A Lilliputian Republic.

How many people are there who know that one of the smallest republics in the world lies nestled on the southand the work of the Pyrenees? For many hundred years it has remained neutral whilst Frenchmen and Spaniards have waged war after war, winning or losing the province around it. Dynasties the province around it. Dynasties have risen and fallen, the star of have risen and fallen, the star of empire has shone over many nati*o*as but amidst all upheavals and changes it has remained a republic. Yes, frail Andorra has clung to its early inde-pendence and is to-day a proof that in the political as in the natural world the reed outlives many hurricanes which uproot the oak. It is probable that even now the existence of the Andorres would be wrapt in oblivion to the outside world, had not the French begun to talk of annexing the doughty little republic. The possi-bility that their independence, which has survived after its own peculiar fashion since the days of Charlemagne, is now in danger of extinction, causes us to turn with interest to inquire a us to turn with interest to inquire a little into their history.

Andorra has long been under the nominal suzerainty or protection of France, and of the bishops of Urgel— Catalan ecclesiastics of the old Spanish type. Barely larger than an ordi-nary county-its whole area is not much more than 150 square miles--its inhabitants are less than 12,000 in inhabitants are less than 12,000 in number. Their chief occ.apations are cattle-raising and char.coal-making and they graze their flocks on the sunny slopes of the Pyrenees, from which they cut down the forests for there fuel. A council-general of owenty-four members, presided over oy two syndics, watches the material interests of the people. Two viguiers, or magistrates, and a judge discharging ene judicial duties of the republic, the In magistrates, and a judge discharging one judicial duties of the republic, the former being nominated by France and the Bishop of Urgel, and the latter be-ing appointed first by France and then by the bishop. The council holds its powers for four years, and is elected in an old-"ashioned way, reminding one of the ulan customs of the Scotch. The heads of four families in each parish meet. clan customs of the Scotch. The heads of four families in each parish meet ogether and choose car delegate from each locality. Here begins and here and the political functions of the An-dorrese. The ballot-box is as unknown to them as the politax, and the other residents in each parish are supposed to respect without question the ap mointments made by their patriarchial hiefs. hiefs.

Every two years the Andorres pay a tribute of 960 francs to the Bishop of Uryel on the intervening seasons; but for all that they deem themselves independent, and as far as the outside world is interested in their existence, it is hoped that they may continue so. -Philadelphia Bulletin.

Victoria.

From Port Townsend it is a three hours' run, across the Straits of De Fuca, to Victoria on Vancouver's Island; and here, at one's first step, he realizes that he is on British soil. It is strange that two peoples speak-ing the same language, holding in the main the same or similar beliefs, can have in their daily living so utterly dissimilar atmospheres as do the Americans and the English. This Americans and the English. This sharp contrast can nowhere be more vividly seen than in going from Wash-ington Territory to Vancouver's Island. Victoria is a town which would well repay a careful study. Even in the most cursory glances at it one sees symptoms of reticent life, a flavor of mystery and leisure, backgrounds of traditionary dignity and hereditary squalor, such as one might go up and down the whole Pacific coast, from San Diego to Portland, and not find. When Victoria is, as it is sure to become, sooner or is, as it is sure to become, sooner or later, a wide-known summering place, no doubt its byways and highways, its bygone ways and days, will prove mines of treasure to the imagination of some dreaming story-teller. The business part of the town, if one may be pardoned such a misnomer in speaking of its sleepy streets is rubbishy and littered. The buildings are shabby unadorned, with no pretense of design or harmony. They remind one of the inferior portions of second-class com-mercial towns in England, and the men and women in the shops, on doorsteps, and in alleyways look as if doorsteps, and in alleyways look as if they might have just come from Hull. But once outside this part of the town all is changed; delightful, picturesque takes; great meadow spaces full of paks; knolls of mossy boulders; old trees swathed in ivy; cottages buried in roses and honeysuckle; comfortable houses with lawns and hedges, sun-dials and quaint weather yares; castledials and quaint weather vanes; castle-like houses of stone, with lodges and like houses of stone, with lodges and high walls and driveways; and, to com-plete the picture, sauntering down the lanes, or driving at stately paces along the perfect roads, nonchalant men and leisurely women, whose nonchalance and leisure could not be outdone or sutstared in Hyde park.— Atlantic Monthin. Monthly.

He'll Get Even. A son of toil from one of the woodsy counties of the State entered a village jewelry store a few days ago, after a walk of seven miles, and said to the

Wath or seven miles, and said to the proprietor. "Me an' the old woman have been disputing for the last three months about eight-day clocks, and now I've dropped in to have you settle the matter." "Well?"

"The old woman says an eight-day clock is a clock which runs eight days if you forget to wind it up every night, while I say it's a clock which takes you eight days to wind it up."

"Your old woman is right."

"Is she?" "She is." She's got the best of you in this case."

"Waal, I'll be shot! But she needn't do any crowing over it! I've just heard that her brother was dead, and being she's ahead on the clock I'll keep the

A Bad Husband.

A belated pedestrian going up Fort street, in Detroit, at a late hour the other night, thought he observed a figure crouching in the latticed porch covering a front door. The matter had a suspicious look, and he halted and looked over the fence. "Go on now!" called the voice of a female through the gloom. "Do you live here?" nquir-ed the man. "Indeed, I do." "Can't you get in?" "Indeed, I can." "Well, what are you waiting for?" he asked what are you waiting for?" he asked, after a pause. "What for?" she deafter a pause. "What for?" she de-manded. "Would a respectable woman be crooked over here at this hour of the night, with a club in her hand, if she didn't expect her husband every blessed minute?"

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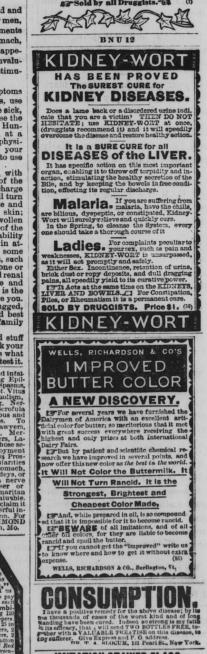
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