OPENING LETTERS.

SOME SECRETS OF THE ENGLISH GEN-ERAL POSTOFFICE.

Methods by Which the Officials Become Acquainted With the Contents of Suspected Communications. Private Tests Which Pail.

It is a somewhat remarkable fact that the general public of England knows very little concerning the secret service of the general postoffice, although the service is probably the most complete of its kind in the whole world. To the outsider the secret service is known as the postal secret inquiry branch, and not one in a hundred of those in the employ of the postoffice knows the exact workings of the secret service, as the department has the distinction of being in the charge of certain permanent officials, under the direction of the home secretary and the prime minister for the time being.

Once, and once only, in recent years has a minister of the government allowstory of a tenant at one of the farmers' ed himself to be drawn into making a statement which admitted that the secrets of the postoffice were used for political purposes.

you on your puddin's."

grace, but I dinna' need it."

BRAVE MEN FALL.

Victims to stomsch, liver and kid

ney troubles as well as women, and all

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there's no need to feel like that Lis-

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told me that some years ago he met a

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the regular practice in a case of pneu-

bad cases where they would have choked

to death in less than an hour out and

at work in two or three days. He didn't

consider it a question of constitution at

the man out and keeping him warm.'

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modest women

silent about their

suffering. The in-troduction of

I'll give you 5. - Boston Transcript.

-New York Times.

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Every bottle guaranteed.

Such an admission was made in the days of the first dynamite scare, when an Irish member made a general charge against the government of tampering with the correspondence of certain Irishmen. Lord John Manners, in reply, evaded the question in an ambiguous manner, but indiscreetly called attention to a clause in the postoffice act which empowers the postal authorities to open and even confiscate any letter or package which they might reasonaof the rules of the department.

The secret service is divided into two distinct branches, the higher and the lower, and the duties of the latter are brought to the notice of the public very Only 50c. at Wadsworth's Drug Store. Little Reptiles With Remarkable frequently, as it has to do with the prosecution of dishonest men in the employ of the postoffice. The great bulk of the robberies committed inside the walls of the postoffice is attempted by the younger hands and it is for that reason that every newcomer is occasion- ing districts of California, who could of native adders, in the act of swallowally subjected to keen watching from a make the New York doctors ashamed of ing eggs, which excited uncommon inquarter that he least suspects.

der the observation of a keen eyed The claim of the man is this: Unless common food. This adder is rather watcher, who is securely hidden from view in a secret alcove, almost within touch of the sorter, messenger or whatever the employee may be. Every movement is noted and analyzed, and it free would take a very expert man to try on any underhanded game and escape detection.

On the continent the correspondence of private individuals is liable to the scrutiny of the police or other government agents, and no secret is made of the fact; but, on the other hand, our officials write indignant letters of denial and repudiation, while all the time they are perfecting the fine art of opening letters without leaving any traces of the operation.

Like most clever arts, that of opening a letter without causing suspicion is simplicity itself. A glance at the quality of the stationery decides the operator on the means to be adopted. Some kinds of paper will bear the steaming all. It was only a question of cleaning process without leaving any traces, and in that event the operation is very simple. The contents having been examined, and, if necessary, copied, they are restored to their envelope, which is regummed, the flap burnished with a bone instrument.

Contrary to general belief, the sealed envelope presents no difficulty to the ex- ing away to their many customers of pert. A piece of new bread, kneaded into a firm ball, is pressed on the seal and New Discovery for consumption. the facsimile is obtained. Various other | Their trade is simply enormous in this methods have been attempted in taking the design of seals but the con we have the design of seals, but the one we have points. Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronquoted has been declared to be far away chitis, Croup, and all throat and lung the best for the purpose, the bread be- diseases are quickly cured. You can ing clean and less liable to leave any test it before buping by getting a trace of tampering behind. This dough sample bottle free, large size 50c and matrix is hardened as soon as the seal \$1.00 Every bottle warrented. has been modeled, and when the contents of the letter have been obtained the envelope is closed and resealed with the dough mold.

When it is deemed unsafe to moisten an envelope, it is cut open. The operation is a delicate one and to any but an expert very difficult to perform properly. One end of the envelope is held firmly between two flat pieces of wood. the edge of the paper projecting about the twentieth part of an inch. The expert passes the back of his knife rapidly over the end, roughening and flattening it, while an equally quick pass with the razorlike edge cuts the envelope open. When the contents are replaced, the edges of the envelope are stuck together with a hairline of powerful gum, sub- beings. mitted to pressure for a few minutes. and no one not in the secret would guess what had been done.

So long, as the flap and seal appear intact the receiver is invariably satisfied. Now and then suspicious correspondents place sand, powder, hairs or other minute objects inside the envelope by way of test, but this does not trouble the expert a little bit. He is on the lookout for that kind of dodge, so is careful to open the envelope over a large sheet of pure white paper. When these "tests" fall out, they are carefully collected and restored.

The officials in the detective department can tell some funny stories of their own astuteness. When the charge of tampering was made by the Irish members, one of the Moderate party defended the government and declared that he had satisfied himself by a series of infallible tests that his correspondence was inviolate. He was blissfully ignorant of the fact, however, that he never received a letter that was not previously overhauled by the authorities. - London Letter.

A Lucky Cross.

taken in the privacy of a woman's The Princess of Wales possesses a own home insures quick relief and cross which is supposed to always bring speedy cure. Women need not good luck to its owner. It was formerly hesitate now. Wine of Cardul requires no humiliating examinathe property of the king of Denmark, having been discovered years ago in the tions for its adoption. It cures any disease that comes under the head grave of the beautiful Queen Dagmar. of "female troubles"-disordered Besides its superstitions interest, it is menses, falling of the womb, a fine work of art, and was given by "whites," change of life. It makes women beautiful by m king them the king to the princess on her marwell. It keeps them young by keeping them healthy. \$1.00 at riage day. the drug store.

Very Human.

Teacher-Once upon a time there were two rich men, one of whom made his fortune by honest industry, while the other made his by fraud. Now. which of these two men would you prefer to be?

Tommy (after a moment's hesitation) -Which made the most?

THE SAD STORY IT TOLD. He Didn't Need It. Could the funny sayings and incituczi's First Glance In a Looking Glass In Fifteen Years. dents at the tenants' dinners in Scot-

Shortly after Cuzzi's rescue by Genland be collected they would make an unrivaled book of hamor. Mistakes of eral Kitchener, when the latter entered amusing and sometimes embarrassing Omdurman, the long suffering man said "During my 15 years' imprisonment nature occur frequently at such functions. One story is told of a guest at a I never saw a mirror, and gradually all Scottish tenants' dinner who tasted ice interest in my personal appearance cream for the first time on that occa- faded completely away. When it besion. He pushed a large spoonful of the came sure that an expedition was on frozen mixture into his mouth and its way to Omdurman, I began to live jumped from his chair with agony ex- again. When at last the cannon began pressed on his face. He let out a yell to thunder and the wild cries of the and cried out, "Ow, ow, ma rotten battle penetrated the city, I laid my tooth!" and could not be induced to eat sword ready, determined, should this last hope be destroyed, to put an end At another Scottish affair of the kind to my life. When finally the noise of good old farmer was seated next to the cannon ceased and the victor Kitchthe hostess. She served him a bit of ener stood before me, congratulating savory omelet, which seemed to cause me on my release, I thought I should the old man deep disappointment. His suffocate with emotion.

idea of an omelet had always been a "The next day I made my toilet in dessert with sugar, or fruit or jams, an officer's tent and held in my hand and after tasting the sample before him | the first looking glass I had seen for 15 he turned to the hostess and said, years. I looked curiously at my reflec-"Weel, ma lady, I canna compliment | tion in it and started back. I had gone out into the world a young, active The late Duke of Buccleuch told a strong man, and the image which now stared at me was that of a sick, hollow dinners on his estates who was asked eyed, wrinkled, broken man. Never did by the duchess if he would take some all that I had suffered enter my mind rhubarb, a dish she was fond of. The with such strength as at this moment, farmer was surprised, but answered and I wept, wept like a child-the first

politely, "I'm muckle obleeged to your tears in 15 years! "The day after I was made a prisoner I saw my wife die, but my grief was too great for the relief of tears. My child was torn from me and died of starvation far away, and I could not weep. I suffered deprivations and ill treatment without a sign of weakness, but now, before this small looking glass, I was overwhelmed. The pain of all that I had lost seemed concentrated bly suspect covered some infringement thing for a man when he is all run in the grief stricken features reflected down, and don't care whether he in the mirror. At one glance I saw the lives or dirs. It did more to give me story of my sufferings.

ADDERS FOND OF EGGS. Swallowing Ability.

Among a lot of very interesting specimens of prepared animals sent to the Museum of Natural History at Paris by Father Guilleme, a missionary in the upper Kongo country, there is one group terest. The most remarkable part of it Quite unknown to him, he is kept un- monia. Said he: "It stands to reason. is the relative size of this snake and its some part of the digestive process is small; it is seldom lopger than 28 inchclogged pneumonia is impossible, and it es, and its thickness never exceeds an is even quite difficult to take cold if the inch. Yet it feeds regularly on duck circulation of the fluids of the body is | eggs, the smaller diameter of which is almost two inches.

"His method is simplicity itself. In How the snake can get such an egg the first place, to start with, he gives a into its mouth is difficult to understand, big dose of physic and puts his man into and the aspect of these reptiles while lots of blankets, and then he gathers swallowing the eggs is most strange. all the bottles he can find in the camp | The only way to account for this peand fills them with hot water and heats | culiar manner of swallowing whole every part of the man but his head. As | eggs is the presence in the neck, just soon as he thinks the physic is out of | back of the head, of a series of pointed his stomach, he makes him sip hot wabones slanted backward and piercing ter. Just as soon as he sees a drop of the esophagus. These not only assist perspiration on his forehead he will say: to hold the egg in place, but act like a 'I've got you, old man. Keep the heat saw. When the egg has advanced far going until the pills operate freely, and enough, their pressure will cut the egg: don't let him take cold.' I have seen its contents will continue into the stomach, while the empty shell is crushed afterward and thrown out through the

> While in the act of swallowing the egg the snake is easily caught, for it is alone on the side of the Ganges and then almost in a state of complete inertia; it then looks very much like the fore I knew where I was I had stepped bulb as used by photographers for opening their shutters.

Cleaning Chamois.

To clean chamois polishing cloths pour six tablespoonfuls of ammonia into a quart of tepid water and soak keep on clattering, though I knew that so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's the chamois skin for about an hour With a spoon work and press it to free as much of the dirt as possible. Lift into a basin of tepid water and rub well with the hands. Rinse in fresh water until clean. Dry in the shade. and when dry rub between the hands.

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effect the leaves and green stems of the "akana" or "madar" (Asclepias, It is no easy matter for a violin maker or Salotropis gigantea), the milky jnice to rival the famous Stradivarius instruof which is an acrid poison for human ments, but this an American maker did and did so effectually that experts pronounced his violin a genuine Stradivarius.

The successful man was the late George Gemunder, a famous violin maker of New York. His remarkable ability delicate organism of woman. What as a preparer of violins was known to the sufferer ought to do is to give many a distinguished player, such as a fair trial to Ole Bull, Remenyi and Wilhelmj. But BRADFIELD'S he made, so runs the story, his greatest success at the Paris exposition of Eiffel tower fame. To that exhibition be sent an imitation Stradivarius, and to by Nature for all female troubles. It

tion as the genuine article. he never made the instrument and pro-

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WHEN FIRE BREAKS OUT.

Keep Cool and Remember and Fol-

low These Instructions. In case of fire, if the burning articles are at once splashed and sprayed with a solution of salt and nitrate of ammonia an incombustible coating is formed. This is a preparation which can be made at home at a trifling cost and should be kept on hand. Dissolve 20 pounds of common salt and ten pounds of nitrate of ammonia in seven gallons of water. Pour this into quart bottles of thin glass and fire grenades are at hand ready for dise. These bottles must be tightly corked and sealed to prevent evaporation, and in case of fire they must be thrown near the flames, so as to break and liberate the gas contained. At least two dozen of these bottles should be ready for an

emergency. In this connection it is well to remember that-water on burning oil scatters the flame, but that flour will extinguish it. Salt thrown upon a fire if the chimney is burning will belp to deaden the blaze. If a fire once gets under headway and prompt exit becomes a necessity, a silk handkerchief dipped in water and wrapped about the mouth and nostrils will prevent suffocation from smoke; failing this. a piece

of wet flannel will answer. Should smoke fill the room, recall your physics-remember that smoke goes first to the top of the room and last to the floor. Wrap a blanket or woolen garment about you, with the wet cloth over your face, drop on your hands and knees and crawl to the window. Bear in mind that there is no more danger in getting down from a three story window than from the first floor if you keep a firm hold of the rope or ladder. Do not slide, but go hand over band. - New York Tribune.

Knew Him and Didn't Know Him. A young couple called at a fashionable boarding house in the west end to engage board. They were from Chicago, and the husband had recently secured an appointment in one of the departments. The landlady, an amiable and pretty, if a trifle faded, little woman, showed the couple the vacant rooms, and one of them was finally accepted.

"Now, you'll want references, of course," said the young wife after the terms had been fixed. Then she mentioned the name of a Washington man of some prominence.

"You know him, or of him. I presume?" she inquired. "He is my husband's uncle.

"Well," replied the landlady, "I cannot precisely say that I know him. Nobody ever really knew him. He's something of a mystery. Now, I was married to him for 12 years, and at the conclusion of that period, when I secured my divorce, I don't think I could have conscientiously placed my hand over my heart and declared that I actually knew him. Some men are so difficult to get acquainted with, you know." The situation was a bit embarrassing, but the young couple took the room they had decided upon anyhow. - Washington Post.

Froze the Quicksand.

"When I was out among the hills of northern India," said the major, "1 had an experience that I wonder didn't turn my hair gray. I was camped all had occasion to go for some water. Beright into a quicksand. I knew what was up at once and knew that I was gone. As I stood there with that horrible sand dragging at me like some living monster I turned colder and colder. Do what I could my teeth would every vibration of my jaw was shaking me farther down into that ready made grave. Suddenly I noticed that I had stopped sinking.'

"Struck the bottom, eh?" "Certainly not; I had grown so cold from horror and fear-I may as well admit-that I actually froze the water in the quicksand."



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