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Emperor William wants to nationalize the German railways. He would like to see the change made before next year.

The result of the census in Scotland shows an increase of population in the urban and decrease in the rural districts.

one-fifth of the ten million families in France have no children. As many more have only one child, and of those who have as many as seven children the number is only 230,000.

During 1890 there were built in the United States 8500 churches; ministers to the number of 4900 were ordained, and a membership. in all denominations, of 1,020,000 added.

The commerce of New South Wales, one of the Australian provinces, in proportion to its numbers is three times that of Canaela, five times that of France, and eight times greater than the trade of the United States.

The total number of pupils enrolled in the public schools in Canada is 468,025, average attendance 235,790, per centage of average attendance fifty-one. In 1879 the average attendance was forty-five per cent of the registered attendance, in 1888 it was fifty per cent. and in 1889 it was fifty-our per cent.

The and lands enpable of cultivation erectionated at 100,000,000 acres by

A SUMMER SONG. Ah! whither, sweet one, art thou fiel-My heart of May? In vain pursuing I am le1 A weary way. The brook is dry; its silver throat Rills song no more. And not a linnet lifts a note Along the shore. Will thou return'-I ask the night, I ask the morn. The doubt that wounds the old delight Is like a thorn. Ob, come! I lean my eager ear

For laughter's ring; Bring back the love-light cool and clear-Bring back my Spring! -Clinton Scollard, in the Century.

How She Wore His Ring.

BY MARY KYLE DALLAS.

"What is the matter with you, Frank?" said 1; "I never saw you look so sulky before."

"Sulky!" Frank repeated, "I'm in trouble, and you have no sympathy for me. So much for friendship." "Good heavens, Frank!" I cried, diving into my pocket and producing a well-filled pocket-book. "I had no idea-tell me how much you'll have. If there's not enough here I'll draw a check. The idea of keeping it from me, when you know that if I had only a dollar in

the world I'd share it with the friend who saved my life-and an ungrateful wretch I'd be, too, not to do it." "Oh, put up your pocket-book, Jack," said Frank. "Can't you think of any other trouble in life but want of money? Your ancestors have rolled in gold so long that I suppose you think the rest of us beggars. There, I know you're a

the happiest winter that ever mortals lived through. Our wedding-day was fixed for October. Her father promised all sorts of amiable things, and I was fool enough to kiss another girl. She rather dared me to do it-you know the way some girls have-and by the most dreadful ill luck Jennie saw me; and, look here."

He took something from his pocket and held it out to me. It was a ringa cluster diamond.

"She sent that back last week," he said, "and I've wanted to die ever since." And he rolled over on the grass and hid his face.

"Oh, go and make up with her, Frant," said I.

"I've tried," said Frank; "she won't) speak to me-she won't look at me. She sends my letters back unopened. No; it's over, and I shall never be good for anything again."

He seemed to mean it. "She's gone to Washington," said he; and they say an old Senator is making ove to her. She'll marry him; I know it is out of spite, but she'll do it."

"Go after her, and cut him out," said I. "I start to-morrow for Mexico-a business engagement, signed and contracted for. I'm to do the sketches for , work on a certain part of the country, in 11 hope I'll never come back," said

Frank. · I never saw any one look so desperate.

love myself, in order to drive him away, and he had said some very btter things about "young puppies" before he vagished. But now he was paying his addresses to a young widow, who appeared on public occasions dressed principally in bugles, and leaning on his arm in the tenderest fashion.

In fact I worked hard for Frank's sake to keep other fellows away from Miss Donald, and to make her like me, and feel that I was a friend, and I had just got myself firmly into her good graces. when with a horror which I have no words to express, I suddenly discovered that I had fallen in love with her myself. Yes-in love, and in what I had once laughed at as the "Amanda Rosamauda style." It was not a joke, but a serious fruth that I felt that "the world would be a desert void" without Jeannette Donald. You see it was the first time I had been so much alone with a beautiful girl, and she had been so sweet to me, and she was the realization of my ideal of womanly beauty, with her golden hair and heavenly eyes, and-a thousand other things. However, I was not a false rascal. All that made no difference, I had come to Washington to work for Frank, and I would do my best for him. Conscious as I was of my own feelings, I dared delay no longer, and that very evening I took my way to Mr. Donald's house, determined to plead for Frank as though he were myself. She was alone | vation on an extensive scale. Apricots at the piano, playing softly when I

"There's a message for you," said the clerk as I passed his office. I turned and took it. It was from the city of Mexico, from Frank, of course. I tore it open, these were the contents. "Don't go further with that matter; I'm munich." So I was when he next heard from me. - Family Story Paper.

Fruits in Arizona.

Fruit culture in Arizona has thus far progressed on a somewhat limited scale. but in the experimental tests already made it has been demonstrated that au excellent quality can be obtained, and that, too, early in the season. The orange, lemon and lime yield in abundance and are superior fruit in every way. In Yuma County the fig has been raised with success that stamps it as indigenous. Here the grape is hardy, thrifty and adaptable - maturing from three to four weeks before the California grape. The olive grows luxuriantly, but it needs a great deal of care in cultivation besides plenty of water. The plum can easily be raised from the seed and will fruit early, but thus far it has not been of a quality adapted for table use. However, as stock for prune grafting it is desirable. The date has proven a success beyond all expectation. The soil is particularly adapted for its growth, and many fruit growers are now preparing to engage in its culti-

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CURIOUS FACTS.

Electric light illuminates Jerusalem. A Ukiah (Penn.) man incubates 24,000 eggs at a time. Oroville, Ala., has a "boneless boy," who is unable to stand.

Hebrew women, on an average, are said to live longer than those of any other race.

The highest railroad bridge in the United States is the Kinzua viaduct on the Erie Road-305 feet high.

The oldest known journal of the weather was kept by one Walter Merle, a Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, England, during A. D. 1337-44.

The Michigan penitentiary has a class of lifteen in telegraphy, originated by one of the prisoners. Each convict purchased his own instrument by working overtime.

Joshua Atkins of Deadwood Hill, Penn., has a curiosity in the shape of a pig. It has eight legs, four ears, and two tails, lacking only another head to constitute two pigs grown together. It is the intention of the owner to place the little wonder on exhibition.

Russian journals report that since their marriage the Grand Duc Michel Mekallovitch and his wife, the Countess de Merenburg, have taken the names of Count and Countess of Love. This romantic appellation is the literal translation of the name of the Romanoffs. The ways of the auctioneer in different parts of the world vary greatly. In England and America the seller bears the expense of the sale, but in France the purchaser bears the cost, five per cent. being added to his purchase. In Holland it is still worse, the buyer being required to pay ten per cent. additional for the expenses of the sale. One of the most frequent complaints among canaries is asthma. This disease is easily cured if taken hold of at once. The bird-dealers sell a powder that is mixed in the water the birds are given to drink, and there is also a bird_tonic which is good for all the ills that bird flesh is heir to. When a bird has the asthma the symptoms are a heaviness of breathing at night. Canaries with this complaint have been known to breathe like human beings. Recently a workman, while excavating for a levee near Skelton, Ind., unearthed a mammoth foot, supposed to be of the ostrich species. The leg was disconnected at the knee joint. The leg from the knce down was intact. This relic was found about eight feet below the surface of the ground. The entire length of the limb from the joint to the end of the middle toe is six feet nine inches; the length of the toes is respectively nine, seven and 64 inches each. It is thoroughly petrified and heavy as rock. The first firearms used in Europe were cannon. Gunpowder artillery was used tree. The father of the maiden then i in China in +5, B. C., but the arquebas to be carried by a soldier was not invented until 1480, A. D. Inventor not known. Charles V used the musket in 1540. These used matches or matchlocks. The wheel-lock was invented in 1517, the flint-lock about 1692, the percussion principle by the Rev. M. Forsythe in 1807. Speaking generally, the early hand guns were breech-loaders. First patent in the United States for a breech-loading fire-arm was to Thornton and Hall of North Yarmouth, Mass., May, 21, 1811.

Major Powell, of the United States Geo longed Survey. They can be cultivated only through jirrigation. At present the sites for reservoirs and irrigating ditches are withheld by Congress from settlement -01 Hale.

Mrs. Margaret Stowe, who died recentto was probably the first female magican in this country. About forty years has she and her husband, John Stowe, give sleight-of-hand entertainments in schoolhouses and dining-hells of villages that have since become prosperous cities, so was the mother of John F. and Ear Stowe, the circus owners.

"The American girl of a decade ago has effaced herself," says Charles Dudley Warner in the Editor's Drawer of Harper's Magazine. "She is no longer the daring; courageous creature. In England, in France, in Germany, in itsly, she takes, as one may say, the color of the hand. The satirist will find no more abroad the American girl of the old type whom he continues to de-Collies."

Sars Joseph Riis in "How the Other Hilf Live", "All of the typhus fever in New York may be traced to the tenethat houses on the east side. This sectional New York is more crowded than my known place in the world. China tot excepted. When East London was fauld to contain 175,000 persons to the square unle, the public rose up and said "This thing must be stopped." The cat I de Mew York contains 333,000 pussies to the square mile."

Hiram J. Maxim, the English machines gan inventor, has been in Washington to discuss flying machines with Professor langles. He said to a reporter: "If I carrise from the coast of France, sail through the air across the channel, and dhophalf a ton of nitro-glycerine upon an English city, I can revolutionize the world. I believe I can do it if I live long chough. If I die, some one will come after me who will be successful where I failed."

In spite of the lack of faith m certain jates in New Orleans, observes the Chi-

kind-hearted fellow and my friend, but I'm not out of cash," he laughed. But in a minute more his face was as gloomy as ever.

"Tell me what it is?" I said.

We were sitting on the bank of the river fishing. Frank had come out to our place to visit me. We had been at school together, and just as we were about to graduate, Frank saved my life.) I sha'n't tell you how, that would be another story, and I want to talk about this affair justanow, but he saved my life at the risk of his own; was laid up for six months, and always limped a little afterward, and I vowed eternal gratitude, so did my parents. We all adored him, and we had been very intimate ever since.

He was twenty-five by this time, and an artist. I was twenty-four, and as Frank often said, "disgustingly rich." He was usually the merriest fellow

alive. I don't want to convey 'the idea that Frank was a sickly cripple.

He was a very unusually handsome young man, and his little limp only made him what the ladies call interesting. It was quite in his favor with them, and I noticed that when he was intent on

making a conquest, he limped more than usual. But as gracefully as possible, you may be sure.

He made a great many conquests. For my part, my weakness was not the tender passion, and I rather laughed at his affairs of the heart.

"I suppose it is a girl," I said, after a pause. He looked up at me with his long-lashed, gray eyes, for I sat on a rock some distance above him.

"Jack, I don't believe you have ever been in love, or ever will be," he said. "Oh, I like the girls well enough," I said, "and no doubt when I am older I shall marry; but I don't think there's any of the 'Amanda Rosamanda, the

world would be a desert void without thee' sort of thing about me. "I don't believe there is," said he, in a tone that did not make the remark sound like a compliment. "But, Jack, that sort of thing, laugh at it as you may, is solid fact after all, and hearts can break, and lives be shattered, and fellows go to the dogs because a woman ____ " He broke down.

"Frank." I said, "if you really are as mad about the girl as you say you are. I'll promise you to go after her myself, force her to be reasonable, and coas her to make up with you."

"It's impossible to do anything of the sort," he replied; "but if you couldmy God! if you could, I would lie down at you feet and worship you!"

"As I'm not a Japanese idol, or anything of the sort, I sha'n't ask you to do that," said I. "I owe you a little debt of gratitude, remember. I'll go tomorrow, and you can depend on hearing good news."

He shook his head.

"You're a dear, good fellow," he said. "I don't believe any other fellow living would do so much for a friend; I don't indeed. And, Jack, look here, I shall be down in Mexico soon, you know. Write to me, but don't mention her unless you should perform a miracle. Then -then-oh, good heavens! telegraph to me; send me those words, 'She wears it,' and I'll fly through fire and water, or, blood, to her side!"

"Wears what, Jack?" I asked. "Oh," said he, "I felt as though you

could read my thoughts. - This ring; ake it with you. If she ever says, 'I'll forgive him,' say, 'then put this ring on again.' And when she does ---- " '

"All right," said I.

And he kissed the diamond, and put t in a little box and transferred it to

"And now her name and aldress?" "You don't even know what?" he cried.

ately in love with another girl when we last met. He was in real trouble and I did not think it right to joke with him, and he wrote the lady's name: "Jeannette Donald," and the hotel where her people were stopping on a card, and said again:

A week from that time I was in Washington, and Frank on his way to Mexico, and I had called on Mr. Donald on a business matter, concocted by my father to help me out. Dear old dad was as deeply interested as I, and I had thus been regularly introduced to Miss Jeannette. She was a beautiful blonde, with golden hair and violet eyes, and the sweetest smile, and a little, passive way that made me fancy that she regretted Jack.

entered their private parlor. She held out her hand to me. I took it, and could not help holding it a little longer than I ought.

"Miss Jeannecte," I said, "I have a confession to make. My acquaintance with you seemed to come about almost accidentally; but the truth sis, that I came from New York on purpose to know you."

"Is it possible?" said she, blushing like a rose.

"Yes, indeed, Miss Donald," I said. "I asked you once if you knew my friend, Frank Ludwig. He who used to talk so much about you. Oh; Miss Donald, you are so sweet, so fair, you look so gently. How can you be so cruel?" "I cruel! I do not know what you mean, Mr. Leslie," Jeannette cried. "When a woman has won a man's heart, is it right to cast him away-to

doom him to despair," I said. "My purpose in seeking you out was, from the tirst, to ask you to put this ring on your tinger."

Was a man with a loud voice and a "Come, come," said Mr. Donald-he .om

l'elfants robluons ym noqu quis ynnad a I w ... 'olou: oute , Aus of thods sew I Scotch accent-"come, come! You've been very sly, young folk, but I was the same myself in my time, and I'm not sure I'll object."

"We've not been sly, papa, said Jeannette. "Jack has never said a word to me before."

" Put it on, lad," said the old gentleman; "put it on her finger, and my blessing on ye both,"

What could I do ? I put the ring on Jeanette's finger.

Nothing else was possible. The old gentleman left us together, her head sunk on my shoulder. I have often wondered since what she thought of me, for I never uttered another word the whole evening.

As soon as I decently could I got away. I adored her; I knew that I should be miscrable without her, but I could not play the part of a rascal.

Having stolen Frank's diamond ring and given it away might have been

after all she said to me that night,

things that would have made me the

between them.

and peaches will do well.

The orange, iemon, olive 'and banana thrive well in Maricopa County. During the next five years Arizona will take a rapid stride forward in fruit culture. New irrigation enterprises arc being pushed forward, and as a consequence land is rapidly being brought into condition for orchard and vineyard growth.-Irrigation Age.

A Lizard for a Wedding Present.

Among Kubus of Sumatra the tender passion is most prosaically dealt with. It would seem that delicate susceptibilities have but slight chance of development among so untidy, so thriftless a people. Their lives are seldom marked by progress; they seem content to go on their way exactly as their forefathers and foremothers have traveled.

Very simple indeed is the marriage ceremony. A Kubu youth, having settled in his own mind his choice, interviews the parents of the maiden, mentioning what he can offer in return. If late bargains with the itinerant trader have been gratifying, he may have in hand a knife, a spear, or some strips of gay cloth-possibly money, if he has acted as guide or burden-bearer to travelers. There may also be dammar and beeswax, rare fruits and favorite animals for food (a dainty snake or nimble lizard), all most acceptable in the eyes of the father and house-mother. Should this queer endowment fund be satisfactorily large, neighbors are called together, who are seated with due formality under a publicly announces his consent to the betrothal, shows the presents received from the young man, and expresses his pleasure. - New York Journal.

Queerest Thing About Deep Sea Fish. The queerest thing about deep sea fish creatures is their arrangement for vision. Fish that live at very great depths have either no eyes at all, or enormously big ones. Indeed, there are two ways you may get on in these gloomy abysses, by delicate touch organs, or by sight that collects the few rays of light due to phosphorescence or other accidental sources. Down to the depth of two

The Price of Peace.

The oft-repeated assertion that the world is getting less warlike is true only in the sense of the fact that the invention of guapowier has made pitched battles rarer and less murderous. The "tug of war," where Greek met Greek, was often desided only after the slaughter of four-fifths of the belligerents of both sides, and the Romans more than once attempted the complete extirpation of a hostile tribe - a plin which was actually executed in Cornelius Dolabella's campaign against the Sennonian Gauls. But for nearly four hundred years the same Romans maintained the peace of three continents with a standing army varying from forty to fifty-five legions, i. e., from eighty thousand to one hundred and ten thousand men, while Europe alone now supports an armed force of 4,200,000 garrison-soldiers; besides militias and reserves. Warfare has become less destructive, but the preparations for war getting more and more ruinous; for nearly two centuries the price of peace has yearly become more exorbitant .- New York Voice.

I did not tell him that he was desper-

"No use, Jack, no use; she said she would never trust me again. She meant

 $t_{\rm app} \, {\it Her} \, {\it ald},$ the people there keep up a term which is indicative of the deepest respect for the courts. Visitors to the Course apt to encounter chains stretched tooss important streets and traffic sus-Paded thereon. Inquiry brings the an Ever that the streets are close 1 because they lead by the courts and the courts are In session. When courts adjourn the Caups are tosse I aside and traffic goes Co again

As experiment was made the other day op a railroal train ranning from Repete Franciti with a new combustible Population lignite, rich deposits of which have been found in Italy. The Conjustifie was invented by Signor S1period Siena. Of the new fuel 367 kiograms were used, doing the work of 300 killograms of coal. The discovery is expected to prove a valuable one, as $\| \boldsymbol{x}_{(\boldsymbol{w}_{1})} \|_{(1,3,\infty)}$ with the necessity of the importation of could The new fiel makes $\epsilon_{\rm log} \ge s_{\rm theory}$. In a leftition to the fuel, lignite also yields a brilliant gas.

My arm was around his shoulder in a moment.

"Why, Jack, old fellow, all the women like you," said I. "You're sure to get her if you try hard enough. They're often like that, I'm told-coquette with a fellow till the last moment."

"Oh, she didn't," said Frank, "She accepted me at once-yes, at once. It was love at first sight with us. I met her at a dinner. I took her and her mother, or maiden aunt, or somebody in a cap and eye-glasses, to the opera. I met her by accident, and walked with her. I asked her if she could love me, and she said, 'Oh, yes.' We were engaged. I almost ruined myself to buy

But I was very artful. I laughed and danced with her, and walked with her, and talked with her, and made her ac quaintance very thoroughly before I ever mentioned Frank. At last one day I write a letter of adieu, explaining all to said .

"You know Frank Lulwig, do you not, Miss Donald? I've heard him speak | life was valueless. I had a pistol in my of you." "I was once slightly acquaintel with | was over the better.

Mr. Ludwig," she replied.

Her tone prevented me from saying mind, for I loved life, and I saw it bright and glowing before me-but for any more just thea; but as time went on, I was more and more determined to do my lost honor.

what I had promised.

cave a last look at the long, beautiful The old senator had been in the field street. Before morning my eyes would when I arrived, and I had been obliged a cluster diamond ring, and we had to-well, to appear to be very much is close on the world forever.

hundred fathoms, the eves get constantly rather bad, from a detective's point of bigger and bigger. Beyond that depth, view, but I did not think of that. It small-eved forms, with long feelers, dewould seem to him that I had been false, veloped to supplement the eyes. Lyver cowardly, treacherous, and had won his still we find functionless eyes, and in the Jennie after promising to make all right most confirmed abyss nal species the even have disappeared entirely .-- Boston Culti-I could never tell Jennie the truth

ator.

Illuminated by Firefles.

happiest of men, if I had dared to be, A special from Ringgold, Ga., tells of and as walked homeward I decided to a wonderful phenomenon which visited shoot myself and end it all. I could that historic city the other evening. Millions upon millions of fireflies issued Frank, telling Jennie how I loved her, from neighboring mountain ridges and telling my parents that without honor took down the course of theChickamauga River, which skirts that city on its southvalise at the hotel. Well, the sooner it ern border. The pyrotechnic display was grand. Trunks of trees skirting the « I was in an undescribable state of river were plainly visibly a quarter of a mile distant, and the entire mountain side was illuminated. The hords of fireflies was fully forty feet high, and it took As I entered the hotel, I turned and a quarter of an hour to pass down the stream, extending over a mile along it. -course .- Chattanooga News.