

M. E. Adams. Getti Adams. Mrs. Pearl Bailey. Miss Nora Barrett.

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pleasing to the audience.

Lionell Fairchild, the poetic lunatic, was acted very natur ally by Cole Menefee. In fact some say that if Cole had acted success.

The part of Mike Murphy, the policeman, was represented in a plendid way by O. H. Hill.

Ellen Hawley, Walter's wife and Tom's sister was represented by Miss Franke Terrell, who in her own charming way added to her popularity by her splendid interpretation of the part. Belinda Ferguson, Tom's wife, and Walter's sister, was repreconted by Miss Ruth Lewis, part shelhad to play was plainly apparent to the audience, which did no. fail to respond with fre-up your own future.

With such an eventful year just closing, it will be a big undertaking for us to do better work and accomplish more in 1914, but we have the energy and are determined to do it. Enroll with us and watch us grow. The inspiration a student gets while here is worth the cost of his course. Write

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Haskell, Texas

G. E. Langford,

Cashier

Stockholders Meeting.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING-

Dec. 25th, 1913

Notice is hereby given, that a Notice is hereby given, that a neeting of the stockholders of meeting of the stockholders of The Haskell National Bank, of the Weinernt State Bank, of Wei-Haskell, Texas, will be held at the nert, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank, in the city of office of said Bank, in the city of Haskell, Texas, on the second Weinert, Texas, at two o'clock Tuesday, the 13th day of January, p. m. the second Wednesday, the A. D. 1914, at two o'clock p.m., tor 14th day of January, A. D. 1914. the purpose of electing a board of for the purpose of electing a board Directors for said bank and the of directors for said bank and the transaction of such other business transaction of such other bus as may properly come before as may properly come before such meeting.

Alvy R. Couch, Cashier. Subscribe for the Free Press



YOUR LAST CHAN

This will be your last chance to buy High Grade Dry Goods and Groceries at the unusually low prices we are making. Saturday, December 27th will be our last day. We have got to invoice our stock and get it out of the house it is now located in by Jan. 1st. So we have decided to make our last big cut. Everything will be sold at a big reduction in both Dry Goods and Groceries. It is cheaper and easier te move the money than it will be to move the goods, so we will turn everything in our house loose. Nothing reserved. If we have what you-want you can buy it from us this week cheaper than you will buy it again soon. So, be sure to see us this week for the biggist bargains ever offered in both Dry Goods and Groceries.

We thank the good people for the nice business they have given us during our sale. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New year.

DS & H

have moyed to Pogue.

spent Sunday in this city.

trip to Munday Saturday.

at the Corner Drug Store.

Get one of those Cameo Lovaliers



Wanted to Rent-A place for next year. Bring your stoves to Pinkerton

Furniture Co. farm near Weinert Thursday. Get a bath at the White Front

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reamund Dolls of all kinds at the Corner Drug Store. Hugh Smith made a business trip to Weinert Friday. & Sons.

James Busby, Esq., of Stamford J. O. Stark made a business trip to Munday the first of the J. L. Baldwin made a business week.

> the holidays at Wichita Falls with Mrs. J. M. Baker. relatives.

Spence Beavers went to the Red Dr. Meyers came in from a pro- opened up a real estate office in fessional trip to other points the McConnell building, in the

Get her a Manicure set at the Corner Drug Store,

N. E. Martin, ex-county commisioner, of the Sagerton community, was in this city last week.

For all kinds of copying, en-larging, etc., see Arthur Edwards at Kinnison Barber Shop or ring 233.

Mrs. W. L. Scott of Rule passed through this city Friday on her way to east Texas for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Atchison were called last week to the bedside of Mrs. Atchison's sister, who lives at Dublin.

Miss Frank Alexander returned from Georgetown Friday, where she has been attending the Southwestern University.

Miss Ruth Jones returned Saturday from Weinert, where she is teaching, to spend the holidays with the homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs W. L. Furnace and Mrs. Murray of San Angelo, visited with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Davis last week.

Miss Lala Votete of Abilene, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Williams of Rule, returned via this city Friday to her home.

For Rent-Farms for third and fourth with wood, water and grass. Pair good mules, seed oats for sale. Lee Pierson, Haskell, Texas.

T. J. Glasscock, of San Antonio, came in Wednesday to visit his father, B. A. Glasscock, and sisters, Mrs. Tom Brooks and Mrs. W. E. Dickenson.

the holidays here.

Messrs, Leflar and Lamm have

als come up short this

A Merry Christmas and a New Year

> TTE wish for all our friend and customers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

> We are more than thankful for the liberal patronage and confidence shown us by our friends which in spite of diverse conditions has made this year's business show a liberal increase in volume of goods sold over any previous year of our business.

> For this patronage and confidence which is back of same we again say we are truly thankful and that we hope for you a

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Hardy Grissom The Store with the Goods

Texas Ranger, a registered Jersey male from the celebrated Clough stock, is now ready for service at Dyers Wagon Yard. Fees, \$2.50.

W. F. Tompkins.

Miss Jimmie Kinnard came in from Colorado City, where she the Holidays with home folks. was called some time ago as nurse Miss Kinnard is taking a commer-Get you a nice fat mackerel was called some time ago as nurse Miss Kinnard is taking a commer-for breakfast at F. G. Alexander in a santurium. She will spend cial course in Draughon's Business College.

Miss Nevada Baker, who is L. J. Snyder left Friday for teaching at Post City, arrived Ponca, Oklahoma, on a business home Sunday to spend the holi- trip, Mr. Snyder is the gentle- ty. Mr. White and family are es-Miss Jewel Derrick is spending days with her parents, Dr. and man who is representing the in- timable people, and the Free Press putting down the Scott Oil well

east of town. If the local happenings and Collier's

Notice our Colliers' Weekly proposition. You can get the two papers one year for \$2.50. This Mrs. Cosselett has returned from Abilene Saturday to spend is thes best newspaper proposition send them to you.

J. G. White, who has lived six miles west of town for the past seven years, have moved to Cliff in the northwest part of the counterest of the capitalists who are wishes them prosperity in their new home.

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have a MERRY CHRISTMAS

We especially feel interested in the children. We hope Santa Claus has visited each home, and made each heart swell with gladness.

You only have a few more days to select your presents and let us urge you not to wait until the last moment, but make a strenous effort to come just as soon as possible in order to get best selections.



OVERCOATS

Now is the time to buy your Overcoat. Why do you postpone buying when you can get an overcoat so cheap. The price is right, the quality is good, the style correct. The time to buy is now.

Our	Re	gula	ar \$20.00 Ov	ercoat	8	\$14.95
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	Υ.,	"	16.50			12.38
**	14	"	15.00			11.25
		"	13,50			10.15
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Read our Collier's Weekly proplet us send you that excellent mag-azine and the Free Press one year. tion we know of.

Pearl Kemp were uni in the holy bonds of manony by Rev. W. P. Garvin, are bride's home north of this ci

many' good wishe of their friends, in which th ree Press

At the Marriage

On Wednesday nigof last

week Mr. E. H. Erwind Mis

ring the week, but on f the Free Press issuwe are unable to ree. We will be glad to ce of these happy events ext issue.

inance relative to Distributirculars on the Streets nd Public Square of the City of Haskell, Texas

it ordained by the City il of the City of Haskell

shall be unlawful for any perr corporation to hereinafter tibute, post, scatter or hand upon any street, Sidewalk, lic Square or public Highway the City of Haskell for the purof advertising his or their siness or any public speaking d circulars, dodgers, or adver-

sing matter of any kind, exceedg 4x6 inches in size. Any peron violating this ordinance shall e deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than \$1.00 not more than five dollars.

December 18th A. D. 1913. Attest:

Leon Gilliam. **City Secretury**

Almost a Fire

Saturday morning about o'clock Nightwatchman Lemmon discovered the Commercial Hotel on fire. It seems that a lantern left lighted at the head of the stairway fell on the floor and perhaps exploded. The night more than one bundred dollars. watchman saw flames and ran to the hotel, threw the lantern out December 18th, A. D. 1913 and beat the blaze out with his cap, then got a bucket of water and poured on the burning floor, Leon Gilliam thus preventing what would have been a very disastrous fire. Not long since Mr. Lemmon in and succeeded in extinguishing

the fire. Some people believe that the expense of having a nightwatch-man is useless. These two in-stances of fire alone saved the city and owners of property many thousand dollars, besides and deserve of the many other instances we percouple and deserve of the many other instances we per-

Haskell,

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Posey & Huckabee

haps know nothing of, to say nothing of the protection given

An empty stocking is the the business houses from bur dreariest tragedy of all motherglaries and theft. The Free Press believes in giving honor to whom honor is due, and there is appealing, no emotion that carnot a city or county office more ries a deeper pang and no senimportant than this one, nor sation as sorrewful in human an officer more faithful in the life as a Christmas stocking discharge of his duties than Mr. Lemmon.

An Ordinance Relative to Preaching and Public Speaking on the Streets and Public Square of the City of Haskell, Texas

Council of the City of Haskell, huddle and skulk in the shadow

It shall be unlawful for any per- cold and dream Christmas son or persons to hereafter enter dreams that never come true, it upon any street, alley, avenue, is there that the betrayal of the public square, public grounds or Christmas tradition becomes the public highway of the city of Has- greatest disaster in child-life. kell for the purpose of preaching, The gift of the Bethlehem lecturing or making public speech- stable sent a thrill of delight es with first obtaining permit from through the veins of mankind the City Council. Any person and taught us new lessons of unviolating this ordinance shall be selfish love. We feel this Chrisdeemed guilty of a misdemeanor tian sensation warming our and upon conviction shall be fined hearts when we touch a drum, in any sum not less than five nor a sled or a trumphet and hear

Attest:

T. C. Cahill, Mayor **City Secretary**

hood. There is no picture more

limp and dejected. Explaining an empty Christmas stocking is the most pitiful task that Christianity ever assigned a mother, and to be forgotten by Santa Claus is the most dreadful day in the life of a child.

The Empty Stocking

Christmas is built around the love of a mother for her babe Be it ordained by the City and where want and hunger of a home and the children lie in

the gleeful shouts of happy chil-Passed, approved and adopted dren as they explore the well filled Christmas stocking.

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The Corner Drug Store.

Texas

Passed, approved and adopted, Texas. T. C. Cahill, Mayor

TREES

There will be a Christmas Tree These young sople have a large circle of frids whom the Wednesday Night at each of the best wishes for happy and following Churches: Baptist, Methodist, Christian and Presbyterian. Every child in the Mr. H. M. Stor led to Hymen's altar Miss Lin Smith, Rev. L. city not attending any Sunday School has a special invitation to of Haskell canty's successful attend one of these trees, where young teaches, being at presa present will be left by Santa Claus. Every member of the that their meried life may be one of muchoy and prosperity. respective Sunday schools is ex- Misa Ruth faley were joined in pected to be present.

O. B. Norman J. O. Chitwood N. McNeill R. E. Sherrill Committee

very cordially joins

The marriage Mr. Nixon Hallmark and hs Blanche Clift took place athe home of the bride in this y last Sunday night at 7 o'clk, Esq. J. S. Post performing a ceremony.

prosperous mared life.

At the home oMr. and Mrs. Jas. A Greer | this city last Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock L. Sams officiang.

The bride is most deserving young lady an the groom is one school. The Free Press joins with many flends in the hope

holy wedlow Monday night of this week Rev. L. L. Sams speaking he mystic words that bound then together for weal er

The bide is a very popular young laty of our city, while the groon, who was reared here, holds a very lucrative position at Dallas, and is a young man in

A Merry Christmas and a

Happy New Year

A Most Hearty Greeting

WE extend to Haskell County and her good people the greetings of the season. Our business has been exceptionally good for the existing conditions, and we want to thank the good people of Haskell county for the generous patronage bestowed upon us. Assuring you that we appreciate your patronage, and that your face will always be welcome to our store, whether you care to make a purchase or not. We want you to feel like our store is your store and make yourself at home with us. We wish you one and all a merry Christmas and a happy and a most prosperous new year

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trying and

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On the first page we give in the county attorney's office in short account of the last meet a certain city of this state? ing of the City Council. The Free Press notes with gratification that the city dads not only believe in retrenchment but are big enough to practice it. When men sacrifice their own legitimate earnings for the good of the the town, you may know they are doing their level best. There is no better demonstration of heart-interest the city officials have for Haskell than the fact that they have cut their own salaries in order to make the funds of the city go ar far as possible in pulling the city out of debt and get it on a paying basis. Let the Free Press do your In this connection it is proper job work. We are prepared to to say that the council has at do as high class work as can be all times shown a disposition to done anywhere. Prices right.

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operated with the council in the way of furnishing cinders for crossings and on some of the streets, others have contributed the use of teams and labor, and we believe a new era is dawning upon our city, one of prosperity, good-will and co-operation. This is what is needed, and we hope it will grow to such proportions that the entire city will be as one family-making each other's public interest their own.

The Mexicans as a nation ar passing. They are incapable of establishing a government. They are dominated by the Spanish race, derived from the Moors of North Africa, a race that has never established a just government in all it's history. They will pass just as the North American Indian has passed. And in this connection we might add, that there is a class of men in this community who have always fought against civilized progress, decent society and moral progress, and they will go down in defeat. Where are the cow thieves, the drunkards, the gamblers, poker players and horse racers that used to infest even Haskell? Where are the saloon sweaters and sharps

who infested the saloons, with lewd women? Such as these used to control elections. But you

have to go to the big cities to find their power now. Fort Worth is in the death struggle to free its people from the domination of political perverts and criminals. The vote is yet so strong in the cities, that the criminal class elect the officers who are supposed to ento rce the law or dictate the ap-

pointment of assistants in the office of county attorney. What manner of man, or what is the in- \$1.00 a year. fluence that keeps a certain man

Villa, the Mexican bandit, who has captured all the north of Mexico, is running things with a high hand since his victories. He is trying to intimidate the consuls of rats, while chasing one around the powers, is confiscating barn, was unexpectedly interruptproperty and shooting people in ed by his father, who said: the typical Mexican style. We wish the United Slates would withdraw the protection of the Monroe doctrine from Mexico and give England an opportunity to settle that country with colonists of the white race, who would be capable of establishing a nation.

TRIthe clever misreprese smade by the organs of theial interests." As an exlof the plans and purposes of ational Democratic adminis, the Commoner is of unusterest to all progressive citi Mr. Bryan's signed editorive a timely discussion of pugetions and are interesting valuable to all students dernmental affairs. It is a bage monthly. Besides suppithe it has interesting Home, on,

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pays for a full year's subscripfice you can get the Forth Worth yourselves of this opportunity at once. to this paper and a full yesemi-Weekly Record, together subscription to The Commonwith the Haskell Free Press, both If already a subscriber to eithapers one year for only \$1.75. paper your expiration date will Accept this remarkable offer toextended one year.

How About Santa Claus This Yea READ THIS Christmas comes but once The Texas Wonder cures kidyear, but by handing only \$1.7, y and bladder troubles, remov-to the publishers of the Free Presy grayel, cures diabetes, weak you will get 156 papers a yeard lame backs, rheumatism, and or three a week. That's some irregularities of the kidneys reading, ain't it? Good, instruct.1 bladder in both men and woive, wholesome reading, too. Try n. Regulates bladder trouble the combination. You'll like it. ggist, will be sent by mail on wo months' treatment, and It is this: The Free Press \$1.00 a year. The Semi-Weekly Farm News om fails to perfect a cure. fot testimonials. Dr. E. W.

The two well worth two dollars a year.

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Just About

"Billy, what are you doing?"

"Killing rats," was the enthus-

Billy, who is very fond of killing

ntormation "Which is needfu, the t cannot cover the whole field. Hence the man who would keep step with march of the times will take a general newspaper also. The Fort Worth Semi-Weekly R ecord has taken front rank among the great publications of the South and West. It is specially prepared for the reader who has not the time or the opportunity to read a daily paper.

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Last, but by no means least, the Record's editorial policy compre-

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day?" me." said the little daughter.

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On account of the recent floods, which have kept many people from renewing their subscriptions to the Star-Telegram, that paper has extended the time in which you may subscribe or renew for that paper, at the same bargain price, \$3.25 for the year, until January 1st, 1914. You can get the Free Press and the Star-Telegram one year combined for the low price of \$4.00 if you will come in between now and January 1st and hand us the money. Avail

A Replacement

The little maid gazed thoughtfully at her mother, then said, "Mamma, do you know what I am going to give you for your birth-

"No, dear," she replied. "Tell

"A nice new china berry-bowl with gold flowers all around it,"

"But, dear, I have a nice one just like that already." "No you haven't," confessed the

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by acquaintance. "I walked all the way?" the lattixclaimed. "How did you get ng?"

"Girst rate," the old man repliednially. "That is, I did till canto that sign out there: Slowwn to fifteen miles an hour. That kept me back some."

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One e after much delibera- rule of "Children should be seen

"And now, what are you chil. running for, sonny?" marry. Then asked why, he dren going to act like?" she in-

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"Like movin' pitchers," came fellow?

Peacemaker and Pacemakor. Village Grocer-"What are you

Boy-"I'm trying to keep two fellers from fightin' Village Grocer-"Who are the

Boy_"Bill Perkins and me!"



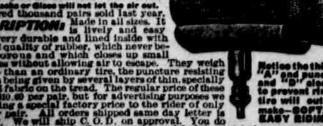
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said Willie. "See the card?" It read: "These pants can't be

Stomach Troubles Disappear

DE MARK HAMMERTON By F. A MITCHEL De Gournes, a citizen 'of Paris. "I vill this which you!" The words were addresses to me sitting in his tub reading a newser when a young man approach d e Beutenaut in the German army. was very young, his beard just sprop and sold ing, and sin a there had been no t Monsiet.r y between Gormany and any other pr your re- a be since long efore he was born make of the had had no way of letting off his Lifted States

plus vini We were in a beer grant att's, mines, erchandish a in abort and he bed is on sitting at a to be by every means except set ing fiquor one r which i sat with a prever die bar I came been to see Eu Ar .rivan friends c'etting up from his table, he w hon 1, but in time 1 of used to pest us, and, my foot being in his your w- s, and now 1 His them first he took pains to stumble again -ste, as a to the way you commit Then, giaring down at me, he a

English:

"I vill pig stick you!" "What does the fellow mean?" "You've been challenged to

duel," said Washburn, an atta the American legation. He ha in Berlin a number of years an the ways of the inhabitants. "He can send all the challes pleases," I said. "Til pay no an to them."

"In that case," Washburn you must give up the social st have prepared to take in B shouldn't like to put you forw have promised unless you eight young Donhoff, whom knows and who is on intim me with the imperial family, of way out of the matter."

"What way out of the 1 there?" "I'll think it over. I've h

eral Americans out of suchpes. By the bye, I think I'll try in by which I saved Albertson fatting a sword thrust between his "What plan?"

"I didn't explain it till thir was settled, nor will I tell you yourself in my hands, ask no qubs, and I think I can bring you out is with honor, probably with eclat

I assented, and he toopessage from me to Donhoff. I w Amer-ican, and Americans det fight duels. However, I was w to fight under certain conditions, ather, I would prove myself moreful than he. We would fire at as egg at twenty paces. If he hit og oftener than F. I would stand vd permit him to shoot at me as lo he liked If I hit the egg more timan he, he was to submit himself target for

The hot headed your accepted the conditions. Indeed/was rather pleased at the novel the plan. Washburn arranged forest of skill in a fencing academy brought a basket of eggs to the r which were to serve as targets. an unusual one, none e safeguards common in duel prinaries were taken. Washburn fixte target, suspending the egg by read. Donhoff and I tossed for orof trial, and I won. Each principras to deliver five shots, and the who shattered more eggs than the pr won.

The day before test 1 could scarcely hit a baryor, but I practiced sufficiently to an egg at least once in five shots, the trial 1 spattered the contents fe. Donhoff, who like all German & officers was a good marksman, jed upon my work with evident compt. I missed the I had done so he med to lose all interest in the cont He had doubtless Stomach, liver and kidney made a previousial and discovered he could hit the every time. burn assured | that if his plan worked I would was immediately to renounce my nt to make a target out a bottle in their home. Eliza of him. Washin hung an egg for him. He fired sewhat carelessly and missed. He wsurprised especially at fourth and th shots, the egg at each successive of vibrating less, indicat-ing that hisim had grown less accuing that hisim had grown less accu-rate. On lissing the fifth shot he threw his stol down with an oath. Washbu shot me a glance, and I cried. "I mounce the right I have won!" an hastening to Donhoff, put out my ind. He took it, muttering imprecatins on himself for having been so cimsy. Then he and his party thanked he for my magnanimity and left the rademy. "By ave?" exclaimed Washburn, sinking ato a chair. "If those fellows houd ave taken in an ordinary due! I would have had to leave Berlin." "What do you mean?" I asked. "Toy fired at a solid egg. Donhoff at a she from which I had drawn the contains. No hall will hit an empty emphall. The wind will drive it aside over time." W had won by a Tankse trick, but no it was marely to avoid blood ling our consciences did not trouble . I entered Berlin society under "abburn's wing with great sciat. I and that I would be called upon to alptain my championship, but was thtain my che

dua me for interrupt. T. 'at I have a request i ans a citizen of the tat is where I holl

La "maio.

Lie Gou. ar looked up at the spenger as he would at a curious kind of ant enegerie. The American mal in . proct. ed:

"T" en we on the other side of the bin it lake make up our minds 's de a thing in any other way than our own we never try to mix the two methods I have a proposition to make, and I'm going to make it on the French plan. The other night at the American embassy I met one of your daughters. 1 have concluded to make you a prop osition for her hand."

Whatever were De Gournay's feel inge at this blunt announcement he did not give way to them. He stared at the speaker in a sort of wonder for awhile, then said with French suavity: "And you consider, monsieur, that

you have adopted our method of opening a matrimonial negotiation?" "I will admit that there is an Amer-

ican flavor to it-I mean a Rocky mountain aroma."

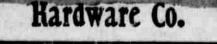
"Decidedly." said the Frenchman in well modulated tones, while he kept his eyes fixed on his interviewer, evidently studying him.

Jack Henderson's face bespoke that free, uncultured frankness indigenous to a new country. There was not a diplomatic feature, not a trace of meanness, in it. De Gournay had five daughters and not enough property to give even one of them a dowry. This brusque proposal was no more to his taste than would have been the touch of the prickly cactus among which the westerner had lived. Nevertheless he did not propose to turn it down until he had discovered what there was in it.

He accepted Mr. Henderson's card and gave him permission to submit a few references-Americans in Paris. who knew all about him.

But the Frenchman's exterior did not correspond with his interior. Every American abroad is supposed to be worth millions, and De Gournay, as has been said, had five maidens to marry off. While looking with one eye at his newspaper he was watching the American's retreating figure with the other, and later, when he saw Jack leave the club, he arose from his seat. threw off his assumed indifference and started out on a still hunt to find out all he could learn about the suitor.

Two things he learned were eminently satisfactory-Henderson had made a large fortune, and his character was excellent, Nothing detrimental turned up. After a lot of red tape, as Henher father and mother and three of her



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"Well, sir, that's the very question I have asked myself about four hundred times. And I haven't found an answer yet."

A man in British West Indies long writes: Wherever I am, I find try. Hunt's Lightning Oil indispensup. After a lot of red tape, as Hen-derson called it, he was permitted to call at De Gournay's home and have a look at the young lady he had ap-rheumatism, Neuralgia, Head-

His Dream Realized First Tramp-Strange how few

of our youthful dreams come true. Second Tramp-Oh, I don't know. I remember how I once

yearned to wear long trousers, and now I guess I wear them longer than any one in the coun-

Hunt's Lightning Oil.

This is the liniment that has caused so much talk. So many plied for. Mile. Estelle, in presence of aches, sprains, etc, you should try people are telling of how it relieved them of pain that one can no longer doubt that it is truly wonderful remedy. Every **Parcel Post Difficulties** "I had a tough time delivering" "I read your verses," was the the mail yesterday," declared the postman. "How was that?" "Had a bulldog and a chunk of

liver in the same delivery."

When he returned to claim his property he found in its place a card bearing the following in- troubles, weak nerves, lame back, scription: "This card was left and female ills disappear when that when I becomboff-and Washburn that when I becomboff-and Washhere by a man who can run Electric Bitters are used. Thoustwelve miles an hour. I shall not ands of women would not be with come back."

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Poole of Depew, Okla., writes: Electric Bitters raised me from a

clause.



sisters. Jack declared when questioned about the visit that there was not as much chance for spooning as if the girl had been set up on the divide

and he given a job of driving a mule team in the canyon.

After a long delay, followed by a business meeting between M. De Gournay. Jack Henderson and two notaries. at which Jack settled \$500,000 on his bride to be, the couple were married at 10 o'clock in the morning by a maire. at 11 in a church and at 12 sat down to a wedding breakfast. Jack was very happy beside his

bride, whom he had never met sociably but once, when a lackey entered the room and handed her father a note. De Gournay paled, and the features of his face otherwise indicated that he had received a blow. Arising from the table, he left the room, and soon after the mother took the bride away also. Jack saw that something had gone wrong, but kept his seat till the guests began to take their departure, when he, too, arose and went out to learn what had become of his bride. A servant opformed him that she had left the house with her mother. Jack, astonished, asked for his father-in-law and was informed that he would find him in the library. Thither went the groom, to see De Gournay pacing back

and forth in a fury.

"What's up?" inquired Jack. "How did you dare impose upon me as you have done?" cried the angry Frenchman. "But I am rightly served, to trust anything that comes from barbarous America. Go away from this house and never come here again. As for my daughter, she will spend the rest of her life in a convent. Go!" Jack had once been fired on by Indi-ans and stood in the way of a hard of stampeded cattle at the same time. to ba But he liked it better than this.

"Please explain, monsieur," he said. "I have only since your wedding beau informed that the people of Utah have as many wives as they like. My daughter shall not enter your harem." It was not till evening that Jack. having explained that he was not a Mormon, obtained his bride.

it and be convinced. Your druggist sells it.

"Did you read the poem I sent druggist handles it. you?" inquired the poet when ushered into the presence of the great editor.

dignified reply. "Then why didn't you print

them?" "I said I had read them."

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so weak and nervous, and had such an spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel an as strong as I ever did, and can est most Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all o

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By LAURA C. BURNHAM

Edward Cotton was the youngest son of the Earl of Edgerton. Between the years of fourteen and eighteen as a member of a noble family he had his full enjoyment of life. He was a tall boy, strikingly handsome and a great favorite. During this period a love affair sprang up between him and Laura. daughter of Sir David Hinchelwood. an impecunious baronet as proud as he was poor. Sir David's main object in life was to marry his daughter to a man who would be able to lift the family to its condition of former Edward Cotton, being a years. younger son in a family all of whose property was entailed on the oldest male heir, must of necessity, as soon as he had grown to manhood, shift for himself.

There was absolutely no hope of his possessing the girl he loved. When he was twenty years old he bade her farewell, being about to sail for Australia. He looked the matter squarely in the face, but the girl with feminine faith would not admit but that something would happen to turn their present condition.

"That's the lovellest thing about a girl," said the lover; "she's an optimist in the very face of calamity."

Cotton went to Australia more to break away from associations that would thereafter be impossible for him than the hope of making a for tune. He had not inherited business instincts and had no taste for a business life. He found a position in the counting room of a wool merchant named Oldershaw, but did not retain it long. Building himself a hut beside the ocean, he contented himself with a small remittance sent him quarterly by his father. He was naturally fond of fishing and supplied his table with fish caught in the ocean.

Cotton went to Australia in 1868. One day while out for large fish he caught a shark on his line. There was something in the fish that he neededpossibly a little oil for his lamp. At any rate, he cut it up. A number of articles undigested were in the stom ach, among them a folded newspaper. which, though soaked, left the inner sheets in tolerable condition. Onite likely it had been thrown from some ship the shark was following for food and picked up by the voracious fish. Cotton took it to his hut and spread it out before a fire to dry. In the evening after his supper he took up what there was of it to read, and the first heading that met his eyes was. "France Declares War on Germany."

There were two important facts concerning this first news in Australia of the breaking out of the Franco-Prussian war. First, there was then no cable connecting the island with the mainland; secondly, the shark is a very swift swimmer. Cotton had not heard of the breaking out of the war and did not believe such news had reached Australia. He sat thinking about the matter in his cabin, and it

By DOROTHEA HALE

Ned Forsythe was the son of an in A party of young men were ventor who had not the business capac- around a table in the cafe of ity to reap the profit on his inventions. York club. The subject turned Perhaps it would be nearer the mark marvelous feats that are said mining camp made up of 300 runto say that the elder Forsythe had not performed by the fakirs of Ind aways, debt jumpers, cutthroats, gamthe capital to put the novelties he pro- number of these feats were dest blers, horse thieves and murderers and duced on the market. At any rate, he each one more wonderful than th call him wicked I mean for the reader fied, leaving his widow and her only when Ned Garland told the followto infer that he was right up and child, Ned, in poverty, as they had always been.

But Ned understood that just before his death his father had invented an explosive that would prove far more valuable than any that had yet been produced, being especially available in gunnery. He had offered his invention to the government, had given an exhibition of its working and had received an order for a large supply, to be followed by other orders at a price that would make him rich. Furthermore, a company with an established plant capable of manufacturing the stuff had the contract to produce the goods. Nothing remained but to pass over the recipe for the explosive when the inventor fell on the floor of his drunk. laboratory and died without speaking a word.

After his "ather's death Ned hunted high and low for the formula. He first went through the laboratory. searching every nook and cranny, examining every scrap of paper, but without success. Then he looked through the house in which the family lived, a little frame dwelling on the outskirts of a city, with no better success. There was no other place to look, and Ned and his mother, from a prospect of stepping from poverty into affluence, found themselves worse off than they had ever been before.

But Ned did not give the matter up. He had heard his father tell his mother that he was puzzled how to keep his secret till he had made all his contracts and must give it to the manufacturer.

Forsythe knew that should be be suddenly taken away his wife and child would be cut off from the benefits of his invention. He had once parted with the secret of an invention and thereby made another person rich He had then vowed that he would never part with another such secret until the last moment. He told his wife shortly before his death that he had decided to put the recipe for the manufacture of his explosive into ci- scended to me. When I came of age pher. But as to what he was to do a few weeks ago and took possession with the cipher or the key he said of it with other property I concluded nothing.

death when Mrs. Forsythe received a partly rotted away. One that had been letter addressed to her in the well made of marble interested me. From known hand of her late husband. On a crack in the lid protruded a paper. the envelope was written "Via San Francisco, Hongkong, Aden, Naples, been written in a language I knew New York." The letter bore the post- nothing about. marks of these cities and had evidently been around the world. The recipient known tongues in Columbia college, tore off the envelope, and there, on the and he told me it was written in one

By F. A. MITCHEL

"You've hit on a subject that down bad. verylnear home to me," he said. Which was exactly the case with one of my family was operated owilliam Tripp.

William was wicked.

When 1 pick out one man from a

one of these Indians many years Wicked! Well, he was that: with a result that has recently a Such a swearer as William was! He my hair curl. "During the last war with Englapen in the morning and keep up a

in 1814 or thereabouts—my ancest eady fire until 10 o'clock at night. lived on the family estate or farm, nd he was a cheat and a liar. that's all it was, not half a mile for you wonder that we didn't run him

that's all it was, not half a mile from wonder that we don't the second where we are now sitting. One well, somehow we always intended my great-grandfather. Timothy G but always put it off to a more iny great-grandfather. Timothy Gi but always put it off to a more land, a young bridegroom, had a qui venient date. The success of rel with his wife and told her he wis meing a man depends a good deal ed he might not see her again in a hu who the man is. On our first gen-dred years. Then he left the hous the the man is. dred years. Then he left the hous hint to William Tripp that unless with a bang of the door and, mountinwas packed up and out of camp ina horse, rode down to Fraunces' tavern of thirty minutes his anatomy where he proceeded to get gloriously id be riddled with bullets he prod a couple of revolvers, backed up

"The next day, when he was soberinst the Red Eye saloon and calmhe was beside himself with remorse served that he was aching for a and rode back home to beg his wife's excitement. I think his actions pardon. He found her lying in a com- at particular time had something atose condition, from which it was in- p with our giving him the rope possible to arouse her. She had left weeking to get along with his ec with the servants a paper for him on |e traits of character. move." said Elder Beacon one

which was written: when we were talking about "You have wished you might not see me m's bad ways. "that the comagain in a hundred years. You won't see me as I was till that time has passed. get the drop on him and then

"The upshot of it was that when he in into the hills." so, but who were the commithad gone down to the tavern one of these Indian heathens came along, ofthat was another point we could fering to tell my great-grandmother's natisfactorily determine, and that fortune and do many wonderful things. Wother reason why William con-She was full of anger at the time and the ablde with us. told him she would give him all the ? Well, you never saw such an gold she had in a stocking if he would ey such nerve. Just as far as he put her to sleep for a hundred years. cole the bowl of a pipe in a man's The rascal took her at her word and mee could smash it with a bullet. performed the trick. Allevery hat in camp had an air

"Her husband kept watching for her to come to herself. He said nothing about her condition, not caring to have it known that it was through his harshness that she had come into it. But she remained as she was, and aftwithout reaping any benefit himself .- er awhile he locked her up in a room, and since he made no mention of her she was at last forgotten.

"When the farm was sold the family vault was retained and the ground underneath which it was excavated deto inspect it. I found a grewsome A month passed after the inventor's place full of coffins, some of which had I pulled it out and found that it had

> "I took the thing to a professor of unof the languages of India and I had

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> 1 was in Mexico examining a mine for New York capitalists when President Mader, was assaysinated and

Huerta took his place. Fortunately for use, I had completed my work when the revolution broke out and managed to get a train for Vera Cruz, where I intended to em bark for the United States. . it was not a pleasant journey by any means. No one knew whether the new government would permit the train to go through or intercept it on the way for the purpose of getting its hands on an enemy or whether adherents of the old regime would take revenge on some one who had been prominent in bringing about the change At a little station barely ten miles from Vera Cruz the train stopped and remained stationary so long that I concluded to

walk the rest of the way. Everybody went about armed, and I was no exception to the rule. But I had my vouchers about me that I was a United States citizen, and I relied for safety more on being able to prove myself a foreigner than on my armament, though I confess it would have been better for me to have been almost any other foreigner than a gringo. I am a good walker and believed 1 would be able to do the distance in from two to two and a half hours. I stepped out briskly, enjoying the stretching of my legs far more than sitting in a train which for all any one could find out might remain where it was till another revolution had been accomplished. As I walked I remembered that I was on the road Cortes and his adventurers passed over when they were beginning their memorable march to the capital of Montezuma. I looked ahead, fancying that I could see their head of column coming up

the declivity. I didn't see the mailed Spaniard, but I did see the back of a man-rather a boy he seemed-walking ahead of me and in the same direction I was going. I soon caught up with him, and from his dark complexion, his coal black lianad to admit that he respected eyes and long lashes I knew him to be a Mexican. There was no one near us, and I accosted him in Spanish, Tripand career, and it happened which I spoke indifferently, bidding in a - way. A fire in his tent one him good day and remarking that it nighthed up a lot of his traps, and he ht make a ride of thirty miles was a fine morning.

He seemed very shy. But the Mexican people have not that self reliance common among us of the United States, and I did not expect him to meet me halfway. Besides, he was boyish looking and even for a boy delicate in appearance. The only sign of ruggedness about him was a color in his cheeks. He looked at me askance and as though he had no desire for my company until I told him that I was a citizen of the United States, when he began to ask me questions about how he should get from Vera Cruz to an American port, when and to what point the steamer sailed, what was the fare and other information desirable d to make the Intondo for one journey. I told him what I knew on the subject and then began to talk about other things. I found him willing to coaverse except upon the subject of the revolution. No sooner did I mention anything, however remotely connected with the revolution, than he shut up like an oyster. Occasionally I would glance aside at him when I knew he was not aware of it and saw on his face indications that he was under the influence of some powerful emotion. I would have liked to gain his confidence that I might learn what moved him, but I did not believe this possible, so I did not try. However, as ye proceeded on our way together he censed to appear anxious to get rid of me. and before we reached Vera Cruz he seemed to consider me something of a protector. Finally I ventured to ask him about what he would do at Vera Cruz, and he told me he was going to sail on the first vessel leaving for the United States. I replied that 1 was going also and we would be fellow passengers together. When we were entering the city he surprised me by handing me his purse and asking me to buy his steamer ticket for him. Fortunately for us both a steamer was to sail early the next morning. and we were permitted to go aboard at once. The young man retired to his stateroom, and I saw him no more that day. In the morning I was walking the deck while the ship was making some ten knots an hour over the gulf. saw coming up the companionway the counterpart of the boy who had been my fellow traveler the day before. But this person was a girl. The first thing that caught her eye on emerging from below was the stars and stripes flying from the peak. A relieved expression came over her face, and I knew she was saying to herself. "Thank heaven!"

By DOROTHY BURNS

While amusing myself over some old letters from India, written by my grandfather about half a century ago, came across one to his mother, in which he announced his engagement and gave an account of how he cama to marry:

"You know, my dear torther, that I have always control of that neither clergymen nor soldiers should marry. The first should alway's be ready to fight the devit under the batter of the cross in any land, hereever barres ous, and the second to light the enclose of his country under its day used it seemed to me that if a soldier should take a wife she should have about her something of a soldier's manire 1 donot mean that she should be expected to march to battle like a man, but that in moments of great danger she should retain her self possession

"You remember that I came out here the year before the great mutiny and was assigned to the -th Bengal cav alry at Meerut, where it broke out. I saw enough of the terrors a soldier's wife is liable to among the Englishwomen, who were obliged to fly for their lives, many of them being butchered and some burned in their houses while their husbands attended to their military duties, to confirm my opinion that a soldier should not be encumbered with a wife, or at least if he has one she should be a marvel of courage.

"A few months ago, dear mother, I was invited to the quarters of Colonel Crocker of the fusiliers. The colonel has been in India twenty years and has a daughter. Cynthia, born just after his arrival here, so that, never having left India, she has never seen England. At my first meeting with this young lady I felt that she was to prove a strong temptation to me to desert my principles. After being constantly at her father's bungalow for three months the first part of my resolution-never to marry so long as 1 was a soldier-was completely broken down. I was passing an intermediate stage between that resolution and my second-if I did marry while a soldier to mate only with a woman of such remarkable nerve under danger as I had seen among the officers' wives and daughters at the breaking out of the mutiny at Meerut-when an episode happened that broke down all my scruples against marriage.

"I was dining one evening with Colonel Crocker and his family. The colonel sat at one end of the table, Mrs. Crocker at the other, while one of the younger children and Cynthia sat on one side and the other child beside me. A servant was pulling on the punkah; another, an Indian girl, was serving us at dinner. In these days one seldom talked about anything except the adventures of the mutiny. and the colonel, who was at the time it broke out at a cantonment about two miles from Delhi, was telling how he tried to induce the mutinous sepoys of the regiment to which he was attached to remain faithful to their duty when he was interrupted by Cynthia quietly telling the waitress to place a bowl of milk on the floor. The colonel gave over his narration and looked at his daughter anxiously, her mother doing the same. I saw at once that she was moved by some powerful emotion. But she neither moved nor spoke. We all sat waiting while the maid placed the bowl of milk on the floor not far from Cynthia's chair and in a position where I could see it. What was my surprise and horror to see a cobra slowly creep from waere Cynthia sat to the bowl.

By DANIEL C. HALE

occurred to him from his knowledge of the wool business that a European war would advance the price of wool.

Early the next morning he went into the city, saw Oldershaw and told him that an important event had occurred that would affect the price of wool. Oldershaw agreed that if Cotton would tell him what it was he (Oldershaw) would give him half the profit on any wool he bought or sold on account of it. Cotton then produced his newspaper.

Wool was selling at 18 cents a pound. and Oldershaw bought all there was at hand. He had scarcely completed his purchases before a ship came in with the news of the declaration of war between France and Germany.

The wool that Oldershaw had bought in pence he sold in shillings. He made a fortune for himself and one for Cotton. The war was of short duration, and fortunately the wool was sold near the highest point. Cotton received his profits within a few months after he had caught the shark that had brought him his luck and a few days later sailed for England.

He found his love still disengaged. but resisting her father's efforts to induce her to marry the son of a rich brewer. There had been no news re-- ceived in England of Cotton having suddenly made a fortune, and when he appeared no one dreamed that he was very wealthy man. He refrained from telling of his wealth, fearing that his explanation as to how he had acquired it would not be believed.

Laura Hinchelwood was delighted with his return, though she had no dea that it meant any change in their relationship When Cotton told his fish story she thought that something had happened to turn his brain, but when he showed her his bank account as eridence she was staggered. At last he induced her to believe that he the really rich and had made his oney by this streak of sheer luck. Having convinced her, he was not Hinchelwood when he was assured of the truth, having found the fortune he was looking for, was nothing loath to give his daughter to the young man. Edward Cotton purchased an estate near that of his oldest brother, who had by this time inherited the family title, and he is now the financial mainstay of the earl and Sir David Hinchelwood.

The Rothschilds of London made a large fortune by receiving news in ad-Vance of the eventful battle of Water-

paper inclosed, was written a jumble words. Below was written:

Before you receive this I shall have told you where the key is to be found.

other disappointment. Her husband English: . had, under fear of losing his secret. deprived his wife of that which he desired her to possess. What was there in these incoherent words of any value without the key? The letter, however, had a different effect upon her son. He vowed that he would decipher the recipe if he spent his whole life in doing so.

Several months passed, and it seemed that the receipt of the letter had been for worse instead of better. Ned made no headway in deciphering the word puzzle. Having his father's fear of giving away the secret, he would not intrust any one else with it and spent so much of his time on it that he was useless at anything else. He and his mother were near the point of starvation when a brother of the late the wherewithal to purchase something to est.

He was told about the invention and the cipher recipe. Having asked to see the latter, it was shown to him. As soon as he looked at it his eyes lighted with interest.

"Your father." he said to Ned. "was during the war for the Union a member of the staff of a general officer. This you know as well as I, but you may not know what your father told me-that when telegrams were sent by his commander it was his duty to put them into cipher and when they were received to decipher them. He kept some of these dispatches for awhile after the war and showed them to me and the principle on which they were built. I think he has used that principle in this case. The recipe has, I believe, been written in a certain number of columns, down one, up another. proceeding till every column is filled. Here are check words having no meanafraid of any one else. Sir David ing, thrown in doubtless to make the matter more complicated."

Sitting down. Ned's uncle wrote out a message in columns and gave Ned the plan. What had been a jumble of words became a perfectly coherent message. Ned grasped the idea, and the two went to work to decipher the recipe.

They failed at the time, but Ned worked on and at last produced an intelligible reading. The matter was again taken up with the manufacturer, the recipe produced, and Ned and his mother are now rich.

to get an Indian of that province to interpret it. I hunted all over the east side among the slums for such a per-The poor woman had received an- son and at last found one. It read in

> "This lady is to be brought to life at the expiration of a hundred years, or in November, 1913.

"I was told by the translator that only an Indian fakir could do the job. but luckily one had just arrived from Bombay, and I was informed where he was to be found. He read the paper and said he would try to bring my great-grandmother to life if I would pay him \$100 in case he succeeded. I agreed to the terms, had the sarcophagus removed to the top floor of a building I owned, paid in advance and the Indian went to work.

"He wouldn't permit me to be pres ent during his manipulations, but called me in after six hours. On a lounge was a woman about twenty-three years of age. She seemed only half inventor was summoned and asked for alive, but was sufficiently resuscitated to speak feebly.

> "'Jim,' she said, 'how could you?' "'I'm not Jim,' I said. 'I'm Ned.'

"'Oh, dear' What's the matter with you, or is anything the matter with me? I feel so weak.'

"She had evidently taken me for he husband, my great-grandfather, who was just my age in 1813.

"I looked about for the Indian, and he had gone. It struck me that I'd better have some one about, and I said to my great-grandmother

'Please excuse me a moment. You are not well and need attention. I ain going to summon assistance.

"Do you know that while I was looking at her, even during this short time, she seemed to have grown older Without waiting for her consent I ran downstairs, but as I went it occurred to me that I had better not be in a hurry about the matter; there were many dangers connected with it. paused, pondered and went back to the room. I suppose I had been gone twenty minutes. And yet while I had been absent the resuscitated bride of twenty-three had grown to be an old woman of 123. And as I looked she gave a gasp and within a minute had become a shriveled mummy."

There was a brief silence, which was broken by one of the party, who said: "Ned Garland, you are the biggest

llar that ever entered this club or ever will enter it." "That's why I didn't summon as

sistance. I knew I'd be put down efther, for a liar or a lunatic. Waiter. taks the orders!"

Children v playing around. were wasl and mending, and the brawny mwere repairing wagons and barnesod whistling over their work. Wil, drew rein and gazed upon the se for a few minutes. Then he outch his revolver. Seated before one ole fires was ap old woman with henitting in hand and a pipe in her mh. It was a long shot. but the evil urged William to try

holle by one of his bullets, and,

the was prejudiced against Wil-

menads in shooting at their hats.

on Co Cooper's old mare to replace

them new. The morning he rode

out of p was the last time we saw

him, be heard from a dozen dif-

ferent just what happened. About

twelve s from our camp was the

Overiabil, and just where our own

trail st in was a pretty little val-

ley withaty of water and wood. It

was a fite camping spot with im-

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reached , found half a dozen wag-

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Bure came a halt in William

It, and try he What happe?

Something & worse than murder. The bullet we straight for the old woman's headed crashed into her brain Then sething awful followed. She rose, her feet, whirled around to face e shooter, and true as you live she med to look at him for thirty secon before she tottered forward and shred out:

"William! Oh,y son William!" Then she pitci forward on the grass and was di in a second, and the red blood oot out and made a terrible stain on t green grass.

And William-wt did he do? He was like one turneto stone. The old woman's words linly reached his ears, and he must ve recognized her face. In the awfunoment in which he sat gazing at e corpse on the grass it must have shed across him that his poor moth had made that long journey with eighbors for no other purpose than thunt him up-he the boy who had le her years ago and had been the subet of her night-

ly prayers ever since Wicken as he was he must have ft her devotion and sacrifices.

And then?

He sat there in his iddle, his eyes fastened on his mothes corpse, and the revolver still in his and. The situation had petrified him While he sat thus one of the immigrats, who, believing that the camp has to be attacked by a force, levied his rifle over the wheel of the whon and sent a builet plowing throup William's heart.

Ah, well; it's years and years ago. and the twin graves in thevalley have long since been trampled out of sight. and White Dog Diggings can be found no more, but the day the news of that awful tragedy came back to us we dropped spade and pick ind could work no more for the day. And after a long period of silence among the men, who had instinctively gathered around Judge Desire to hear his opinion, the judge arose and said:

"Feller citizens, the wicked don't live out half his days, and don't you forgit it!"

"Aha, senorita!" I said. "I suspect ed yesterday that you were not masculine."

"Oh, senor," she replied, "you were very good to me. At first I wished to get rid of you. but at last 1 felt that you were my protector."

During the voyage 1 saw much of the girl and gained her promise on my own promise of secrecy to tell why she left Mexico in disguise. When coming

into port she relieved my curiosity. "My brother." she said. "was one of those who were reported killed while trying to escape. I stabbed to the heart the man who shot him."

"The snake had been wound around her leg and uncoiled to get the milk. "Suddeniy Colonel Crocker seized a del-

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carving knife from the table and, darting to the snake, with one blow severed it in two parts.

"And now. dear mother. I have come to the other important statement contained in this letter. This brave wol, an has consented to be my wife. I can keep, at least, my resolution not to marry a woman who is unfitted to be the wife of a soldier. Colonel and Mrs. Crocker have consented, and Cynthia and I are very happy. To crown all, the colonel is to be retired in a few months and will use his influence to have me ordered to England, so that we shall doubtless all sail for home together. Cynthia and I shall not bemarried till we reach England, and you, dear mother, will be at our wedding."

This is the end of the story as given in my grandfather's letter to my greatgrandmother. All turned out satisfactorily. Colonel Crocker was retired as expected and had influence sufficient to secure an order for his intended son-in-law to report at the war office in London about the same time as he himself expected to reach there. So they all went home together, and the wedding was celebrated at Twickenham, where the Crockers took up their residence after their return.

There is a sequel to this story which goes to show that my grandfather had saved his face by not telling the whole of it. The truth is that in the exuberance of youth he had talked very loudly

about remaining a celibate so long as he was in the army. When he gave in he must needs have an excuse. He had a very good one, but he did not state the case in full. In another letter giving the same story the writer said that the moment the cobra was killed Cynthia Crocker fell over in & faint.