A HAZARDOUS WORK A Bunch of Arizona Kicklets

[Original.] In the fourteenth century there flourished in northern Italy a duchy presided over by the Grand Duke Savenola." At that time assassination was

the common method of getting rid of an enemy, and the duke had his own eepecial association who removed with poison any one observious to his master. At state banquets this man stood behind the duke's chair and now and again would be dispatched to one of the guests to piedge him by proxy for the sovereign. The royal rule was that the two should exchange glasses, It being the greater honor to drink from the duke's glass. The distinction came to be considered one which might better be declined, for it was quite likely to be followed by the death of one of the persons honored. There was at the capital a woman, the Countess of Vincenza, of extraordinary character and virtue, some thing not usual in that profigate age

She was much respected by the duke and stood, high in his coundence, even to being consulted by him in analys

of state. She had endeavored to in still into him a higher code of morals, but had failed. She at hist determined to put a stop to his unrulers, even if It was necessary to sacrifice her own she met a man, evidently a stranger, whose likeness to the duke was as of ishing. She sent a servant to bin bidding him call at her villa that even

"Who are you?" she asked when Le appeared.

"Ricardo Mardi, the youngest son a nobleman of southern Italy."

What do you here?"

"I am in quest of some adventure to better my condition. I am starving." "Would you like to be grand duke?" The man, thunderstruck, staumered

that he would, whereupon the countow told him that it was possible; though a effect the object be must risk his life-Ricardo was such impressed with the striking individuality of the counters falling every moment more under her

"I shall ask for an invitation for yee," she wald. "to the next state ban quet. We will attend it together, sitting side by side. As soon as the duke new one so closely reachibling him he will send to you a person who will ask you to drink with his master, exchangg glasses. The glass you receive will oned. 1 will put into practice one of several plans I have in mind using the one which at the time seems most practicable."

most practicable." Ricardo impolitively resolved to place the life in the conntent keeping and consented to do her liidding. She at once wrate to the duke, asking for the invitation, and when the banquet came off she was there with Ricardo Mardi. His likeness to the duke caused a sup-mation. Indeed, he was several times mistakes, for the rules. The moment mistaken for the ruler. The mom The host set eyes on Ricardo it was plain to the countess that he was much incensed. But he controlled hime

[Copyright, 1903, by C. B. Lewis.] The superintendent of the Givendam Gulch stage line has not sent us our annual pass for 1903 yet. Must we sail with a gue and shoot it out of him?

At the performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" last Monday sight the cowboys shot fourteen kerosene lamps to pieces in honor of little Evs. If little Eva doesn't replace them, the theater will be pretty dim the rest of the winter.

Among the natural products found on Bill Williams mountain, which we own body and soul, are borax, soda alum, potash, emery, rock salt, copperas, soap and sandstone, and yet we don't feel that we are quite happy.

We are not hoping for war, but we'd like Uncle Sam to know that if he ever gets into any trouble be can depend upon 250 men from this town at th drop of the bat. They are men who can stand up to anything, from a bar to campon

How the report got over to Lone Jack that we had shot Captain Henderson during a quarrel we clish understand. We did dan the capitain the other day for money he owed as; and he told us to go to- But there was no quarrel. We simply went-as far as we could. M. QUAD.

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Mathematical.

Johnny (aged eight)-When I was, wo years old and my big brother was ix, was he three times as old as 17 Teacher-Yes. Johnny-And when I was four and is was eight was he twice as old as 1?

Teacher-Certainly. Johnny-And now I'm eight and he's is he only once and a balf as twelve

fmn f an blo Teacher-Yes. Why?

Johnny-Well, how long will it take me to catch up to him?-Philadelphia Ledger:

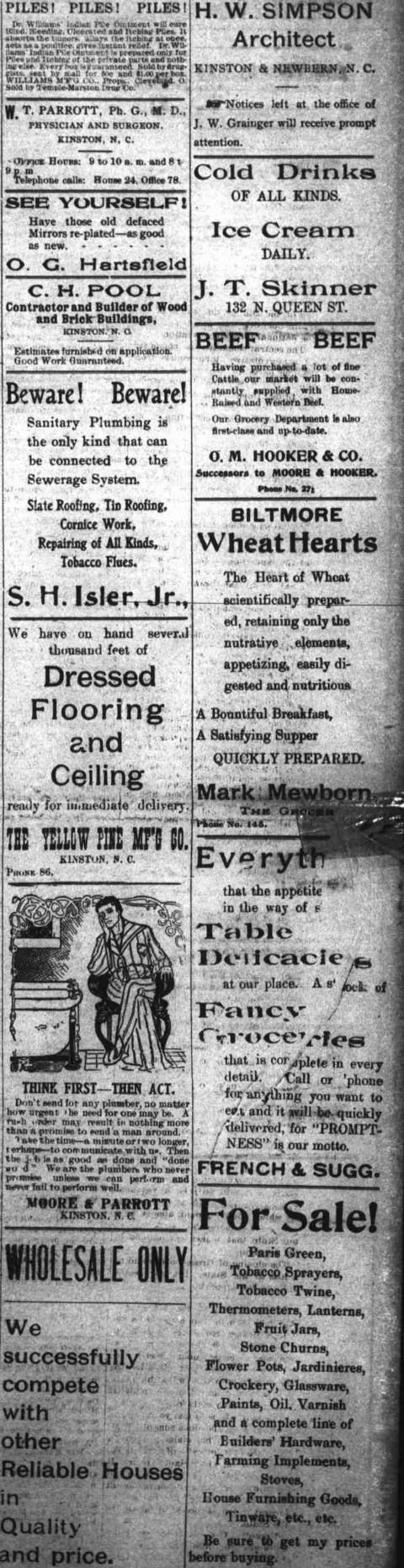
Misunderstood,

"What was the cause of the row in the cellicom?" asked the police captain.

"Two fellows came to ball Murphy out," said the lockup aceper. "What of it?" asked the captain. "Oh, just a little misunderstanding," answered the lockup keeper. "Marphy was looking for some one to get him out, but when these fellows said they would hall him out he thought they were insinuating that he was a tank and so he sailed into them."-New York







and later in the evening sent his proxy to honor the stranger in the usual way. Ricardo rose and was about to take the glass offered him when the counter seized it and, holding it aloft, turned to the duke.

"I claim the bonor of first pledging your highness," abe said. Ricardo, who had been insuranted by her, protested. the two cuntending for the glass. The duke, who saw his intention liable to duke, who saw his intention liable to be turned awry, sat analously watch-ing the scene. Presently be saw the countess drink. She had no sconer done so than, appearing to be lil, she retired to an anteroom. From there she sent word to the duke that she was dying and asked him to come to ber alone since she would communicate is lim a state secret of vital importance. The duke burried to the chamber.

The duke burried to the chamber. The countess in her efforts to get the glass from fricardo had unceeded in drinking from her own glass, unling, it appear that it was the one offered by the poisoner. When the duke en-tered the anterpoin, Ricardo cloued the door, and while the former burried to the countess Ricardo stabled him in the back. Then, exchanging clothes, with film, he hid the body under a divide and returning to the banquet divan and, returning to the banquet

with film, he thid the body under a divan and, returning to the banquet room, took the boat's sent. As soons is Rionedo had been instructed in our to be the soundess called for one of her servaria, who had been instructed in another, he anerical it out to be the sounders stipped out anseed. When the dute's body in her another stipped out anseed. When the dute's body in the sounders stipped out anseed. In fact, if was plate to the sheet of the sounders will also be the sounders who and the sounders in a few moments at the dute's of the counters of the sounder in the fact of was plate to the sheet of the sound o

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at of May. They are ready to move at a moment's notice .-- Chicago News.

Trivilege of Invalidism. Little Jane had heard her mother my that sick people demanded a great deal of consideration. A few days later Jane said:

"Mamma, I think it would be lovely to be slick."

"Wir?" asked ber mother. "Oh, because sick people command so meh consternation?" – Little Chronicle.

Tess I hear you became acquainted with Miss Travis the other day. Jess Yes, and she's such a remarka-ble girl. She told me she had been out of town for several months. Tess-Yes, she was in Europe. Jess-Exactly, and she didn't mention a wood about it to me .- Philadelphia

Tors write your first name very well indeed." Miss Pinkle." criticised the writing teacher. "but you make a sed back of the Jahnson' part at it." "What 's the difference. Mr. Spen-our?" asked the pretty strl. "I expect to change the Johnson part of it some day."-CL came Tribune.

Est Two Prescipitate. "Ah. Gracle, dear." ale said to the duke. "why don't you go to pape to day? Delays are dangerous, you know." "Yes, I realize that." be replied. "har I've only known you three days, and these gat rich quick schemes always meens to be so risky."-Chicago Recond Harhld Herhid



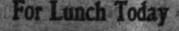


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