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So, growing ever, Fainting, ah, never! Heart do thou still Thine own sweet will!

DONNA BIANCA'S VAIL.

I should probably never have seen this costly bit of flimsiness and feminine vanity had it not been for Darwin. I am a naturalist, and Darwin is an acquaintance of mine. But lest my familiarity with a great name may have a boastful sound, it may be well to explain at the outset that Darwin was a prize. Brazilian monkey that 1 met at the village of Santa Maria del Campo, on the Amazon.

I had stopped at the village to study beetles. There was no hotel; but the followed me while I sought my beloved beetles, and anxiously inquired whether hut, her arms locked about her knees, I ate them raw or roasted. The only individual in the procession that acted known House to the public under their as my escort who seemed to intelligently management. They refer to their past appreciate my investigations was Darwin. He joined enthusiastically in the search, and brought me several new species. Delighted at the idea of having a collaborator, I ascertained to what family he belonged, and took up my residence in company with the little monkey.

I had the honor of giving him his name, which he accepted with grave approval, and to which he did credit .--Everything which he did was performed with the seriousness of a philosopher. His wizened little face maintained at all times the most intense seriousness; his wrinkled brows and scanty fringe of gray whisker about the lower part of the visage added to the general expression of astuteness, and rendered it almost impossible for me to regard him as a the next day the officer of the law had enchanted gnome or dwarf of the human put Philomena in prison. species.

I had one other friend in the humble home under whose palm-thatched roof I had been allowed to hang my hammock, and this was the monkey's owner, Philomena, a black-eyed, silent girl, who sat all day over her lace pillow, and worked as though her life depended on the fleetness with which her fingers traversed its meshes. I learned after a hut. time that her life did depend upon it in a measure. I had not been in the village long before I was informed that Donna Bianca Camilla, daughter of the just before Philomena finished the Baron Domingo Vasquez del Campo, vail,' replied the woman. 'He knew he the great man of all the country round, was to be married to a Portuguese nobleman. She had made an announcement | turned. He is in penitence now.' No room to explain here. You can to all the gir's of the village governed by her father that she intended to be thief. I have heard that monkeys were married in a vail made by one of the excellent detectives. If you will ungirls of her own country, as she had a chain him, I will spend a day or two she went behind the stand, where a fancy to carry some of their fine work | looking up the case. with her to Lisbon to compare with the old Spanish point which her husband's the woman. 'He went to the church cover, so as not to make any noise, she family boasted amongst its heirlooms .- | with me to see Donna Bianca married, Six months were allowed for the com- and stood upon my head to have a betpletion of the vail, and then, upon an ter view of the sacrament. He was so ping turtles, and one had caught hold appointed day, the work would be ex- gay afterward, with his chattering and of her fingers, causing much pain, 'Och! amined by Donna Bianca, by the baron- his antics, that I tied him up again, the mister! take the crathur off; do, please,' ess her mother, and by the abbess of heartless creature-and Philomena in was her pleading remark to the owner the convent of Santa Maria del Campo, prison !' and a prize in money was to be the reward of the maker of the handsomest Philomena was a skillful worker .- his actions, but while eating my cala-Moreover, she needed money, for she bash of farina he slipped away. After was betrothed to a worthless Indian, the supper, Philomena's mother told me plements there. Spanish farmers plow and forced to go without strawberry who would never be able to furnish the that she was going to the church for her with the end of a piece of wood about shortcake for supper. small sum necessary for the installment prayer-book, which she had left there at five inches thick; as was done in the midof their simple menage, She told me the wedding. I walked along with her dle ages, sowing and reaping machines vent, who could go to the abbess for pat- the baroness, who had been there proterns, and the nuns themselves were fine | bably to pray for her daughter.

an entomological expedition with me, -Bazar. he howled like a very demon when left

behind by her. She reported Darwin as always behaving remarkably well at and gazing up at the lace with his head on one side, till it was all she could do to maintain her gravity.

me that she intended to fill in the center with sprigs of orange blossom of her na's wedding, for I was certain, from

Her silent intensity of purpose filled not with any expectation of seeing Philomena, for I was behind my time, and I sitting on the ground in the shade of the and her forehead resting upon them, her lank hair falling about her, and her whole attitude that of profound dejection. When I spoke to her she burst into tears, and the story which she told me, after becoming more composed, was sad enough. The vail had been com-Philomena's lover had been present. They had stood up together, as they hoped soon to do before the altar, and the poor woman declared that Philomena had made a far handsomer bride than Donna Bianca, who had been married it

seemed the day before my arrival. Yes, the vail had taken the prize, as we all knew it would. Donna Bianca had herself placed a silk purse full of

The reason given was that the altarcloth had been stolen two days before. The padre had at once suspected Philomena; when they showed him the vail, the stupid creature declared that it

forward, and then working stitches be- to banishment for life, I could not detween the loops with a needle. She had cline taking him with me. He is not as a quantity of this narrow strap-work on skillful in arranging a cabinet as in caphand, and she began at once, working turing specimens, and is hardly an in- brute seized him by the right knee, from early dawn till late at night .- ducement to a housekeeper, as he throwing him on his back. His teeth Every few days she would go to the shares my sanctum with the insouciance were driven fully an inch deep into his church and take a peep at the altar- and ingratitude peculiar to philosophi- flesh. He was then completely at the England and France. Manufacturers cloth, generally taking Darwin with cal exiles; but share it he shall, say I, her, for though he left her willingly for for the rest of his days-wife or no wife. had disappeared, it being enraged at needs, and prices are thirty per cent.

Bismarck as an Orator.

The following pen-and-ink sketch of church, holding one end of her rosary the German chancellor delivering his did not lose his presence of mind, but great speech in the reichstag on the customs tariffs is from the Berlin Tagblatt:

cloth exactly ; but there were two heavy reichstag. And it is so. Before even he bear had not shown fight at all, but to this country next year. brass candlesticks standing on it which hearing a word you can tell by the asshe did not dare to move, and she told pect of the chamber that it is the chancellor who is speaking.

With their bodies stretched out and own device. The vail was not finished ears wide open, everybody leans forward when I left Santa Maria to continue my to listen. The pencils of the short-hand legs being covered with blood. The voyage up the river, but I promised to writers fly over the paper with the rastop on my return and attend Philome. pidity of lightning, and you hold your breath involuntarily that you may hear what I had seen of her exquisite work, better. From below is heard a feeble injured at all beyond a slight scratch on that the vail could not fail to obtain the voice-one of those voices which, by its the head. nervous tone, suggests excess of intel-

lectual work. The words come by jerks, me with enthusiasm and faith; and when | each sentence being laboriously formed. I next knocked at the low door, it was The orator is sometimes hurried, sometimes hesitating in his speech. He recalls each sentence, twists it and turns natives were hospitable, and competed called only to inquire for her. I was it about until he has eliminated all the for the honor of entertaining me. They startled, however, to see her mother points which an adversary might attack. It is then only that he abandons it to the house.

> In listening to him you experience a strange excitement, for while this strong man continues his speech you are momentarily feeling that he will suddenly stop short in the middle of his discourse, Not that ideas are likely to be wanting, but one fears lest the weakly voice pleted in time. Philomena had tried it which issues so laboriously from the on the night before she had taken it to chancellor's robust frame may fail in the convent, to the admiration of the the midst of a peroration without the whole household, Darwin included. possibility in the hurry of picking up the broken threads.

The chancellor himself looks ill at ease while speaking; his thin, white hands fldgeting now with one, now with another button of his modest, dark-blue cuirassier's uniform. Then they catch feverishly at the long pencils so much

talked about, seek refuge on the table, and at last rest on the glass of water which stands on the tribune. You might gold pieces in Philomena's hands; but fancy it was only this resting place was wanting, for presently his speech grows mere beast. He seemed rather some come, had taken away the money, and firmer, more severe; words flow from his lips with greater clearness; his thick

eyebrows are lowered still more upon the gray eyes, which seemed to penetrate the ranks of the deputies.

It is now evident that the orator is approaching the end of his speech; the was the missing bit of ecclesiastical sentences are becoming shorter and more finery. This was all. I sat down quite vigorous. And then the chancellor stunned, to think it over. A whine of draws himself up to his full height; his

pit the she bear growled fiercely and again took fire, and last Sunday, at the sprang on Joe, who had no arms with birth of her first son, the house again which to defend himself. The savage took fire. mercy of the animal, whose tameness at home now supply all that the country having the child taking away. The men | lower than formerly. looking on still seemed powerless to help, though one of the visitors had a revolver in his pocket. Joe, however, among the fashionables of London, seized a brick which lay near him and struck the bear on the shout with all his 'Hush! Bismarck is speaking.' With might. The brute let go her hold and she is announced to appear at the thea-She copied the border of the altar- these words you are ushered into the Joe quickly got on his feet. The old when Joe shouted had slunked back to the dark corner. The she bear now stood off, showing her teeth, but he continued to shout and she also went back. Joe was then rescued from the pit, his trousers which he had on were torn to shreds and his stockings were 'saturated with blood. The child had not been

Discovery of Silk and Satin.

The discovery of silk is attributed to one of the wives of the emperor of China, Hoang-ti, who reigned about two thousand years before the Christian era; and since that time a special spot has always been allotted in the gardens of the Chinese royal palace to the cultivation of the mulberry tree, called in Chinese the 'golden-tree,' and the keeping of silk-worms. The first silk dress mentioned in history was made, not for a sovereign nor for a pretty woman; but for the monster in human shape Heliogabalus.

Persian'monks who came to Constantinople revealed to the Emperor Justinian the secret of production of silk, and gave him some silk-worma. From Greece the art passed into Italy at the seems as if the warden had been in the end of the thirteenth century. When habit of running the jail as a hotel for the popes left Bome to settle at Avignon, those who could pay for extra accomin France, they introduced into that modation; that he has sold liquors to country the secret which had been kept his boarders and got drunk with /them; by the Italians, and Louis XI. estab- and that women have been allowed to lished at Tours a manufacture of silk visit male prisoners in their cell. This fabrics. Francis I. founded the Lyons is the hotel where Boss Tweed formerly silk-works, which to this day have kept had quarters.

at the wedding of his sister.

The word 'satin,' which in the origin ed to starve himself to death, and took was applied to all silk stuffs in general, no nourishment save a little water for has since the last century been used to ninety days. At the end of that time, designate only tissues which present a becoming more hopeful he concluded lustered surface. This discovery of this to live, and is now recovering from his particularly brilliant stuff was accidental. emaciation. His mind has been evenly Octavio Mai, a silk-weaver, finding busi- balanced throughout his long fast, and ness very dull, and not knowing what to he claimed not to have suffered greatly. invent to give a new impulse to the Mr. William Bartlett, who lives near trade, was one day pacing to and fro be- Lumpkin, Ga., has a hen that has pefore his loom. Every time he passed the culiar notions about laying eggs. She machine, with no definite object in view, lays every day like most other hens, but he pulled little threads from the warp every other egg is as large as a goose and put them in his mouth, which soon egg; the others are of ordinary size. after he spat out. He found the little One of the larger size weighs three and ball of silk later on the floor of his a quarter ounces and measures six and workshop, and was attracted by the bril- a half inches around the shortest cirliant quality of the threads. He repeated the experiment, and by using heat and certain mucilaginous preparations, succeeded in giving new luster to his tissues.

Last year not a pound of cream of tartar was imported. A few years ago millions of pounds came annually from

Sarah Bernhardt, the great French actress, is creating unusual enthusiasm where she is the center of attraction in, the gorgeous drawing-rooms. Single seats command from \$10 to \$15 when ter. She states her intention of coming

Every girl who passes through the Boston schools now receives three years instruction in various kinds of needlework, and is capable of being an expert seamstress. It is said that the benefits resulting from this instruction are seen in the improved appearance of the children's clothing in the schools and are felt in thousands of homes.

A son of a New York millionaire was an inmate of the homeopathic asylum for the insane, at Middletown. While there he formed the acquaintance of one of the attendants, a young lady of a slight, delicate and pretty face, fell in love with and married her, and his aristocratie relatives sensibly received her as his wife and treated her according.

A Baltimorean carelessly filled a pipe with loose tobacco from a drawer, lit the contents and sat himself down for a comfortable smoke, when the bowl was blown to atoms and he narrowly escaped, losing his eyesight. Investigation showed several pistol cartridges had been thrown in the drawer, one of which he had jammed in his pipe.

The investigation of Ludlow-Street jail, New York, discloses a state of af fairs disgraceful to the metropolis. It

the first rank. Henry II. of France A student of Princeton college, bewore the first pair of silk hose ever made, coming convinced that he could never recover from a paralytic stroke, conclud -

> cumference, and seven and three quar-ters the longest. The same hen laid similar eggs last season, At New Orleans a double-barreled shotgun, carelessly placed against the wall in a house fell, and in discharging killed an infant in the arms of its mother, Mrs. Roberts. The baby's head was torn to pieces and the mother sprinkled. with its blood. The mother was also wounded in the breast and arms, and her little girl, Myra, received three shots in her breast. It was feared that their wounds would prove fatal. The owner of the gun also received part of the load in his leg. Stock raisers report terrible ravage among young pigs by the hog cholera in Southern Wisconsin and also in Davis county, Ill. A Galena dispatch says that hundreds are dying, and the disease not only spreads from drove to, drove, but is always attended with fatal results. The disease has raged for some months in Grant county, Iowa, and Lafayette county, Wisconsin. In Davies others are much discouraged,

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loneliness came from the interior of the

'Why, that is Darwin !' I exclaimed. Why have you chained him ?"

'He ran away, and was gone all day, was doing wrong, for he stole into the house like a whipped cur when he re-

'The thing is,' I said, 'to find the real

'I let him out a while yesterday,' said

and overwhelmed me with caresses. I determined to keep a sharp watch on all

voice, so weak at first, gains a clear, hard ring, and he throws his last sentence like a bomb into the midst of the chamber, resuming his seat amid the loud applause of his friends.

More Than She Bargained For. At the Brown Street market, Philadelphia, an old Irish woman approached a fish stand and appealed to the proprietor for help. He declined to give her anything. She moved away, but not out of the building. Unobserved,

large tub covered with canvas attracted

her attention. Cautiously lifting the of the snappers. It was found necessa-Darwin remembered me perfectly, ry to kill the turtle before the fingers

could be liberated. An Américan writing from Spain

urges the shipment of labor-saving imscatter the chaff

The Difference.

Did you ever notice, the broad, com fortable, shady-looking Leghorn hats in the milliner's window? Just buy your wife one, and the first thing she will do ran her hand into the tub, and then she | with it will be to double up her dainty yelled. The tub contained several snap- fist and punch a three-cornered dept on the right side; then she will pinch the front rim down and the back rim up, and then stave in three or four more big dents at odd corners, and when it resembles in shape an old tin pan that has been a target for astone-throwing match, she will remark upon the 'elegance and grace' of the affair. But let Johnnie serve his new straw hat in the same way,

and he will be stood up in a dark closet

