

A MOTHER'S LOVE.

A mother's love is so divine that the roughest man cannot help but appreciate it as the crown of womanhood.

EXTREME ANXIETY IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Russia Awaiting Japan's Response to Her Reply With Grave Fears of Result.

SUGGESTS FURTHER DELAY.

From Russian Point of View the Reply is Regarded as Pacific—Rumors of a Naval Engagement—Disturbances in Corea.

MRS. MAYBRICK IS STILL A PRISONER.

Serving the Last Few Months of Her Sentence at a Convent in Cornwall Under an Assumed Name.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Maybrick is serving out the last few months of her life sentence for the killing of her husband in the quiet country home of the Sisters of the Epiphany, at Truro, Cornwall, under an assumed name.

A CRISIS REACHED IN SAN DOMINGO AFFAIRS.

Reports to the State and Navy Departments—Warships Sent to Protect American Interests.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Simultaneously at the State and Navy Departments to-day the announcement was made that a serious state of affairs is prevalent in San Domingo.

MISSOURI BRIBERY CASE.

Edward Butler, of St. Louis, the Millionaire Politician, Acquitted by a Jury at Fulton, Mo., Yesterday.

FULTON, Mo., Feb. 6.—Edward Butler, of St. Louis, the millionaire politician who has been on trial on a charge of bribing members of the St. Louis House of Delegates to secure the passage of a city lighting bill in 1899, was acquitted to-day by a jury in Judge Graves' court.

FAVORITE LILIES.

When and How to Set the Bulbs. Some Easily Grown Varieties. The lilies, with the exception of candidum and exolum, may be planted to advantage in November.



LILIAM LANCIFOLIUM RUBRUM. rose and spotted with deep red, and melopomene (rich blood crimson, heavily spotted). These lilies grow from two to four feet high and bloom in August.

TWINKLINGS.

"My face is my fortune." He (40, yet ardent)—And let me assure you, my dear, you have spent none of it.—New Yorker.

GARBO FOR FUEL.

Over Thirty Tons of Mahogany Used by a German Steamship.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 6.—Battered by a fierce storm for three days on the voyage from Monrovia, Haiti, with every pound of coal in her bunkers consumed and burning a portion of her valuable cargo for fuel, the German steamship Duncan raced into port to-night at full speed in order to save the costly material with which her furnace were being fed.

SENSATIONAL STATEMENT.

Alleged Bargains Made by New Orleans Ticket Scalpers With L. & N.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 6.—Statements of a somewhat sensational character are contained in affidavits filed to-day by Ticket Scalper Ohas. T. Kelso and others in the suit brought by several business men of this city here to prevent scalping during the carnival and subsequently. Kelso swears that his firm had business relations with the Louisville and Nashville directors, made direct deals with Atlanta, then its general passenger agent, whereby it was agreed that in consideration of the firm's routing of business passengers via the Louisville and Nashville route, the railroad would agree to stamp and validate without question all return tickets issued by the firm.

MEMORIALS OF THE APPLE.

The Baldwin apple has a handsome monument, a fact perhaps not generally known, and recently a bronze tablet was erected on the spot in the town of Camillus, N. Y., where grew the original tree of the Primate, a new famous apple of the state. The inscription is as follows:

NEW YORK BANKS.

Statement of Clearing House Averages for the Past Week.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The statement of averages of the clearing house banks of this city for the week shows: Loans \$998,850,800; increase \$4,298,700. Deposits \$1,027,158,900; increase \$3,212,700. Circulation \$41,308,400; decrease \$29,800. Legal tenders \$73,668,000; decrease \$3,972,500. Specie \$305,968,900; increase \$439,400. Reserve \$278,631,900; decrease \$2,453,100. Reserve required \$295,732,125; increase \$59,177,500. Ex-U. S. deposits \$31,066,100; decrease \$3,287,700.

Special Tobacco List.

Martin's Tobacco, 15 cts lb. 6 in. 4 Tobacco, 18 cts lb. Better 6 in. 4, 20 cts lb. Still Better, 22 cts lb. Nice Goods, 25 cts lb. Brown Mule, 28 cts lb. Early Bird, 36 cts lb. Advertiser, 38 cts lb. Red Elephant, 33 cts lb. Schnapps, 36 cts lb. Kite, 35 cts lb. W. B. COOPER, Wholesale Grocer, feb 2 tf Wilmington, N. C.

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IT WILL START ON FEBRUARY 3RD AND END FEBRUARY 13TH, and the place is the Big Racket Store. Geo. O. Gaylord, PROPRIETOR. WILLIAMS BROS., Established 1866. Wholesale Grocers and Commission Merchants, 16 and 18 North Water Street.

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Russia's Pacific Sentiments.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company, from St. Petersburg, says: "An authoritative statement from a Russian source regarding the contents of the Russian reply is as follows: 'If the Japanese government is animated by the same pacific sentiments as the Russian government there is reason to hope that it will give Russia's fresh proposals such favorable consideration as to permit an accord being finally reached. Baron de Rosen has been furnished with all the necessary instructions for a fresh phase of the negotiations.'

Disturbances in Corea.

SEOUL, Feb. 6.—Russian soldiers have been the cause of a disorderly incident in Seoul. One of the Russian soldiers in a woman, and an angry crowd gathered. A band of Russian soldiers soon arrived at the scene of trouble and an encounter with the Koreans followed. The Koreans fought well, overpowered the Russians, one of whom was wounded. The Koreans declare that the Russians will destroy the country.

Final Interview.

TOKYO, Feb. 7.—It is believed that the final interview between Foreign Minister Komura and Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, took place yesterday (Saturday) afternoon. The Baron drove to Minister Komura's official residence and remained twenty minutes. The nature of the conference is a secret as are the important acts of the Japanese court. It is probable that Baron de Rosen delivered the belated Russian note.

Remored Engagement.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The scare in city circles here was exemplified to-day by a wild report current on the Stock Exchange that a severe engagement had taken place, in which three Russian and two Japanese ships were sunk.

The Stories of Astonishing Cruelty.

"The Democrats lack courage," says the Chicago Tribune. We do not think so after the way they have commenced talking back at Mr. Bryan.—Washington Post.

PROTECTION FOR BERRY BUSHES.

drive in a board at each end of the pole and drive a stout wire nail through each board into the ends of the poles. Then take another pole's length. The cut shows the method of fastening down the canes. The same poles can be used year after year.—American Agriculturist.

Fighting the Bagworm in Winter.

Hand picking is often urged as most effective, when practicable. In combating the bagworm, the well known pest on the aspen, and winter work in the line is not only possible, but it is the best. The curiously constructed cocoon, or "bag," is readily recognized and secured as it hangs fastened, usually on the upper branches.

The Almond.

The almond is a favorite dessert nut in this country. By far the larger part of the almonds consumed is supplied by France, Italy and Spain. California, however, has grown the almond successfully, and the output of this crop is annually increasing.

Lilies of the Valley.

Lilies of the valley are very easily grown, and the garden is really incomplete without them. They are planted any time from November onward.

Windfalls.

The Opalescent is one of the new apples. For woolly aphid, or lice, on apple tree roots dig plant tobacco stub into the soil around the tree. The growing and shipping of fruit trees are extensively engaged in on the Ozark plateau of southwest Missouri. The new process of dust spraying is said to have proved very successful with western New York fruit growers.

Dairy Interests in Court.

An important decision has just been handed down at Hartford, Conn., by Judge Platt of the United States district court. Valentine Bohl was arrested by agents of the agricultural department for depositing stamps on the renovated butter and selling the contents thereof as butter. He was charged with violating rule 22 of the agricultural department relating to the act of May 9, 1902. The defense was that the stamps of agriculture had no authority in law for marking such butter; and the court sustains the demurrer. The court is of the opinion that congress only provided for the sanitary inspection of renovated butter and that rule 22 is in no wise related to this.

Seller Must Make Good.

We are informed that the supreme court of Massachusetts has decided that where suit is brought against a milk dealer charged with selling milk below standard the burden of proof rests with the seller. It has generally been held that in articles for which legal standards have been fixed the buyer must be able to prove that the goods were below the standard. Under this new ruling the seller must prove that the goods were up to the standard. Thus the burden of proof is shifted from the buyer to the seller, and if the latter offer standard goods he must be prepared to prove that they are pure. This step by step the law is bedding in the counterfeiter and helping the consumer of pure food.—Rural New Yorker.

As we note it.

The English sparrow will on an average hatch three broods during the season, and the first brood hatched will raise one brood of their own. This is a frightful rate of propagation and easily explains how, in spite of all their enemies, these pests increase in number as they do.

We have an elm tree in the dooryard.

which seems to be a favorite nesting place for the birds. During the past four years the crotch in the tree has been occupied in rotation by bluejays, robins, catbirds and mourning doves. This year a robin wanted the place, but failed to get it.

Leo Pardo, the Italian champion wrestler.

has signed articles of agreement for the middle weight championship of America. The contest will take place the 18th instant, in Richmond, Va.

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