Hesper upon his own wrist, I heard a

It was the spring that locked the long

blade of my clasp-finife when it was

CHAPTER XI.

That sound warned me that the end

was near. Not content with taking the

diamond, the scoundrel intended to

have my life--to remove the possi-

bility, if possibility existed, of being

He set about his work with devilish

circumspection. I lieard the metal

rings clink as he took up the fallen

curtain from the floor, and folded it,

and the bed creak as he got upon it.

steadied himself by setting one hand

upon my shoulder, and his bony knuck-

les touched my chest as he arranged

the stuff over my breast. I knew what

traying blood from spurting upon his

In the pause that followed, I fancied

he must be turning up his sleeve, as

a butcher does who has a beast to

A thousand thoughts whirled

through my mind in that brief space,

A feeling of regret for the ill use I

had made of many days-for the loss

of Edith, and the world which she had

filled with joy and hope; a deep and

tender wish for her happiness, and

the welfare of the companions that

had toiled with me to win the Hesper,

took the place of terror, and it was

with something like resignation that I

As he grasped my left shoulder I

felt him lean over my right, and the

He had not used sufficient force, for

the knife point stuck in one of the ribs

under my left breast, and went no fur-

He pulled the knife out and tried

Then, seeing that the thickness of

the doubled curtain was too great an

impediment, he unfolded and rear-

ranged it, passing his hand over my

breast and pressing his fingers here

got it right for his purpose. It was

this barbarous refinement of cruelty, I

prayed like Samson for strength, and

made one more effort to break my

The twisted sheets and firm knots

withstood the strain, but the effort

saved my life. The calculating vil-

lain knew I must exhaust my strength

in a few minutes, and would not risk

breaking his knife or getting smeared

And presently my force gave out,

and, all hope leaving me, I ceased to

struggle, and was callous to his touch,

when he once more touched my

But in that moment of dread silence,

when his knife must have been raised

to strike the final blow, the door han-

la's, spoke in a low tone outside.

me writhing against the post.

snap under my strain. .

She had come to my door and heard

What would the rascal do now? His

age, for it showed that he feared dis-

covery, and I knew he would not

risk his own neck for the mere pleas-

ure of killing me. I put out my

strength again, making the bedpost

"Shall I sing out?" Lola asked, a

The hand slipped from my shoulder

and down my arm as the villain

stepped from the bed. His position

was geing more perilous. If Lola

"sang out" there would be little chance

I had loosened the towel that bound

my head and gagged me. I wriggled

of my mouth, and got my chin above

it, breathing freely for the first time

since I had been tied up. At the same

moment I heard the key turn in the

door, and I knew that the murderer

intended to let Lola in and silence

"Take care, take care!" 1 shouted as

loudly as the towel that still covered

Another wriggle, and I felt that the

upper part of my face was uncovered.

Moreover, I distinguished a long gray

patch before me. The curtain of the

oriel had been drawn back; the light

had sensibly increased during the time

occupied by the events I have nar-

I almost fancied I saw the silhouette

of a man's figure against the gray-

ness. It moved, and I was sure that

my eyes were not deceived; it dis-

my face would permit.

rated.

little louder, and with an accent of

with my blood as I writhed.

shoulder.

are you?"

on my shoulder.

again, but this time the blade scarcely

next moment he stabbed me.

punctured my skin.

that meant; it was to prevent the be-

identified as the thief by me.

sound that I knew only too well.

opened! -

Strictly in Advance. SEARCH FOR THE BIGGEST DIAMOND IN THE WORLD. By FRANK BARRETT. might have been buckling the Great

CHAPTER X. Continued.

I am not a coward, yet I own that the terror of the following minutes thriffs me now as I look back upon it, The impenetrable darkness, the silence, rendered only more intense by contrast with the perpetual tic-tac, tic-tac, tictac, tic-tac of the watch behind me, were made terrific by the awful uncertainty of my position.

I stood there waiting for the attack, until the suspense growing intolerable. I felt that I must end it by shouting aloud to Brace, and precipitating the struggle.

"I will wait five minutes longer and no more," I said to myself, resolving to calculate the space fairly, and with due allowance for false impressions. I calculated that two minutes had As he approached from behind, he passed, when I fancied that I heard the bed creak behind me. Was this one of the false impressions I had promised myself to guard against, or was the sound caused by the man mounting upon the bed sehind me?

The hair bristled upon my head as I | arm. thought, and drew my head down into my shoulders, for, as surely as if my eyes had been turned that way, and the full light of the sun shining in the room. I knew that the man was behind me upon the bed.

I drew a deep inspiration, resolved but a great awe came upon me as I shout my loudest to Erace, but be- | felt his hand firmly grasp my left fore the sound had passed my lips a | shoulder, for then I realized that I towel was drawn tight upon my face, was on the very brink of eternity. and my head jerked back against the post behind me. A fold of the towel gagged me completely; it was with difficulty I breathed. I struggled, but in vain, to wrench myself away; a quick and sure hand had knotted the towel. I threw up my hands to tear the thing off; in an instant they were enveloped in the thick curtains, and though the fellow had not sufficient strength to tie them down to my side, he at least bathed my attempts to free my head. I drew my feet from the ground, hoping that my weight would drag my head from the towel; I only succeeded in drawing the knots tighter, and half strangling myself.

As I could not release my head I got my arms down and tried to seize the rascal's feet, but he kept them beyond my reach; yet I got something by the attempt, for, in groping about, I laid my hand upon the knife which he had thrust in the bed, to have free use of his hands, the better to overcome the resistance of my arms. I should have had no hesitation in ham-stringing the rascal if I could have got at his legs, but as I could not do that I determined, if possible, to keep the knife out of his

I felt by the horn handle that it was the one Van Hoeck had given me, and knowing the trick of the blade I shut it up and slipped it into my pocket. "Now," thought I, "if only thews and

sinews are concerned we will see who

can get the best of it." And with redoubled efforts I struggied to tear down the bed curtains that hampered my movements, and, maddened by the difficulty of respiration I threw such force into my efforts that the pole upon which they hung crunched under the rings and finally came rattling down about us. Would that the lamp had been near to be smashed by the fall! The noise was

100 slight to be heard at a distance. My left hand being free. I felt again for the knot of the towel that bound me to the post. A bony hand grasped my wrist, and dragged it over my shoulder, and the next moment I felt something pressed under my nose, and a liquid trickling through my mustache onto my lips. It had a sweet taste and a strong smell of apples, that mounted at once to my brain. I seemed to be no longer touching the | hand still trembled. It gave me courground, but whirling round and round

through space; my arms dropped by I knew that I was powerless, yet I retained a certain kind of consciousness. I was sensible that the difficulty of breathing no longer troubled me. I knew that the man was binding my arms to the post, and I remember thinking, in the bemused manner of a half intoxicated person, what a fool he must be to bind me when I could no longer make resistance. I was perfectly conscious when he began to tie my feet to the post below, for I had then of his making off with the diamond. sufficiently overcome the effect of the opiate to think of resistance. I tried to struggle and to scream, but to no about furiously, worked the folds out Purpose; my will had lost all power over my muscles. And this terrible impotency reminded me of Van Hoeck's half-uttered simile: "Cramped in a comn, and the clods falling-falling!" What astonished me was the surpris-

ing facility with which the man executed his work in the darkness that then prevailed. He seemed to have * difficulty at all in finding the ends of the sheets with which he bound me, and knotting them securely. And when I was safely pinioned he unbuckled the strap that bound the Great Hesper to by wrist, without having to seek for the tongue of the strap, as I myself

might have had to do. "Well, that's gone," I said to myself, and, now he has the diamond, he will

But he had not yet finished. And af-

afterward I heard a fall upon the terrace below. The man had dropped down a distance of fifteen feet from the window-a drop of not more than six feet for an ordinary man hanging from the ledge.

The feeling of relief, combined with exhaustion caused by my frantic efforts was too much for me. I was giddy and sick, my eyes closed, the sweat stood cold upon my face, every muscle gave way and quivered, only the bonds upon my body kept me from falling.

"Y'ain't hurt, are you, dear?" were the first words I heard. It was Lola's voice, very gently and tremulous.

"No; you have saved me," I said. She gave a little moan of delight. and her hands, which had been busily lugging at the knots, stopped in their

She threw her arms about my neck, and, pressing her face against my breast, sobbed.

CHAPTER XII.

Brace's door was unlocked. He to all appearance was sound asleep with his face to the wall. I shook him, and as he turned over I said: "Get up; the Hesper is lost."

"Lost! as how?" he asked, sitting up, "Stolen-taken from me." "Where's Israel?"

I told him of Van Hoeck's terrible presentiment, and the circumstances under which he had left the house. "We will find him, pardner," said

the Judge, in his slow, sententious manner, which was queerly at variance with his speed in hurrying into his clothes. "We will find him, and see if his presentiments will go as fur as to explain what's become of the diamond. Let up what has happened, pardner. Reel it off. I am all awake." I narrated briefly the events of the night while he completed dressing. Lola, standing by the window, listened | She who possesses this gift will be | who framed a counter pledge for the in silence. There was just enough blessed. And yet it is not a gift, for bride to sign. The concordat possesses

on anything so much like Californey butes if she will. The way is open if you air ready, we'll hunt up Is-

It was striking five when we quitted the house. The Judge left me to look about the garden and its vicinity for Van Hoeck; he himself struck out at once for the wood, taking Lola with

from that grip. ing the one that Van Hoeck frequently | recuperative and long-lived. walked in when alone. The lodge keeper was not up, but, passing through the open wicket into the road, I came upon a laborer trudging along to his work with a pick upon his shoulder, and a tin flask in his hand.

It was then half-past five, or a little and there to ascertain whether he had "Have you passed a blind gentlethen that, my nature revolting against man on the road?" I asked.

> "I ain't passed 'im," he answered; kind 'er fumbling his way along the lived, road down by Marley bottom."

I knew the cross roads; they were nearly two miles distant. It was incomprehensive to me how Van Heeck had strayed so far from the Abbey: but the laborer's description left little room for doubt that it was Van Hoeck he had seen, and I started at once in the direction indicated.

I could not see Van Hoeck from the cross roads, but on turning the angle of the lane at the foot of the hill I perceived him feeling the way with painful slowness on the side of the Hearing my step, he turned, and, recognizing it, came to meet me. He urably proud. A little woman, thereseemed to forget the danger of making fore, is a woman of average height.

dle turned, and I felt his grasp relax -nay, his fingers tremble as they lay There was an interval of a minute, a false step, and advanced with eager and the door handle turned again, then a voice, that I recognized as Lothe expression of anxiety imprinted on his features. "Are you there-you?" A moment's "Is it you, Thorne?" he called. pause, and she added-"You ain't sick,

"Yes," I replied.

"What has happened?" I waited until I got up to him, then

putting my hand on his shoulder, I "I have bad news for you, Van

He trembled violently under my hand and opened his lips to speak, but | woman. no sound came: his condition was pitiable, and to keep him no longer in

suspense, I said: "I have lost it. It has been taken from me.'

"Who has taken it?" he asked in a thick, husky voice. "I cannot say. I could not see the

man who robbed me." in execration, then in incoherent sen- corn, are perfect substitutes for meat. of silk. tences, broke up with words of Dutch where the English tongue failed to give sufficient force to his anger and mortification. He assailed me with every kind of invective, accused me of cowardice, of complicity in robbing rots, beets, spinach, apples, are all valhim, of I know not what baseness and heartlessness; indeed, it seemed as though the blow had deprived him of reason for the moment. At length, when his passion was somewhat ex-

hausted, he said: "And what is your defense?" I took his arm, and as I led him up the hill toward the cross roads, I went over the story once more. When I

was telling him how Lola had come to my rescue, he stopped me. "That is a lie!" he said, "for she has. been with me."

"Impossible!" I exclaimed. To be Continued.

Manitoba is pre-emmently the provfor a brief interval, during which he appeared, and almost immediately ince of wheat.



A Useful Dressy Gown.

Dainty womankind likes a soft, fluffy gown. Crepe de chine is a very good material to use for matinee or room gowns. It washes perfectly and is light and soft to the touch. Other materials in which these garments are seen are pongee, surah, louisine, cashmere, light wools and flannels.

Capes at Wedding. At a recent English wedding the velvet ribbon fastened to the waist. trimmed with loops and bows of rose red velvet ribbon and large white osappliqued with Mechlin lace motifs.

Striving For Beauty. Let every woman strive for a beauty which all will recognize as being genunhappy memories, while the true beauty will prove a "joy forever." of sincere striving for the best in life. "Here's a Vigilance Committee job | for the noblest in character, sweetness if ever there was one," said the Judge, of grace and purity of soul. Every hastily lacing his boot. "I ain't lighted | woman may possess these divine attrisince the good old days. Now, sir, and mankind will smile approval if she chooses to become the woman rael, the prophet. He's got to tell us beauitful. The "woman who thinks" somethin' about this than we know will shape her life to this course and will call to her aid the supreme source

An Index of Character.

of strength and wisdom.

A small, well-rounded chin, with mobile and red cushions of flesh upon, him. The girl would have stayed with indicates a pleasure-loving owner. If me, but her father had her hand in dimpled, all the more so, for dimpled his, and there was no getting away chins belong to coquettes. People with dimples love to be petted and loved; After exploring the garden, I took like admiration and praise. Generally the path that led to the lodge, as be- fickle. Usually this chin is healthy,

Broad chins signify nobleness and large dignity, unless vertically thin, when, if with it there be thin lips of bloodless kind, you find cruelty. Square chins with little flesh denote

firmness and executive ability. These make good haters. Long, thin chins are poetical, un-

stable and delicate in constitution. Such people are subject to bowel derangements. If thin through the "but as I come by the cross roads I angles of the mouth, too, they are see some 'un as looked gen'leman like, prone to tuberculosis. Generally short-

The Little Woman,

This is undoubtedly the day of the little woman; but before going farther, let a model. us clearly understand what particular fraction of femininity is implied in that term. On this point the little woman herself is naturally the best authority. But here a difficulty crops up. No woman who is not tall will admit that she is a little woman. If you endeavor to thrust littleness on her she will draw herself up to her full height, and with an eye glittering with latent greatness, declare that she hedgerow a hundred yards in advance, is of that average height of which every reasonable woman is so immeas-She is a pocket Venus, who may have quickness-his whole body partaking | blossomed into a library edition by the time she has come to the end of this gulogy. She is womanliness concentrated, energy incarnate, cleverness what to have for dinner, and finally, compressed, the essence of elegance, not to insist on buying his clothes. and the precis of prettiness.

As for the energy and vivacity of the little woman, what need be said? There is a dash about her impossible to larger women. Nor must personal magnetism be overlooked. It is eminently characteristic of the little

Vegetable Diet.

For the cook who wishes to substitute vegetables for meat, a knowledge of food values is imperative. Some vegetables are perfect substitutes for meat. You might grow strong and vigorous on them, while if you made a wrong choice, your family would slow-He was silent for a time, and then ly starve to death. All the grains, Nuts, cheese, peas, beans, lentils, raisuable and important articles of diet, but if you attempted to make them the basis of your dietary, your family with celery or eviter or beets. Egging correct cour."

take the place of meat always. Two eggs equal in food value the quantity of beefsteak usually served to one person.-Harper's Bazar.

A Marriage Compact. Unquestionably the root of many domestic troubles and marital controversies may be traced to the looseness and vagueness of the marriage contract. It formulates no definite and practical modus vivendi for the conbridesmaids were cavalier capes of tracting parties. Even the "obey white satin lined with rose red velvet. | clause" is either omitted altogether or These were slung from the shoulders is no longer taken seriously. The and held in place by straps of rose red mutual rights and duties of married life are left to be determined by com-Their hats were ivory white beaver, bat and compromise, arbitration and conciliation. If the two parties got together at the outset and drew up a trich plumes. They carried sheaf bou- form of agreement to govern their quets of red flowers. Their gowns partnership the chances of controversy were ivory white satin having near the and disruption would be greatly dihems of the full skirts silver gauze minished. Here is a project for reand ecru late threaded with silver. form upon which the anxious students The bodices had guimpes of ecru net of the divorce problem might well concentrate their efforts.

The path of reform has already been blazed by a foresighted couple in Denver, Col., under the guidance of the mother of the canny bride and the uine through and through. That which father of the groom. The bride's is superficial will fade and pass away. mother drew up an agreement, or, leaving a flood of disappointments and rather, a catalogue of don'ts, which she asked the groom to sign. The latlight to reveal the mischievious exult- beauty represents the ultimate result high sociological interest. The groom

I will not smoke in the bedrooms. I will not join more than two secret societies, and will spend at least two nights a week at home.

I will not pretend to have business downtown that calls me away right after supper. I will not conceal business condi-

tions and financial conditions from my wife, pretending to be afraid she will worry. I will not quit dressing well, and

run around looking like a tramp, saying, "I'm married now, it doesn't make any difference." but promise, if able, to buy at least two new suits of clothes each year. I will not insist on choosing the

names for all the babies.

I will attend to the furnace myself or hire a man to do it. I will not refuse to discharge the cook. I will not complain or get sarcastic if the meals are disarranged or bad, and, finally, I will go to church with my wife at least three times a year. And the bride promised, among other

Not to invite all my friends to visit, and not to exclude my husband's

friends from the house. Not to join more that three women's clubs or insist upon reading my papers

to my husband. Not to keep pet dogs. Not to pick out some other man in the neighborhood and hold him up as

Not to complain of feeling sick, tired

out and nervous oftener than is neces-Not to go shopping more than three times a week.

Not to drag my husband out to evening parties when he comes home tired out and worried.

Not to insist that the baby gets its temper and bad traits from its father's family.

Not to insist on trying to economize by doing home repairing, painting, or making home furniture.

Not to tell my husband the shortcomings of the servants every evening at dinner; not to insist on talking to him while he is reading the paper at breakfast; not to ask him to suggest



Fashion has the scarf-habit. Never were so many beautiful, filmy scarfs seen. Prettiest of all are the printed

on snowy white linen had a wide scarf of pink satin ribbon tied in the back and falling in long ends. Many debutantes of the season count a Renaissance lace and a white Span-

A sailor shape in eyelet embroidery

ish robe among their treasures. These his feelings found expression, at first such as whole wheat, rice, barley, oats, may be worn with vari-colored slips They have the same nutritive value The broadest distinction exists nowwithout the wastes of animal flesh. adays in the gowns we wear, and the

occasions on which we wear them. A. Ins, figs, bananas, are meat foods. To- dinner gown and a ball gown must not matoes, onions, celery, asparagus, car- be confounded, and this means more

Candied Orange and Lemon Peel. We would like to know if any one would either starve or strike. Many has ever tried the following method vegetables have medicinal value which of making candied peel? If any one if more widely understood would di- has a method of her own we would minish the need for drugs and the doc- like to have it for our readers. E. I. tor. Raisins, grapes, asparagus, spin- L. says: "Soak the peeling twentyach, lentils, carrots, contain considera- four hours in salted water. Piace in ble iron. They are valuable for anemic fresh, cold water on the stove, let come people. Celery, onions, carrots and let- to a boil; turn off this water and put tuce are nervines and should occur on fresh boiling water. Let it cook frequently in the diet of the high- until tender, then boil in thick syrup strung nervous person. They may be made of granulated sugar. Let the served in a variety of ways, together syrup cook all out, being careful not to or separately or in combination with burn; place on the platters to dry. other foods. With the addition of milk This is fire for fruit cake, mince meat, and butter, they become nutritious. or to season common loaf cake. It Carrots are delicious in combination will keep any length of time, if piared



Revised Maxim. Early to rise, And early to shop,
Makes daddy's bank account
Take a big drop.

Must Be Old.

"She don't look so old." - .

"But I can remember when she had grippe." Trying. First Chicken-"You seem nervous." Second Chicken-"Why, yes. I've

just seen a cousin of mine running around with his head off." The Gesticulatory Language. "Ah, bon jour, monsieur."

"Oh, talk English-it's too cold for French to-day. I want to keep my hands in my pockets."-Woman's Home Companion. He Doesn't Count.

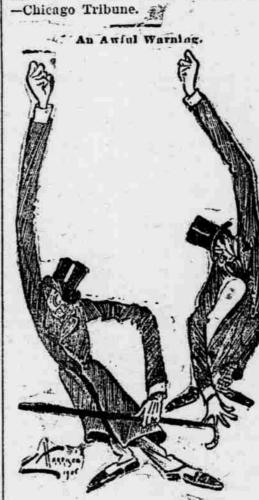
Caller-"There is Mr. Henpeck at the window, and you tell me there isn't anybody at home." Maid-"Sure, then, an' Mr. Henneck isn't anybody-at home."

Impediment. Prue-"Why don't you break the engagement if you find you no longer

Marjorie-"I've just discovered that he wants to break it himself."-Puck. "I understand you played a solo at

the musical last night?" "No; merely an accompaniment." "Why, nobody sang." "True. But everybody talked."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Difference in Pupils. } "It costs a good deal to get a thorough college education, doesn't it, Henry?" asked one of his friends. "Naw!" responded the husky young athlete. "It ain't costin' ma pothin'."



Men of the Strap-hanging age. (From a print of the period, 1995.)-Punch.

Had the Dust "Was there much dust on the trip coming through?" said his friend to the

"I didn't notice any," said the other, "but the porter found fifty cents' worth on my clothes."-Detroit Free Press. After Christmas,

Rivers-"Brooks, you've heard that familiar saying, 'Give a man rope enough---' Brooks-"And he'll smoke himself to

have often wondered who the pretend- the perfume of a violet; a dahlia with ed friend of yours is that's trying to Its disagreeable odor replaced by the kill you off."-Chicago Tribune. Disappointed.

day playing the cornet." "Yes," replied his landlady, "and the

they heard the truth." "What truth?" "They thought you had sprained the

cornet."-Chicago News. ,

Habit. Hicks-"He was at one time quite prominent in Wall Street financiering, wasn't he?"

fine cattle and all that sort of thing." different from his old work." Wicks-"Oh, not entirely. He waters his stock, of course."-Philadelphia

Press. Investigation Called For. Julius Caesar-"When dey git ... 00 investigation.n' de iniquitable Life I wish dey'd disillusionize dis yere tellegraft company."

Marcus Cicero-"Wot dey done, Julius?" Julius Caesar-"Dey done said in dis message, 'Money sent by telegraph.' My ole boss done sent it, too. But

"out in it, sab!"-JJudge.

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Recording bird migrations, Otto Herman, a Hungarian ornithologist, is surprised to find that swallows take 105 days to complete their passing from Gibraltar to Lulea, in Sweden.

SCIENCE

The tails of comets are found by Professor Barnard to be shaped by several causes in addition to the sun's repulsion. Short, straight minor tails, issuing from the nucleus at considerable angles to the main tail, seem to be due to an eruptive force of the comet itself.

If Mars and Saturn reflected the same proportion of the light which falls upon their surfaces the smaller and much nearer planet would look three times as bright as the much more distant and much larger Saturn. As a matter of fact there is no great difference between the two. It is inferred from this fact that the visible surface of Saturn consists of clouds, since no surface of land and water would reflect so much light as that planet gives.

M. de Wilde has a new method of separation, from which he expects great results. He treats ocean water with a concentrated solution of salt of tin, which transforms the gold into purple of Cassius, an oxide of gold and tin, and this is fixed by hydrate of magnesia, which is liberated from the sea water on adding lime water. The hydrate of magnesia has been charged with as much as fifteen perscent, of gold, which is removed with cyanide of potassium solution.

That electricity is soon to replace the manual labor of the housemaid is the prediction of Colonel R. E. Cromppable of washing dishes, kneading dough, chopping meat and even doing the family washing, as well as many other things. The use of the motor to compress air may give a cold storage room for every man's house. Domestic motors have been greatly cheapened and electric lighting companies are profiting by selling current for day use at reduced price.

The radium clock described some months ago by the Hon. R. J. Strutt is now manufactured by a London chemist. It consists essentially of a small glass tube in which a twelfth of a grain of radium is supported by a rod of quartz in an exhausted glass vessel, the lower end of the tube containing an electroscope of two aluminum films. Treatment with phosphoric acid renders the surface of the glass conductive. The positive charge received from the radium expands the leaves of the electroscope until they touch the sides of the tube, when they are discharged to earth and the leaves fall together. This is repeated at intervals of one minute, the estimate being that action will continue several thousand years.

NEW CREATIONS IN PLANT LIFE, The Remarkable Work of Luther Bur. hank, the Horticulturist.

Much has been written in the newspapers and in the magazines about the work of Luther Burbank, who has accomplished such wonderful results in the breeding of plants and the improvement of old species and the creation of new species of fruits, flowers and vegetables. A new volume by W. S. Harwood contains the most complete and comprehensive account of Mr. Burbank's great achievements, his methods of work, and his personality. The things that he has done are little short of miraculous, and not the least miraculous phase of his work is that he has accomplished in a few years what it takes Nature, unaided, generations and centuries to bring about. He has made a daisy six inches in diameter, that will grow anywhere from the Arctic Circle to the Equator; a potato that is recognized as the best in the world; a fruit, made by crossing the potato and the tomato, which grows upon the potato plant, and which is "fine eaten raw out of hand, delicious when cooked, and excellent as a predeath? O, yes, I've heard that, and I serve." He has bred a calla lily with fragance of the magnolia; the plumcot, which is a combination of the plum and the apricot; a plum without a "Don't you know," said the young pit; blackberries without thorns; a man who thinks he has musical tal- full list of his creations would fill ent. "I sprained my throat the other pages. Perhaps his most remarkable achievement is the creation of a thornless edible cactus, which promises to neighbors sent their sympathy until redeem our desert lands by providing a crop which will grow without irrigation and will furnish palatable, nutritious food for cattle and for man .-New York Outlook.

Golf at Ses.

Few of the older sports are now indulged in at sea. The exceptions are quoit pitching and shuffleboard. Sea now as a gentleman farmer, raising golf is fast driving shuffleboard from the list, and athletes at sea view the Hicks-"Well, well! How entirely suggestion of ring pitching with about players accord the idea of playing cassino. Golf at sea is more or less on the shuideboard order, except that the field is bigger and the pastime more exciting.

Snicide Fails ; Asks Damages. Because a revolver which he had just purchased to commit suicide missed fire twice, Paul Schlardum, of San Bernardino, Cal., bas begun suit against a hardware firm for the price of the weapon and damages for its failure to kill him. He says he will postpope further attempts on big life until when I open de eenvelop dere sin't r his faw ze suit is tried.