WHISPERS.

Oh, how the glistening waters Whisper along on the shore, Telling of lands in the distance, Echoes of rest evermore. Mystical islands of pleasure. Far in the ocean of Rest, Where the bright angels of glory Sing in the land of the blest.

Whispering flowers are ever Telling of visions they know: Lowly we bend if we hear them, Their voices of fragrance are low; Whispers of melody, sweeping Many harmonious keys. Down from the fluttering tree-tops Float on the breath of the breeze.

Many the voices of nature. If we but listen we hear; Ever a message to cheer us, Never with tidings of fear. With the bright blushes of twilight Blending in unison fair. Then do we whisper to heaven On the succet incanse of prover.

Lops that are filling their mission, Hopefully whisper of cheer, Telling the beautiful story Ever so previous and dear Tis the same word that the flowers. Breezes and murmaring tide. Bear in their musical whispers That joy may with mortals abide. -V. L. B.

How I Became A Commodore.

In the year 1879, I vas chief office. of the mail steam a "Granada," tradin between San Salvador and San Fran cisco, and on my last trip from the States. I arrived at La Union just as the Salva dorian government had received two new gunboats from England. In their centract for them was included the stipulation that the builders were to have the vesse's officerel and manned by competent persons to instruct the Sidvad rians in their management, as up to that period they had never had any stram vessels in their may, and sy were without any proper officers and sailors to take immediate charge.

I well remember how trim and ship, shape every thing looked about then the day they arrived, and how bright the sun shone on the snow-white hand, mocks as they were stowed in their nettings ground the bulwarks, and the sailers, ne t and trim in their uniforms, moved quickly aroun 1 in answer to the orders piped by the bos'n's shrill whistle. Little did I imagine on that day that I should ever have any further interest in them, but in what strange ways a seafaring man's life drifts I will try to unfol I in the following tale.

On my next trip down, one month later, we had hardly dropped our anchor and opened our ports ready to discharge cargo, when one of our quartermasters informed me that the Senor Jeaquin Dorado, Commandan'e of the Port wished to see me in my room. Wondering why he should make such a partic ular request to see me, as he usually transacted all his business with the steamer's purser, I repaire i to my room On entering, I saluted him, as at ouce. he with several other distinguished looking officers had taken possession of work with, but I must say that I never my limited quarters, and, after exchang, m t with such a bigoted, self-conceited ing the greetings of the day with the set of young officers in my life as there others, as they were intro luced, I asked him in what manner I could serve him. He began by informing me that the American Consul at that place, a Mr. Leenard, had informed them that I lad be n a master's mate in the American navy, and that I stood Al in my present position as an officer and d s iplinarian; and as they were in need of just such a man to straighten out their t oubles in getting officers to take charge of the gunbolts, and to train the men to be efficient, they h d core to me, as their contract with the builders for the officers and men for sixty days had nearly expired, and up to the present time they had made but little progre s in getting together crews sufficiently capable to handle the boa's. They did not give me much time for thought before they made me a proposition, which, coming so unexpected was somewhat startling, it was as follows : I was to be appointed Commedore of the Pacific Squadron, consisting of two steam gunboats above montioned, carrying six guns each, and two sailing schooners of four guns each, I to have full control, and to organize and train as I saw fit, subject only to the orders of the Secretary of the Navy. I was to swear my allegiance to the San Salvador government for the term of five years, and to be released from it only in case of war with the United States, when I could withdraw and would be conducted safely through their territory and be free to d-part. My salary was to be fi e thousand dollars a year, payable in go'd. cemi-annually, and any money that I m ght need for contingent expenses in n', and as the aforesaid government would be advanced by the Commandante personally, and I could repay it at the end of the first six months. After a few more general remarks, saying they would r turn for my answ r next day, at two p. m., they withdrew, having me standing in my doorway w tehing their forms recode from sight so puzzled and confused that for several moments I did not move, but finally my numerous du ies somewhat distract ed my mind from thoughts of their offer. and darkness soon ended my day's work. Alone in my room, after writing up the day's log-book, and making evening inspection, I sat down and reasoned with my self as follows : "Now, Bob, you have been slaving and toiling at sea for the last twenty years, and you have not had a chance as yet to rise above your present position, and although it I sigh d more for my letters and pais offered you by a foreign nation, and one you have not much respect for, still, five thousand a year and a snug berth | could not bring my appetic to do julike this, with a good part of your time tice to the hot tiery dishes generally ashore, don't drift by every day, se | served on the Amapula, before it gets out of your reach you had better make fast to it; and besides, you have no ties to bind you to your home, and denning my full regalia, with my no one dependent on you for support, I and, in fact, no one to care what $il \in [a]$ in herstern storts and three my deuce becomes of you; but if you ar. successful in your new undertaking, the make as grand a display as p solls and everything goes well, you should b able to lay aside a nice snug sum off of

ent time you have made but a poor show in savings for the amount of labor performed, and then, perhaps, you can return to your old home in Bath and buy a faim, or start in business ashore, and you are not such an old looking man vet-although it's a fact your poor head is quite bald-but that you may be able to find some thrifty woman who could love you for the honor and glory and money you had, even if it did come from a foreign country; and then you could marry and settle down to housekeeping, for you can't bat'le with the storms and gales all your life, and will have to anchor some time, so I guess you had better accept and go and tell the captain.'

Arriving at the captain's room, the door being open, I entered and informed him of the offer made to me.

"Why, Great Scott, Mr. Randall," he exclaimed, rising from his chair, "would you bury yourself in this hot hole with these fore guers for any such offer as that ! Why, sir, I am astenishel."

After awhile he resumed h's seat, and spoke more gently, trying to explain to me that twelve hundred dollars a year, and working night and day was a much pleasanter occupation, and that only last trip he had recommended me at the home office for promotion, but as I had been waiting only about ten years with the promise held out to me of receiving command of a st amer about every voy age, he dil not us a very favorable argument, so after trying his best to induce me to change my mind, and not meeting with success, he said,

"Well, go, if you think best, but you will regret it, but I can assure you I am very sorry to lose your services.

So the next day, when the Commandaute came for his reply, I accepted his offer. He was highly elated with my decision and urged me to come on shore at once, but I referred him to the cap; tain, who gave his consent, srying that I could leave when the ship was loaded and ready for sca, which would be the est day noon.

The time soon arrived, and, packing all my dunage in my chest, I bid all my fellow officers good-bye, and, followed by their best wishes for my future succ.s.s. I embarked with the Commandante in his barge, and was rowed toward the hore, while the steamer, which had so long been my only home, hove up her anchor and steamed out from the land-locked harbor with the American flag floating proudly from her peak. A e'ing as near akin to home dekness as I ever felt, stole over me as I turned gain towards the shore which was to be my future home, for a time at least.

Our boat landed at the principal mole or wharf of the town, at the foot of the Calle Saint Ignacio, where quite a numerious crowd of the inhabitants had congregated to get a glimpse of the Commodore Americano, who, they had heard, was to assume command of their fleet.

Upon disembarking I proceeded at once to the office of Senor Dorado, and in the presence of several witnesses wore my allegiance to the Salvadorian government, as promised, upon the acoptance of their offer, after which I receeded on board the gunboat Amapala, flagship of the squadron, and was introduced to the officers and men then in charge. I will not weary my readers with particulars of the routine work which I was compelled to go through during the next three months, uffice to tay that at the expiration of that time I hal made a ve v sitisfactory showing from the raw recruits I had to were in the Salvadorian navy. Most of them had been on board only three months lefore my arrival, coming from the interior of the State, where the n arest thing to a beat they had even sem was a dugout cance, male from the trank of a tree, but in that short time they had become possessed of the idea that there wasn't anything affoat in any country that they could not defeat with what they considered their invincible Armanda, consisting of the two gunboats and two schooners, and as to seamanship and ta tics, why, Luce, or any other writer on these sub ests, they could give points to; and really, at times, if you listened to their talk in the officers' mess room, you would be troubled for the future safety of the United States or England in case war should be de clared against them by San Salvador. I am sorry to say my honorable position had began already to lose some of its glory, and the thousand and one little incidents continually cropping up aused me a great deal of annoyance nd furthe, I found, although my figure shone resplendent in a gorgeous nuform, consisting of more than onethird gold braid and fancy trimmings. and I had always in at endance on me in ensign as *wide-de-comp*, who would have the sun its if in the lustre of his armament, that money was a very scarce article to get my hands on; for if I wanted to buy anything at the stores, instand of leing able to pay for it like a v privat citizen. I was compelled to a : ept an order on the town merchants telling them to charge it to the governwas very slow in paying its blls, I could not bl me the merchants much if when an order was presented they caused it under their breaths in good strong language, and were either just out of what you wanted or didn't keep it, and would refer you to some other dealer further up or down the street. Things were getting no better when one morning I was highly delighted by my old quartermaster oforming me that my old steamer the Granada had arrivel during the night and lay at a tchor across the Now, I thought, I will have a lit bev. the satis's tion in boarding her in all my glory and filling my old fellow officers' hearts with envy at my glorious atray of an eight-cared buile and my spleadent uniform and an ensign all of my own; but if the truth was known, pers and the grand dinner I knew would be invited to par ake of; for I

everyone from the captain down, and congratulated by all my old companions as a very lucky man. But little did they surmise that I was already beginning to think that after all the honor connected with my new position did not repay me as fully as I was led to anticipate when I accepted it. I spent most of the day on board and really fell orry when duty compelled me to tak my departure.

At last six months had passed, and with bright hopes of handling my first six months' hard earned salary, I ap; plied at the government office for it, when I arrived on shore in the morning. But I was doomed to n.e t with a sad di appointment, for I was informed that the appropriation for my salary had not been passed, not been passed, and they could not state, owing to the scarcity of money, when it would I informed them that not be. withstanding their statement my salary as per contract was now due, and that I must insist on its immediate payment, a: I had carried out my part of the agreement in what I understood to be a very satisfactory manner. But my state ment had no perceptible effect, further than to make the Commandante look at me in a wicked, malicious way which I thought at the time bod d me no good So I had nothing further to say, but re tune I on bear I my vessel, complete y de ected and disgusted, with my mind fally nade up that I would not hold my position any longer. I immediately wrote out my resignation, and calling my ensign instruct d him to take it ashore at once on I deliver it personally at headquaters.

What was my surprise about an hour after the ensign returne I from his mis sion to see the Commandante comp alongside with a file of soldle's from the fort, and immediately upon their arriving on deck or ler them to place me under arrest as a traitor to the government, and to take me ashore and contine me in the fort; any explanation he refused to give, and theaf of me more like a dog than a man. I was hustled down the gangway in no gentle man ner, and actually held up to ridicule and laughe i at by the sailors on the ship which 1 hal commanded such a short time before, who watched me over the balwarks as I was rowed away towards

shore. Upon my arrival at the fort, with great though faine s and care they removed my uniform, I suppose to save it for their next commodore, and gave me a suit of eld things-you could not call them clothes-and locked me up in a dirty cell full of vermin and left me alone to my thoughts, which I can assure you were not very pleasant.

By considerable entreaty I got one of the guards to de'iver a note to the American Consul for me, asking him to ca'l, which he did next day. I explain e t to him my situation, and he assured me he would do all in his power to se-

cure my immediate release. After h s departure a long, weary week dr.gged by, and I heard nothing from the busy outside world, and began to think that they must have forgotten I was there, when one day the guard was changed and I was delighted to discover in the new one a former boatman who used to do considerable work for me when I was on the mail steamer. I had oft in thrown a dollar or two in his way, and I thought now he might in some way repay me for it, and I was not deceived. He agreed to inform me when the mail steamer arrived, and informed him I had a message from my through his sister, who was a 1 um boat husband, captain of the schooner Popowoman, send a note on board for me.

and a seat and table by day, I placed it, on end under the grated window, and then I took from the corner where the bench stood a rope, braided out of my shirt, and some strips of blanket which I had prepared, and passing it with a round tarn over the two lower bars, I fastened a piece of broom handle to the end, making what sailors call a Spanish windlass, of which I felt proud. I theu pplied my force, and the pressure soon drew the two bars close together. Quickly applying it again to the two upper bars, 1 went through the same performance, and I found I now had pace enough so that by hard squeezing

I could get my body through. I now waited till the guard had made his next round, when I quickly set my leach up again, and taking off my shoes (I had no stockings; the government didn't encourage the wearing of them), and tak, ing my old drees and mantilla, I climbs ed up to the window. I put my bund dle outside on the s ll, and after considerable squeezing I was outside oucq again-free. Quickly slipping on the dress and throwing the nantilla over my head Spanish fashion, I crawled cautiously to the end of the Bastion down and towards the beach. I had not progressed very far when I

saw the guard on the promenade outside the fort turn in his rounds and look toward me. For an instant I was motionless and imagined my time had come. But he was looking over me way across the bay to where the mail steamer lay, where perhaps his wife or sister were engaged selling fruit from their bum-boats, and calculating how much money they would bring home for him to spend in whiskey next day. As he resumed his patrol I moved faster,

and was soon down on the beach. I made my way along towards the town, keeping a bright look out for Fedro's sister. Just on the northern edge of the town, partly secreted by a cluster

of tall cocoanut trees, I found her and the boat, which was partly loaded with oranges, limes and bananas, all ready for a start.

As I approached, the dim light from her torch exposed me to view. She must have recognized me by my awk, ward walk, for, starting suddenly, sho exclaimed:

"Hist, Senor, acqui !"

I quickly approached, and told her I would be ready to go in a few minutes, as I had a call to make on a particular friend of mine, only to bid him good-

My success had made me bold, and a spirit of revenge had come over me. It hurt my pride to return to my old shipmates and stand their jeers and jibes upon the awkward termination of my glorious position, without making some effort so get some satisfaction from the Commandante for the contemptible way I had been treated. So quickly making my way across to the outskirts of the town, taking care to walk in the dark shales of the low houses, I soon arrived at the street kading to the house of the Commandante, situated in the suburbs of the town, detached somewhat from the other dwellings.

I made my way up the broad road with its sides lined with overhauging palms, and knocked lightly on the open iron-grated door. The Senor himself snswered, and with a candle in his hand, peered through the semi-darkness, and asked my business.

I kept my face well concealed with my mantilla and in a disguised voice neck. Thomas Topham, the wonderful strong man of the past century, percatepti, who would like to get his clear-I had now fully made up my thind to try to get out in some way, and get on b fore daybreak, and that I had the formed many astonishing feats of strength. He was born at London in 1710. On the 28th day of May, 1741, when Topham was 31 years of age, he Muttering an ca'h, he opened a doon gave a most wonderful exhibition when, and told me to enter, which I quickly at Coldbath Fields, near London, he did, closing the door behind me. He lifted three hogsheals of water, veight irred and entered a room used as a liing 1,836 pounds, in the presence of b ary or office on the right of the hallthousands of neople. way, I following close behind. Setting Dr. Desagaliers, the expert callel to down the candle, he turned and reached witness his feats, says in his report: out his hand as he supposed to receive With his fingers he rolled up a very the papers. I male a sudden spring and grasped him by the throat, at the strong pewter dish in the same manual and with the same case as an ordinary ame time whispering in his car that if man would a sheet of 1 aper. He struck he made the least bit of no se 1 would an iron poker, a yard long and threeplunge my knife into his cowardly quarters of an inch thick, across his henrt. bare arm, between the elbow and wrist, Paralized and badly scared, he stood trembling in my power, but I did not until the instrument was bent so as to nearly form a right angle. Taking anrelax the pressure on his throat one bit. other poker of the same kind across the I threw beek the mant lla from my face and he recognized we at once. I told back of his neck, he bent it in the form him I had come once again for my of a horseshoe, and then made it straight money, and that I intended to have it with his bare hands." or someone would attend a funeral. He A Spongy Hand and Leg. struggled hard to say something, but I was afraid to give him enough wind or he might make an outery. Quickly stuffing the end of my maatil'a into his At Balkrich, Ind., lives John Work hurst, who is the unfortunate poss ssee of peculiar physical traits. Workhurst month, I gagged him completely, a d is about forty years old and a farm la-borer, employed near Balkrich and m taking off the long sitk sash which le wore around his weist, I securely tied his hands behind his back, and the neighborhood of Crawfordsville. then his feet, and pro ecded as ex-peditiously as possible to go through his Three years ago he began to experience peculiar sensations in his right arm. pockets, his eyes, glaring with hatred, The pains were not particularly keen a following my every mole. My search first, but they gradually grew worse and were much like those of rhuematis u. was quite successful, as I found his The same pains were felt in the right watch and sea s, about one hundred dollars in gold coin, and in the drawer leg, though the symptoms there developed less quickly than in the arm. This of his desk a lag containing silver and continued several months, and Workfine revolver. All there things I put hurst, who had been treated for rheumainto the bag of silver, and telling him he could get my wat h from the officer tism, experienced no relief. After about four months a change beat the fort who took it from me, and the money from the government when gan to take place in the arm, being first apparent in the hand. That member they passed the appropriation to pay my salary, I bid him ' bu nos noch s, y degrees changed from a horny piece of flesh and bone into a spongy sub-sauce of peculiar chara ter. This and quietly stole out of the house, enickly making my way to the beach. I found the girl and boat anxiously change cance about slowly, but gradually spread to the elbow. The foot underavailing me. No time was to be lest went similiar changes, and the peculiar spongy condition of flesh soread to the So jumping into the cance I took my seat in the bow and she in the stero. knee. Of course, with his hand gone or incapacitate l, Workhurst cannot With our paddles working vigorously, we headed for the steater i bout a mile labor, an 1 after consulting physicians a r ss the bay. We were soon there, and pushing our vithout receiving any encouragement he is waiting to see what other freaks way through the c ow l of canoes alongnature will play with him. The altered flesh is a dark brown. side. I climbel through one of the freight ports with a basket of fruit in my hand, and made my way to the en-In perfect keeping with its spongy texgine room door in the be ween decks. ture, the hand and foot al sorb water, Mr. Murray, the third assistant, wes though in a limited way, and the liquid can be squeezed out. Workhurst's left on duty and wis considerably surprised to see a woman come in with the force arm and leg remain normal. One of the odd things about his condition is that he has lost in weight considerably mantilla from my head, he at once tec ognized me. In a few words I told him since the changes took place. From his app arance he should weigh 150 pound, but his weight is 115. It is in gold in the basket under the fruit i threw the mantilla over my head once thought that the d s ase, or whatever, it more and returned to Merceles in h r is, has worked up on him internally and cused the reduction in weight. He cauoe, handing her the basket, tellug walks with a li ap, but is able to lift the et auge arm readily, though the fingers and Fedrohad one for me. I then red + not move and cannot be cotrolled. The case has a used a great deal of turned to the engine room where Mr. interest in the neighborh od. of Work-, recognition. Murray had not been idie.

coal bunker with you," he exclaimed; The men are waiting for you.

I hurried down mighty fast you can bet. The men had put one of the hatch covers up against the side of the bunker, and under this I crawled, and they began to shovel the ccal over the top of me. The dust was awful and nearly strangled me, and at times I was afra d I would suffocate. The sounds of the trimmers kept gradually growing fainter to my ears as the pile grew larger over me and then they ceased.

I could hear the faint rumbling of the machinery and engine as they hoisted in the coal, and after awhile the vib: ations on the steamer's side told to my accustomel ears that they were heaving up the anchor, and we were soon under way. Then I began to breathe more freely.

After what seemed to me about twelve hours, but which in reality was only six, I began to hear them removing the ccal plle, and in about an hour I was released from my uncomfortable position. I was greeted by Mr. Murray with the exclamation :

"Well, Mr. Rand II, you did have a close call and no mistake. The Commandante was off here at two o'clock this morning with a guard boat and searchel every nook and corner of the steamer, even looking over the pile of ceal under which you were s-creted. He was in an awful rage and one of his eyes was black and the skin on his fac: all bruised. What in thunder were you doing to him anyhow !

I replied I had given him a receipt for my salary owed me by the government.

The next day we were well on our way to San Francisco, where I arrived sofe and sound, never wanting again to enter any country's service outside of my own, even to be a commodore.

FRED PERSY.

Wonderful Human Strength,

Venetiauello, the Italian rope walker, although a man of short stature, was celebrated throughout Europe as the strongest man of the sixteenth century. He daily performed with a hard-wood hearn twenty fort rong and a foot square. This beam was a heavy load for two men of average build, yet this Liliputian prodigy would walk about his exhibition grounds with it standing upon one end on his shoulder, juggler fashion, and shift it from one shoulder to the

other without the aid of his hands. Nicholas Klunher, another sixteenth c ntury athlete, brought from a cellar a cask or hogshead of wine containing 252 gallens, without the aid of pulleys or ropes, and afterward d-posited it in a wagon.

George le Feur, the German writer, mentions this extraordinary feat in his writings, and even says that the affidavits of persons who witnessed the removal of the cask were then ex ant. "I have seen a man," says Mayolus,

the Italian bishop, "in the town of Aste. who in the presence of the Marquis of Pescara, handled a pillar of marble three feet long and one loot square, which he cast high in the air, then re ceived it upon his arms, then throw it up again as easily as if it had been a cotton ball.

Cardan writes that he once saw a man dancing with two full.grown men in his arms, and with one scated upon each shoulder and a fifth elinging around his

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Fans usually match the gown in color, Fans of amber shell inlaid with ivory are in great request.

Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland is spend ing the winter in Florida.

The newest bonnets and hats are less large and less flat than of late.

Nettings of beads or silk cords are used as garnitures in many ways.

This is a furry season, and even the skunk has been levied on for his coat.

Low shoes the color of the gown, with hose to match, are worn for full dress,

A shoemaker says that most girls buy shoes to fit their heads instead of their

Palpably painted cheeks and blackdotted veils continue to belie American taste.

Black and colored velvet gowns for evening what are oftenest made in Directoire style

Black, after a long retirement, is gain popular in woolens for house and street wear.

Kate Field says that women are absolutely unfit for the management of public affairs.

The German Empress has ordered several apartments in her palace to be furnished in Turkish style.

Medicis scarfs of lace have a fine wire to fasten them about the neck, and do not require to be tied or pinned.

Mrs. Shaw, the famous whistler, has had a photograph taken of herself in London which is over nine feet high.

Empress Elizabeth, of Austria, is so affected by grief that she hates the sight of human beings and prays for death.

Walking sticks are the thing among London women of fashion, simply because the Queen has of necessity to use

Miss Nellie Gould, the cldest daughter of the millionaire, is brown of eye, delicate of look, serious of mind and demure of manner.

The oldest daughter of Senator Allen, of the new State of Washington, a fifteen-year-old girl, acts as private secretary for her father.

A stylish and becoming use for fur is as bands upon the sweeping trains and hanging sleeves of dressy gowns of lightcolored and bright brocades.

Pure golden yellow, and "dawn," an exquisite golden rose tint, are highly favored colors in the rich brocades used for dinner and reception gowns.

Of late years the number of women entering the professions of painting and sculpture has enormously increased in France, Germany and Russia.

A pretty accessory to an evening cloak is a lace cape, with a bood for wearing over the hair, and long scarls in front, which hang to the foot of the cloak.

A Japanese nun is a novelty in a Catholic convent. However, a young Japanese lady belonging to a high family will soon take the well to enter a Bavarian nunnery.

Flowers are likely to be the preferred garniture for coming festal occasions, and garlands for various uses are shown, graded from buds to full-blown blossoms, with the appropriate foliage.

The "Edison mantle" is the ne

I immediately ord red the officer of the day to have my barge cr.w (alled, a d seated lesid mol, swead myse f go geons mili avy cluak vol. ba k, sv

as we pulled for the stermer. Arriving alongsid 1 w.s. very cor-

board the steamer if possible and escape papers. to the States, is I had more than enough of honor and glory in San Salvador,

Three days alt your first interview the guard informed me that the mail s eamer hal arrived that morning, and then I proceeded to put into effect my little plan.

Ev promising Fe lre, the guard, that if he would help me and I got on board the steamer safely, I would give him fifty dollars in gold, I finally persuaded him to furnish me with an old dress and mantilla, and to find out at what time the stomaer was to sail again by his sister when she took my note off, which I wrote to the captain explaining my situnition, and asking if he would be ready to secret me if I should get away.

I had notic d while in prison that in the rear of my cell facing the bay a window was situated about eight feet above the floor. It was about two feet square, and was secured by four iron e oss bars set in the stone casements on each side. This window opened out on to the bastion of the old fort, and from there to the shore of the bay was not over two hundred fect. If I could once get across this space I would be comparatively safe fr mobservation as far as the guards were cone med, until I reached the town about a quarter of a mile asay. So now I waited patiently to hear from Pedro at what time the steamer was to seil, and what chance I would have to carry out my plan.

At ab at 5 o'clock that afternoon he informed me that the sharer was to suit at 3 o'clock the next mera ug, crass on as she finished coaling. At the same time he gave ne the dress and mantille.

And now my time had come to act. Poor Fedro now also be an, I think, to repeat of his promises, and tried to tell me that he thought I would given my lib riv bef r long if I only waite 1 patiently, and that my chances for uncess would not be very good, even if I dilgst out of the form, for they would be sure to call he be fore I got away in the stea eer. But by a great deal of c aving a d flatlery I a last got him to consent to got his sist a to await me in her bum bea aboat half way b types the forhand town on the heach, and explained to him how I interd d to estate and is he went of grand at 8 o'clock he could not be blamed, and that a' on or my a rivil at the steamer his sister should receive the money and bring it ashore.

It was so n dark, and at 8 o'clock I could here the ships' bells striking the and agility I did. Throwing as de the hour as they lay at anchor in the la ; and the trem of the spead of sol lies. as they may hed torough the court and all. Then quickly putting fifty dollars to telieve the grand, and then all way sten: aga n.

In a few minites the new on rl passed my cell on 1 i way down the corid a and then lack again to the gales her it contained the gold and saving where they us a lot lot for half on good-bye and thanking her for all she hour be a e another round. So now was n y t me to work.

Quickly taking the wooden bench, your salary, for you know up to the pres disity received and t call d recally by which was all I had a a bed at night

"Now, Mr. Randall, down into the hypers's home.

thing in the way of wraps in London. It is named for the American inventor, and is said to "recall the robe of some Venetian dame of medizeval times."

Augusta Evans, the famous story writer of a generation ago, has lived for a number of years in Mobile, Alu. She is a native of Georgia and is fifty-three years old. She has made a fortune from her novels.

London ladies are wearing a sailor hat made of waterproof cashmere. It is easily made and should be popular-in fact, any hatter or milliner can make one. Properly and plainly trimmed, they should be all but indestructible.

Every Christmas Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, of New Yorks sends 100 dolls to the mission scheols patronized by the Church of St. Bartholomew. She has them dressed at her own home by a number of poor needlewomen hired by the day.

New Oriental laces have mitred edges, with open ring patterns. They are accordion-plaited, crimped or fluted, and worn around the neck and sleeves in wide frills. Very good imitations of round point laces are used in the same way.

The sash is a confirmed popular feature of house dresses, of whatever style. There is no prescribed rule for its arrangement, but it may be placed wherever most effective, and knotted, looped or arranged in a single careless tie at front, back or side.

Julia Ward Howe has gone on an extensive pleasure tour through California, and incidentally will appear on the lecture platform on the coast. Her Boston home will be occupied during her absence by her daughter, Mrs. Maud Howe Elliott.

Mrs. Mulligan, who is in charge of the Pension Agency at Chicago, has paid out over \$28,000,000 to pensioners during the four years of her incumbency of the office. She is the widow of Colonel James A. Mulligan, one of the gallant soldiers of Illinois.

'The "King's Daughters" will be interested in the news from St. Louis that Roman Catholic women of that city, with the approval of their pastors, have started a society of "Daughters of the Queen."

Its chief work will be to shelter homes less girls, find work for girls out of em ployment, and establish a training and industrial school.

Mrs. Kate Chase has almost dropped out of notice during the last few years. She is still as brilliant in conversation, as charming in manners and exquisitely cultivated as in the old days when she was the proud daughter of the Chief Justice of the United States, the unrivaled queen of Washington society, whose good word was the passport to social