

"Yes, Mr. Alwayne. The firm is

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Alwayne & Alford." · Will you please walk in de library, Annie listened in reverential silence sale?" he said; and Jason Trowteridge to these items of information, which followed the sable guide across a she heard at least a score of times be- wide, softly-carpeted corridor into a fore; but then it was such a privilege a be allowed to come and help pack furnished in black walnut and polished Jason's trunks and mark his cuffs and green leather collars, and follow him from room to room, like a patient, adoring little girl, as she was, that she would scarce- merchant, and there to our heroe's disly have found the multiplication table itself tedious.

large room, lined with books, and Blut In anist not to There stood a short stout map, caused the chauge in his appetite. looking as much like a farmer as a "My wife can never cat an oyster," and one present, "without her skin may in one of the easy chairs sat the breaking out with purple spots as large as dimes. She feels no unessiidentical buffernut-coated individual. "How do you do Mr. Trowheidere?" ness, but naturally does not like to be

mouthful of ment in twenty years." "A vegetarian, ch?" queried a lislener.

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"Talking of peculiarities of appetite," said a citizen in conversation, I know a man who has not eaten a

river or bay. At high tide such branches will be covered with water, and when the tide goes back, the branches come to the surface again. "The spawn sticks on those boughs

when they are beneath the waves. In "No; he took a sublen distike to a few days the tiny oy-tirs begin to meat of any kind, and gave up cating develop, and before long at every low tide the branch can be seen him? ing out, with little oysters growing

perimenter and requesting to inform means of a duct with a sharp spur, him where the bird had been caught very like a cock's spin. This spin is or killed during the winter season, perforated like the cobra's tooth, and These curious passports were at. tached in a conspicuous manner to the thus transmitted into the wound made neck or legs of the birds, and one of by the spur. - [Washington Star. them returned next spring with a message to the effect that he had been

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practicing the cornet with his windows open."

Remarkable Ruins in Arizona.

Antiquarians are very much interested in the discovery of an aboriginal fort in the valley of the Gila, hout ninety miles below Phoenix,

So Jason went to seek his fortune. like him of the Golden Fleece, nobody knows how many centuries ago.

It was quite true, as his mother had said, that his debut on the grand stage of the world was surrounded with inclining his head toward the old more favorable circumstances than that of many young men of his age and qualifications.

Mrs. Trowbridge, anxious that her only child should succeed in life, had written a long letter to Mr. Alwayne recalling to his memory the gay young collegian of thirty years ago, and begring lds interest, and Mr. Alwayne had responded with a brief, brusane note, which people told the widow was characteristic of the rich merchant: youth.

"Send the young fellow on," if said; "I am willing to try what mettle he is made of."

That was rather a slender foundation whereon to build, but it was enough for Mrs. Trowbridge and Annie Dayrell-may, even for Jason ly enough. "If I had supposed that himself.

"Ile's an eccentric fellow," reasoned the young man, "with lots of money and no son of his own; it shall be a fault of mine if he doesn't take a fancy to me."

Thus he modified as he elhowed his way through the crowd at Albany to for you," get his licket. At the same moment he felt a hand laid lightly on his arm, and he was addressed by a feeble-look- Fifth avenue mansion, while a dark Free Press.

sald the great merchant prince, spotted like a pard." brusquely nodding ; "glad to see you, for the sake of old acquaintanceship with your father. This is my father. man, who was resting his chin on the knotted stick. The older smiled, "I have met the young man before,"

said ho, shrewdiv. "En! where,"

"At the Albany deput, where he retion."

fused to aid me in getting a ticket, ... If I did not know that there was and at the station in this city, where to cheese in the house I should think he declined to allow me to share a it was that,' she said, and then her back with him. I dare say it was all husband acknowledged that be had right enough. Old age cannot always done it to test her. The physiological expect courteous recognition from effect satisfied him that it was not in the imagination."

"Ahd" Mr. Alwayne knitted his A strange antipathy was then reheavy brows, and Jason felt as if his lated by a young doctor present. blood were all turning to red-hot of had ordered a pair of new and

lead. "I-I dbln't know," he began,

ill with a severe attack of jaundice. stammering and stattering awkward-The garments were made and sout home, but I was too sick to wear them, and after looking at them and "Circumstances would have altered seeing that they were just as I ordered uses, ch?" said the merchant devir. them, I laid them away. When I was

d regret, young sir, that I have n well I was about to wear them when I more time at my disposal just now. If recalled all the symptoms of my iii you will send me your address, in a ness, and I could not culture the sight

day or two I'll see what can be done or touch of them. I tried again and again with the same result. There is An Jason Trowbridge found himno law in materia medica to account self being bowed politely out of the for such a manifestation."-[Detroit

"Sometimes a branch which is often under water will be nearly covered with smail oysters. It looks very odd, of course, but his a common sight down there.

"I was acquainted with a woman "Grow? They don't goose very out west," said another of the party, Inr. e, to be sure. To attain pefection who broke out with prickly heat an oyster must always be under water whenever she jaw or tasted goat's and these hang half the time out of milk cheese. Her busband brought it. When they are exposed too long some into the house and hid it in a to the hot sun they die. Their weight cuphoard. When she approached it often causes them to fall off.

the began to shiver, and declared that "Little oysters are sometimes trans she felt the strange prickly seasaplanted. Not off tree branches, but from the beds at the bostom of the bay. They are plan of in oyster-beds in other places where, in a couple of years, they grow to maturity."

> till sounds funny to talk of picking ovsters off t ees," said I, sor even of seeing them grow there."

"Funny enough. But they do grow there. I've seen it lots of times," said the Talking Man. "That's the way queer stories get about. Some feshionable trousers when I was taken budy hears of a thing and d.esn't understand the sense of it. And most people never stop to ask wind it means. They either repeat the story for a marvel, or say they don't believe it .- Harper's Young People.

A Great Comfort.

Conductor-We have missed the connection, and you will have to wait at this station six hours.

O'd Lady-(who is a little nervous m the railroad)-Well, I'm safe for ex hours anyway .-- [New York weekly.

caught in a meadow near Sidi Belbez. in Western Algeria. Two years after another of the original tickets cam back by mail, with a note stating that the winged messenger had been shot at Fort George, near the month of the Seurgal.

Cranes, storks and wild geese fly fast enough to make the trip from Northern Europe to Africa in a week, but most of them take a midway res north of the Mediterranean. The reed awamns of the Guadiana river, in Southern Spain, are all alive with migratory birds in November, and the water fowl of Northern Russia winte on the shores of the Caspian, when successforms may occur now and then but where water-birds are, on the whole, much better off than on the desert coasts further south - (San Francisco Chroniele.

Artificial Rain.

Professor Edwin d. Houston lins made public the results of his investgations on the subject of producin artificial rain. He states that they are meteorological conditions that probably frequently exist in country latitudes in which heavy rains migh be artificially produced by mid-ai

disturbances, when, without such disturbaness no rainfall would occur Should for example, a layer of warm most air exist between the earth' surface and a higher layer of cold moist air, separated by a comparative ty thin layer of air, and should snell conditions exist as to maintain the tw lavers scowrate, then the breaking on

iercing of the intermediate reparat-

A Chinese Governor

he polyonous secretion of the gland is

Tshang Yao, the Governor of the Province of Shantung, who had recently, was our of the highest digni taries of the Celestial Empire. He had a highly adventurous career. B-rn in lowly position, he was ab liged to flee in his youth on account of having murdered the formentor of an old man. He became a robber

and soon stood at the head of all the brigands who made the province of Hunan unsafe. When, during the ebellion, the chief town of the rovince was threatened, the Governor seued a proclamation in which he consised the hand of his daughter to the man who would save the town from the enemy. At the head of 500 andits, Tshang beat off the attack of the rebeis, and list home on the next day, as a reward for his lowery, the dmont-eved beauty. Then he male capid progress. He was not able to e if or write, but was of great integ-

ity, and died poor as he was been. He was called by his people, on account of his charity, Tshaug, "the ine sky." It is said, however that he way not always just toward Europeans, and especially the missionaries.

A Terrier Line-Carrier.

Oue of the Loglish electric light impanics, whose wires are carried in inderground conduits, has a novel uethod of drawing wires through the sondmits.

A small terrier has been so trained but when a light cord is attached to im he runs through the conduit from as manhole to the next, dragging the cord with him -- [New York Journal.

Ariz. The discovery was made by some miners who became lost. In the desort. It is the largest and most pesaliar structure found in the valley The rains he about four and one-half miles back from the Gila River, and cover about a mile square. In the centre is the fort still in a remarkable state of preservation. It covers an area of about six acres, and is built in a very preditor way. The first table is about twenty feet in height and is made of dirt, with a wail of boulders taid in cement around the outside. On top of this, and of the same height. though only half the size otherwise, is the second table, walled up as the first. On this is a smaller one of the same height, and on top of that is the fort proper, constructed of stone. The adams of the tower tables, were used as cardens, and around the walls are hundreds of boulders brought from the river, doubtless for the purpose of easting down on the heads of a foe. In the top fort are many skeletons and human bones, and in all probability the place was besteged and the people died of starvation. A ditch four and one-half miles in length runs by the base of this structure and brought water from the Gila. It is well defined and about thirty feet in width. though no water runs through it .- [Boston Transcript.

An Extended Examination.

He-Are you sure I am the only man you ever really and truly loved? She-Perfectly mire. 1 went over the whole list only vesterday .- (New York Weekly.