

asked, putting my hand on his shoulweeds in a fair pasture, there's no der. gettin' it out of her. Leave her alone, He started, and answered impasir, and she'll come in when she's tiently: hungry, and then I will larn her the

"Nothing, nothing-a dream!" And then he asked savagely: "Who watches in the afternoon we went in a brake you in the night?"

"What is the matter, old man?" I

and worthy husband." door, but, seeing us, she stopped in the entrance. "Come here, Edith," said Sir Edbe his wife; is that your wish also?" She buried her burning face in her

ly he said, with emotion:

me than anything; and I can wish her throughout the province. Natural no greater blessing than to find a good gravel beds are numerous, and care is At that moment Edith opened the pit, which, under the modern system, mund; and, taking her hand, he con- superstructures, concrete abutments tinued: "Mr. Thorne wishes you to and concrete floors. father's shoulder; she could neither age is needed tiles are used, with fre-

We talked for some time, and final- proved at an expenditure of \$500,000. through provincial aid. Modern road "I must give up my dear child sooner

machinery, such as grading machines, or later. Her happiness is dearer to stone crushers, is in general use taken to select the best gravel in the upon the ground.

is placed on the roads after the earth

None of their wives objected to cook- some hands that flop around just like straight line, the bird towered, its ing or making beds, but all needed help jelly fish. They seem to be entirely wings beating the air and propelling it skyward. We watched the towering bird until we thought it would go out of sight, when its wings ceased to heat and became set, as when alighting

when it came to washing and ironing, destitute of bone or muscle. - The palm sweeping and scrubbing, and particu- is thick and pear-shaped and soft as larly washing dishes and kitchen uten- putty. It gives me the horrors to sils, so the men decided on a co-opera- touch that kind of a hand. I never Down, down it came, slowly at first

investment. For each of those families

where the son is pointed out as a

model and considered the best and

most deserving young man in town be

cause he takes care of his mother and

sisters, who does not know another in

which the girl is doing the same thing?

Who doesn't remember the daughter

who is the burden bearer when re-

verses come when the brother is going

gaily off after things matrimonial? And

who does not know the father with

whom things went backward instead

of forward who has the pretty, pro-

tecting good-fellowship of the daugh-

When it comes to the little embryo

brilliant orbs and penciled eyebrows

and eyelashes, sitting with grave dig-

nity under the Greenaway hat, has

that beside him whose power no man

can measure. Practically endless are

a little salary of her own?

tive scheme that so far has worked yet waited on one of those inert creavery well during the month it has been tures who did not wear a soiled collar or neck ribbon and a frayed skirt bindin operation. Instead of each family paying \$4 a ing. If I had to choose between the week for an incompetent maid of all strenuous-handed woman and, the work, each subscribes \$3 a week to- doughy palm I'd take the former every ward the wage of a strong, capable time. and active German woman, who feels "Then there are the customers of the that for the \$9 a week she is sure of grab-all type. They plant their elbows getting she can afford to do a day's on the counter and spread their fingers work every day. On Monday she does out at the very widest angle. Natura! Mrs. A.'s washing and ironing, on Tues- Iy, this digital performance is not at all day Mrs. B.'s washing and ironing, on conducive to ease in fitting a pair of Wednesday Mrs. C.'s. On the other gloves or to neatness of appearance three work days each apariment in once that feat is accomplished. Exturn receives a thorough scrubbing and perience has taught me to fight shy of cleaning. All the dishes that are dirtied one of these animated glove stretchers in each apartment are piled by the misas a neighbor. Their bump of inquistress into a big pan, and in the evening | itiveness is ; onormally developed and are sent via the dumbwaiter to the the people across the nall will be in apartment where Lena happens to be luck if the broad-fingered folk do not principally engaged on that day. She borrow the very clothes off their backs. "There are other customers who perwashes and polishes them all, and distributes them back to their owners sist in doubling their fingers into regular grappling hooks while undergoing before leaving for the night. All concerned are delighted with the the fitting operation. I have my susplan thus far, and declare they would picions about them, too. They are sure not go back to the old way for any- to have equally crooked tempers, and they take a special delight in raising a thing .- New York Globe. row at meal time. The Baby Daughter. "Of course, I serve hundreds of customers who have reduced the fitting When the baby girl arrives, let it be remembered that there are new things of gloves to a fine art. They submit to be considered in her reception. to the necessary manipulations with Once the hope of the mother was in the utmost grace and put me to no inhaving a daughter who would be near- | convenience. Nature has made them er to her than any son could possibly a gift of glove-counter etiquette, along be. And the fond papa's delight was in with sincerity and thoughtfulness and the picture of some day having at- a lot of other admirable qualities, and tached to himself something which it is no hardship to sell gloves to them would be the envy of other men and day in and day out. You see, what is which he could take pride in living up born in the bone will come out in the to financially like any other table luxfingers, and if there is any place on earth where kinks in character are But the baby girl of now comes bound to come to the surface it is at with the right of being considered an the glove counter."-New York Press.

) Southampton, driving very slowly through the woods, with the possibility of being seen by Lola, who would certainly then have followed us, but we saw nothing of her. At Southampton we bought decent clothes, and spent some time in the hairdresser's. I had my beard shaved off, and we returned to the Abbey very much altered for the better in appearance.

tamin' her. It's instinc', ep. like foul

init uity of ongratitude!"

Miss Lascelles was much distressed Boout Lola, who was still absent. Brace's explanation of her leaving the Abbey seemed a reasonable one, but her antipathy to Miss Lascelles which led her to destroy the things she had given her, was to me a mystery, to Miss Lascelles, also, I believe, and a Yery painful one. She seemed to feel herself in some inscrutable way reponsible for the girl's action. Sir Edmund returned in the evening

from London.

"Now, indeed, you look yourself-a gentleman," he said, shaking my hand cordially. He had made inquiries respecting a lapidary, and learned that the most expert known to the trade was a man named Carvalho, then occupied at Madrid. With our sanction he wrote at once offering this man his own terms to come to the Abbey and cut the Great Hesper.

At night the door by which Lola was supposed to have escaped from the Abbey was left open, and a night light was placed in her bedroom.

The next morning the dairymaid said that some one had been at her milk pans in the night; there was no other evidence of Lola having entered the house. After breakfast I determined to go through the woods myself in search of her. Miss Lascelles wished to accompany me. I ought to have pointed out to her that her company lessened the chances of Lola suffering ice to approach her, but I could not deprive myself the pleasure of having such a sweet companion. We saw Lola at the edge of a clearing on the hill side. She watched us as we drew near. I called to her, but she shook her head, and turning her back upon us quickly disappeared among the pines. 'The forlorn condition of the girl, her gesture, which seemed full of sadness; the silent fall of leaves; the tristness of the autumn woods, overcame Miss Lascelles, and as she walked silently beside me, with her head bent, I saw that she was crying. This episode made a deep impression upon me; yet while my heart ached with sympathy for the poor little savage wandering alone in those silent. still woods, an indescribable happiness stole over my senses. It was the awakening of love.

Sir Edmund had a basket of food placed in the dairy, and the doors again left open.

On the 17th we learned that some bread and fruit had been taken from the dairy in the night. Sir Edmund and I walked through the woods; we saw nothing of Lola. Our conversation turned upon his daughter, and he told me how she had consoled him for

"This is not the night." I replied, fancying he was yet but half awake. "Isn't it?" he asked, turning his eyes from one side to the other; then stretching out his hands, as if to heaven, he cried: "Then what is the night?"

Poor wretch, all was indeed night to him. I tried to engage him in conversation, but he waved his hand impatiently, and getting up, felt his way to the washstand.

"Go down," he said; "Miss Lascelles is more pleasing to the eye than I am: she must be beautiful, for her voice is music, her touch is like the petal of the rose. Where do you keep the diamond-is it safe?" I told him that I now kept it in a

belt buckled to my waist. "Strap it to your wrist again; it is

safer; and then bending his head aside, he listened attentively for a moment and continued in a lower voice: "They are talking together down there. Creep down and listen. I tell you we are not safe here-I see that through my blindness. I have faculties in place of that I have lost. Do you hear them? Come closer, Thorne; there is a conspiracy in this house-a plot to rob us of our treasure, and turn us beggars again upon the street. If I could trust you I'd tell you more. But every one is a thief who has the power to steal." It was not the first time I had heard him talk in this vein. At Natal, on the ship, he had been in constant dread of being robbed. I was glad to get away from him. As I passed the head of the stairs in going to my room, I distinguished the sound-too distant

before to tell upon my dull ear-of Sir Edmund's voice and the Judge's; they were in the library below. After dressing I joined them, and found Sir Edmund greatly interested in Brace's description of gold mining in California-a subject upon which he could be eloquent by the hour together. On the 18th Sir Edmund, Miss Lascelles and I rode over to Southampton.

Miss Lascelles was in her gayest, happlest mood, and in her riding habit looked more charming than ever. In returning we met a friend of Sir

Edmund's; he accepted the invitation to take lunch at the Abbey, and rode beside the baronet, ahead of us. We two took the hill so slowly that, coming to the cross roads, we could not see Sir Edmund and his friend. There were two ways to the Abbey. After a little dellberation. Miss Lascelles con-

sented to take the longer one. The morning was superb; the woods were glorious. The rich warm tints of the reddening foliage were reflected on my beautiful companion's cheek: her eyes seemed to catch the glitter of the dew that still hung oh the gossamers. I forget what we talked about, but she was full of mirth, and now and then the still woods rang with the mu-... al cadence of her laugh. But suddenly the smile died from her face, and she said:

"We forget poor little Lola."

say yes nor no. "It is a question that should not be decided hastily," the Baronet continued; "take time, my dear. Meanwhile, I see no reason for your leaving the house," he added, addressing me.

"Unless-" I faltered. "Unless Edith wishes it," the Baronet said, helping me out. "True. Shall you feel more at ease, dear, if

time? say. Shall he go?" Still screening her face, Edith shook her head, and then I knew that I had of durability. Perth County, of which won a treasure greater than the Hesper diamond.

In the afternoon of the 20th Sir Edmund said: "I have been looking at your engage-

ment, Bernard, from a practical point of view, and a fact occurs to me that, at such a time as this, would probably escape you. That agreement of yours must be altered. You will see that, for Edith's sake, what I call the tontine clause-a clause conferring upon the survivor a deceased partner's share in the Great Hesper-should be part of the winter snow plows are abrogated. It entails a risk which she must not be exposed to-you understand me?"

I understood what he said perfectly, and agreed with him that the clause must be altered. "Consult with your partners," he

said, "as to what change is advisable. I expect my lawyer here on the 24th, and he can then draw up a legal agreement in accordance with our general wish."

I took the Judge into Van Hoeck's room, and there told him of my engagement to Miss Lascelles. Van Hoeck was visibly alarmed when he heard this; and when I went on to say that Sir Edmund wished the clause altered by his lawyer on the 24th, he said quickly, in a low voice:

"The crafty old tox! What does he mean by that?" "His meaning is obvious enough," I replied; "if I marry Miss Lascelles,

and die, she will be dispossessed of my share of the diamonu. her only a legacy of debt." "Yes, end thet ain't all on it," said the Judge, dragging his wiry chin tuft through his hand and bending his

brow. "Thet ain't all by a lump. We're playing with a marked card in the pack-a card as might tempt eer they shall be below the traveled pora one on us to foul play." "What on earth do you mean? Speak plainly if you can," said Van Hoeck,

in angry impatience. "Well, I mean this 'ere," answered the Judge, with slow impressiveness. If this is not done at this season no "that if one of my pardners wasn't a gentleman, and t'other wasn't helpless blind, I'm jiggered if I'd go to bed roads with the back of a rake, not the

is consolidated with the roller. Bridges are now all being built with steel

The matter of drainage is given the greatest attention. Where underdrainquent outlets that will lead to natural watercourses. Breakers, once so common for carrying the water from one side of the road to the other, are entirely abandoned. Concrete culverts in Forest and Stream.

have taken their place, and on the steep hills, where such surface drainage is necessary, the road bed, with its high centre crown, is as smooth as on the level. In the older parts of Onta-Mr. Thorne goes away-for a certain rio road construction has long since passed the early temporary stage, and all improvements are made with a view Stratford is the county seat, has 1302 miles of country highways; of this 672 miles are gravelled and are as fine permanent roads as can be found in any country.

> A source of much trouble and expense to keep country roads open is this latitude for several months of the winter is the enormous amount of snowfall. Snow fences, similar to those used by railroads, are employed, but wire fences are much cheaper and give better satisfaction. In the early used, but later in the season they cannot cope with the drifts, and many of the roads become absolutely impassable. To overcome some of the difficul-

ties on snow roads the last provincial legislature adopted a measure in passing an act the first section of which provides that: "On and after the coming into force of this section no person shall use on any public highway except within the limits of any city any sleigh or other vehicle upon runners

drawn by horses or other animals (except cutters) manufactured after the first day of December, 1906, unless the same is so constructed that the distance between the outer edge of such runners at the bottom is not less than four feet." The object of this act-to have a uniform width of sleigh runners -is to get a wider track for double teams.

Roadway Repairing.

In a letter to the celectmen of the towns throughout the State of Connecticut, James H, Macdonald, State Highway Commissioner, gives some practical points on repairing roadways as follows:

"All culverts and gutters should be cleaned out and all shoulders on the roads should be pared down so that tion of the highway. This will permin of the water running off into the gutter. Gravel roads should have a little gravel placed on the marks in the centre of the road and in the ruts. good will result. All loose stones should be removed from macadam

without a six-shooter under my piller, teeth. Loose stones injure a road as And then, as if the words had con- and my finger on the trigger. I don't much as any one thing, because they

and then more rapidly at an angle directly toward us, finally falling stone dead at our feet. Picking the bird up and carefully examining it we found a single shot had penetrated its head. Presumably the nerves of direction in the brain were paralyzed and the bird, yet full of life and vigor, beat the air and ascended upward. I have seen a mallard do this same thing in the towering line, likewise a quail. What is the explanation?-Charles Cristadoro,

Future Maguates.

Patrick and Timothy were both employed by the city, and had the abundant leisure for conversation which comes to those engaged in such municipal affairs.

"Well, now, if I had a million come to me I know well how I'd be spending t." said Patrick one day, resting his pick against a convenient wall and looking at it with great distaste. "How would you be doing it?" in-

quired Timothy. "I'd go to the Waldoffed Restoria of

some o' thim high-toned hotels." said Patrick, "and I'd tell the b'y at the desk, 'Have me called at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning." Then I'd go to me rooms and shut the blinds, and whin first they called me I'd not answer, and whin they called me louder I'd give a great sounding gape, and I'd say between me yawns, 'Go away wid yez! I'm not obliged to be working! I've got money.'

"Aw!" remarked Timothy, as he once more began work.

"Well, what would you do if you had the million?" demanded Patrick. "Me?" said Timothy, looking back over his shoulder. "I'd have a half-fut more len'th to this pick handle and save me poor back.'

Russian Riddles.

What walks upside down overhead? A fiy. There are four brothers under one hat. Legs of table.

I have four legs and feathers, but am neither beast nor bird. Feather bed.

Four brothers run side by side, but never eatch up with one another. Cart wheels. A pack of wolves ran by: one was shot, how many remained? The dead

one. I am blind, but show others the way, deaf and dumb, but know how to conut, Milestone

People pray for me and long for my company, but directly I appear they hide themselves. Rain.

A Mexican Farm.

Don Luis Terrazas, a great friend of President Diaz, has a farm in Chihuahua of about \$,000,000 acres. Don Luis is thought to own more than 1.000.000 cattle. His stable consists of some 100,000 horses, his sheepfold of 700,000 sheep. From 200,000 to 300. 000 calves are branded with his brand every spring. More than 1000 cowboys keep his cattle. At his slaughter



Overskirts are growing in importance.

Women are again wearing jeweled cuff links.

The bird of paradise is worn as a colffure decoration.

A big neckpiece of handsome ostrich plumes is much desired. ter, who is helping out at home with

Light suitings in two-toned effects are being shown for early spring wear and the South.

that she is, for brilliant possibilities The prettiest pink cloth costumes are the baby girl is the one who will thrill most the heart of the man who of a deep shade; really an old rose or has the gambler's instinct for chances. rather bright tone.

However, the boy must be counted The draped fur stole lined with a on not to go any higher than second fur is one of the great sucthe level that has been reached cesses of the season.

by his progenitors, even allowing The new embroidered blouses have for new combinations. But the Valenciennes medallions inserted father whom you see in the car with among the needlework. the four-year-old, of peachy skin and

The handsomest hats are seen of lace. Lace trims any number of crin and fine Neapolitan straws.

The girl just home from Paris wears a round drop watch that hangs like a bangle from her bracelet.

the tricks of combination which good charm with which it is her role to at-Embroidered in dark and light shades tach good things to herself. And to- of the same color little pink bolero and packing houses near Chihuahua day's baby girl whose future opens up jackets are most attractive.

the loss of his wife.		allude to one any more n another, but	are unven mito the suitace and breas	City 250,000 cattle, as many sheep, and	to her with independence and brains	Pale pink and the delicate shell pink
He spoke with natural pride of her	peared, swiftly speeding between the	we'll just take Israel's word for gos-	the bond.		as well as a chance of making double	
aweet and loyal disposition. Later on,		nel that every one is a thief if you	"Where the stone is beginning to	they on in his own refrigerator cars	the state of the section of the section and	
falling upon the subject of the great	and I called:	give him a chance of thievin'; end, at	show though a little splinters or chips	Some 40 000 persons dwell on his us.		
diamond, he asked me how I came to	"Lola, dear, come and speak to me."	any rate I'm just as likely as not to	of stone should be applied to form a	toto -Kansas City Townal	Geometree and the second	the present desire for brilliancy and
be a miner. I told him of my loss by	She stood still, and looked as if ir-	murder my two pardners end git the	cushion. This cushion should not be	tate. Indisas eny sournal.	Don't mistake the possibilities. There	
the failure of the Imperial, of the im-	resolute whether or not to respond to	mulder my two parameter, one at the	more than three-fourths of an inch	Too Tall for Strength.	is no need to make excuses for her not	The one shade of pink that is so
possibility of my getting my living as		whole of thet diamond to mysch, con	thick. No sprinkling or rolling is nec-		being a boy.	fashionable at the moment is only to be
a clerk, etc. Incidentally I referred	my appeal.	sequently, you will allow thet the	essary. A ton of splinters will suffice	In tall men, as a rule, the body is		found in cloth and chiffon. There are
	"I will stay here. Go to her," said	thet agreement altered; fur it ain't	for from 250 to 300 square feet An	out of proportion to the lower limbs,	Gloves Tell Characiers.	three tones of pinkthose bordering on
to my mother's family, and the name	Miss Lascelles softly.	thet agreement altered; fur it ain t	ordinary farm roller weighted down	with the natural result that such men	The girl near the exchange dess	salmon and the flame color-that are
leading him to make further inquiries,	But, as if she had divined my inten-	only the money he's got to secure on	and run afer the road after loose stones	are unable to bear fatigue or to com-	carefully folded a pair of dogsain	more popular for evening wear.
be discovered the curious fact that my	tion Lola shook her head mournfully,	to his daughter, but her husband's nie	and ran arer the rout areer loose brones	pete in the struggles of life with their	"I sometimes think," she said, "that	
mother must have been his wife's cou-	as she had done before, and going her	likewise. Time enough for the young	are removed, whit improve it. it in not	lesser fellows more harmoniously pro-	"I sometimes think," she said, "that	ture of the new straws and hair
sin. How often do we find large cir-	way, was presently hid by the tall	lady to be a widder in the nat'ral or-	necessary to use screenings on a stone	portioned. Army experience bears out	all fortune tellers must have served an	
eles of friends linked together in this	brake. As we crossed the opening	der of things in gen'l."	road, as they only furnish dust in dry	these observations. In a long and fa-	apprenticeship as glove saleswomen	
way! I thought that Miss Lascelles	where we had previously seen her, I		weather. If the road is watched, a	tiguing march the tall men usually fall		
	looked back, and perceived her stand-		new surface will not be necessary, as	out first. A soldier between five feet	before going into the prophesying busi-	resented, but particular prominence is
	ing in the same place gazing after us.	"Gracious," sighed Mr. De Spepsey.	it will not have the chance to get in	five inches and five feet eight inches or	ness. It is generally conceded that the	
	It was easy to conceive her misery,	"I wish I could acquire an appetite."	bad condition."	nine inches is usually the one best	chief stock in trade of the professional	
from each other.		"For goodness' sake!" exclaimed his		adapted for hearing extra exertion.	seer is a wide knowledge of human	
	and the bitter feelings of her heart.	wife, "what do you want with an ap-	Direction School candien, anote car	• • •	nature, and surely there is no better	
had denoted houselfe Miss Lascelles	She was unaltered, but I was no long.	this of the mould and give you more	Summer of their concasts, and any	There are about 10,000,000 of migra-	school for gaining that particular kind	
that devoted herself entirely to Vap	er the rough toiler grateful for a tin	demonsta " Dhiladalnhia Press	plant about 690,700 trees.	tory sheep in Spain.	of education than the glove counter of	cottas,
ther is her sympathy had a remark-	of water fatched from the stream, All	al al spensta1 muadeiburg 1 1000.				