of the river—22 feet wide—just the width of the steamer, and the scraping and scratching of the branches or either side awoke me. We stepped out on deck, and saw the most wonderful sight of all, "The Gates" as it is called. Here the stream is so narrow that the branches of the great cypress meet overhead, and the gray Spafish moss hangs down like a long delicate veil. It all seemed very uncanny, as if the witches were after us, with gurgling water and the disturbed birds screaming and crying like lost children.

The next morning when we left the Oklawaha and passed into the Silver Spring, the water suddenly became as clear as if cut off with a knife, Imse gar-fish and cat-fish swam about in shoals. A large hawk perched on an old dead trunk, and a great blue heron winged his stately way, slowly over our heads. We soon landed and with regret bade good-bye to our pleasant fellow travelers. We reached Eustis at half past five for it had taken all day

to make 70 miles.
At Eustis we spent nearly two weeks, surrounded by lakes and pine woods.



A BY-WAY OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

Each day we drove through the deep sand, the horse just walking; but it was levely, lazing along after this fashion, through pine woods, tall straight trees with a sheaf of leaves at the top, and always the gray moss swinging gracefully in the breeze.

Mattresses Of Moss.

This Florida moss, by the way, is not moss at all, but a kind of minute pineapple, and it seems that both it and the pineapple are true air plants. There is no underbrush in these Flori-da pine woods except now and then patches of scrub palmetto, which looks like the ordinary ornamental fan palm that we cultivate for ornament in the north, except that it never grows high

nor has any trunk.

Coming over a little rise we would perhaps look down on a pretty lake, its banks lined with orange groves. Every drive we took showed us several new lakes so that this seems well named the Lake Region of the state.

Colonel T— has a beautiful home among the pines, and there I plucked

my first orange and grape fruit, my first lime and lemon. There, also, I saw the fragrant blossom, the green orange and the ripe, yellow fruit, all growing on one tree. One of the finest groves we visited contained 1,000 trees, cover ed with oranges, while many of the trees were full of bloom. These bride's flowers look like white wax stars among the rich, dark, varnished leaves, and the trees met overhead, forming arches under which we drove—one of the most attractive sights imaginable. We pulled all the fruit and blossoms wanted. It is a fascinating experigrape-fruit tree, and look up through the branches, the leaves so rich and green, with golden globes hanging from them, their weight sometimes bending the branches to the ground, and all this wealth of vendure grow-ing out of white sand.

Picnicing Among The Oranges.

On the first day of March we drove

One Sunday night several physicians of the poung grove in which my husband and son were interested, there picnicing in the pine woods alongside and sucking oranges by the dozen. This reminds me that when oranges are ripe—and the season is six months long—on never take a water bottle with you when you go driving through Florida.

The mornings and evenings have been cool enough for a little fire, but the days are like those of our northern June. We saw beanans growing, and the long purplish blossom is very odd. The fruit grows exactly upside down.

Eustis Park is a pretty place; just a drive through pine woods almost clothed in Spanish moss. They bury this most in the sand to rot off the outside, the inside fiber making a good substitute for hair which is used in the manufacture of mattresses. There are several factories, I am told, in the State which make fine mattresses out of this moss. In the Park the gray squirrels chase each other u and down the branches, and we counted it in less than two nilutes. The butte heart dark by the latter of the park are full of white water lilies. Next week I will tell you about a real souther was a fall of the stan two minutes. The butte farm darky baptism.

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The accept Leasing Bill.

One Sunday night several physicians duced by Chairman Lacey of the Hubbel and t

An ancient gentleman telling of Alex andria in Washington's day, announced that breeches were hung on hooks and the wearer donned them by going up three steps and then letting his person down into them from above. Such preches hooks can be seen at the present time in the Roberdean home in alexandria.

An old lady has recalled the tret boots for women's mahlon in 1828.

LEASING PUBLIC LANDS.

DANGER TO THE HOMESTEAD IN ATTEMPTS TO PROVIDE LIVE STOCK GRAZING.

rea Pending in Congress to Stockmen to Fence and Difficulty Lies in Protect ing Rights of Settlers.

There is a strong movement afoot and several bills have been introduced in this Congress to provide a system of renting or leasing the public grazing lands of the West at a small charge of from one to five cents per acre. There are some 300,000,000 acres of western public lands which come under the general classification of "Grazing Lands," some of which are extremely barren in character-almost desertand are capable of sustaining live stock at the rate of only about one head of cattle to 30 or 40 acres; other ands where there is more rainfall, are much better for grazing purposes, and some of the best of them are capable of sustaining a steer on probably 2, 3 or 5 acres. Many of the latter class are,

a leasing bill which will give some pro a leasing bill which will give some protection to the overcrowded grazing lands and at the same time afford the honest settler an advantage at all times to establish a home, is considered to be a dublous question. Chairman Lacey's leasing bill does not seem to be much of an improvement upon the measures previously brought before Congress. Unless the small stockman and the homesteader, with 25 or 50 head of cattle or a band of 100 or 200 sheep, feels that he is to be protected, and not cattle or a band of 100 or 200 sheep, feels that he is to be protected, and not driven out of business by the big out-fits, he will kill this bill as he has killed all such previous bills which have been presented.

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the danger to the country lies in tying up under lease large areas of fertile country which are suitable for homemaking under their present natural condition without irrigation, and which are gradually settled as further knowledge is gained of them, and better methods of farming them are introduced.

STARVATION SELDOM OCCURS.

Doctor Proves Theory That Terro More Frequently Causes Death.

however, suitable for homesteads.

The difficulty has always been, as it is today, to provide a rental plan which will give stock raisers a sufficient control of the land to warrant them in cently of intestinal cancer. He had not fencing it and improving its grazing eaten anything for over a month, and capacity, at the same time leaving the to the last bantered his brother pracconditions such that the settler and prospective home-steader will at all ing example of his pet theory that no times have free access thereto.

Index the improved a month, and to the last bantered his brother practice in the last bantered his brother practice.

Under the improved methods of farming advocated by the Department of Agriculture, and the new drought resisting crops which are being introduced by that Department, large tracts hitherto considered fit for nothing but grazing, are being constantly brought under the head of agricultural land.

The climatic conditions of the intermountain region are extremely varied, and the settler (where he is not him defend by stock growing interests which



FROM ANASTASIA ISLAND .- OLD FORT MARION.

development of their regions), is con-stantly encroaching upon their graz-ing domain and finding new localities, After a time "Doctor Dick" found ing domain and finding new localities, After a time "Doctor Dick" found here and there, of a very great aggrethat he could no longer retain food, gate extent, where he can acquire a and gave up eating. For five weeks successful foothold to carry on agrinothing except water, and now and

cultural operations. The Lacey Leasing Bill.
One bill in particular has been introduced by Chairman Lacey of the Public Lands Committee of the House, and is

ence to stand under a large orange or are naturally against any settling and tive measures as suggested themselves

then a little medicine passed his lips. One Sunday night several physicians dropped in to see him, and he took the opportunity to enlarge upon his non-

THE MAGIC STORY.

I was sitting alone in the cafe, and had just reached for the sugar preparatory to putting & into my coffee, While I dreamed and sipped, the door opened and closed, admitting—Sturtevant.

Sturtevant was an undeniable failure, but, withal, an artist of more than ordinary talent.

As I raised my eyes to his I was conscious of mild surprise at the change in his appearance. He was not dressed differently, yet there was something new and strange in his appearance. I noted the brightness of his usual lack-luster eyes, and the healthful, hopeful glow upon his cheek, with increasing amazement.

"Have you lost a rich uncle?" I asked.

"No," he replied calmly, "but I have

found my mascot."

"Brindle bull, or terrier?" I inquired.

"Currier," said Sturtevant, at length,
"I see that I have surprised you. It is not strange, for I am a surprise to myself. I am a new man, a different man, —and the alteration has taken place in the last few hours."

the last few hours."
"Do you know an artist who possesses more talent than If" he asked, presently. "No. Do you happen to know anything in the line of my profession that I could not accomplish, if I applied myself to it? No. Tomorrow may new career begins, Within a month I shall have a bank account. Why? Because I have discovered the secret of success."

The Strange Story

"Yes," he continued, "my fortune is made. I have been reading a strange story, and, since reading it, I feel that my fortune is assured. It will make your fortune, too. All you have to do

is will do for you."
"You amaze me," I said, wondering
"Won't you tell me the story? I should

like to hear it."
"Certain. I mean to tell it to the whole world. This morning I was starving. I had gone to three of the papers for which I had done work, and had been handed back all that had submitted. Then I found the story and

"But what is the story, Sturtevant?"
"Wait; let me finish. I took those
same old drawings to other editors,
and every one of them was accepted at

The waiter interrupted us at that moment, informing Sturtevant that he was wanted at the telephone, and, with a word of apology, the artist left the table. Five minutes later I saw him rush out into the sleet and wind and

One night, on the street, I encountered Avery, a former college chum, then "Hello, old chap," he said: "how's the world using you? Still on space?" "Yes," I replied, bitterly, "with pros-pects of being on the town shortly. But you look as if things were coming your way. Tell me about it."

"Things have been coming my way for a fact, and it is very remarkable You know Sturtevant, don't you? It's all due to him. I was plumb down on my luck when I met Sturtevant. He told me a story, and, really, old man, it is the most remarkable story you ever heard; it made a new man of me. "It must be a remarkable story," I said, incredulously. "Sturtevant mentioned it to me once. I have not seen

"He has been making war sketches in Cuba, at two hundred a week; he's just returned. It is a fact that everybody that has heard that story has done well since. There are Cosgrove and Phillips,—friends of mine,—you don't know them. Sturtevant told them the story, and they have expericed the same results that I have and they are not the only ones either.
"Do you know the story?" I asked

"Will you try its effect upon me?" "Certainly; with the greatest plea-sure in the world. Excuse me a minute will you? I see Danforth over there.

Back in a minute, old chap."

He nodded and smiled,—and was gone. I saw him join the man whom he had designated as Danforth, My attention was distracted for an instant, when I looked again, both had dis-

when I looked again, both han disappeared.

If the truth be told, I was hungry. My pocket at that moment contained exactly five cents; just enough to paymy fare up-town, but insufficient also to stand the expense of filling my stomach. There was a "night owl" wagon in the neighborhood, where I had frequently "stood up" the purveyor of midnight dainties, and to him I applied. He was leaving the wagon as I was on the point of entering it, and I accosted him.

"I'm broke again," I said, with extreme cordiality. "You'll have to trust me once more. Some ham and eggs, I think, will do for the present."

He coughed, healtated a moment, and then re-entered the wagon with me.

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A Fair Patent Attorney.

Miss Florence H, King of Chicago in the Patent Office at Washington.

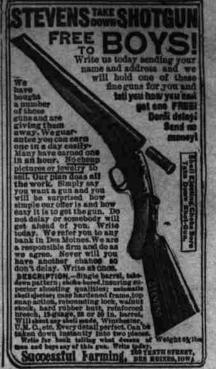
in the Patent Office at Washington.

Fifteen years ago Miss King, then an ignorant country girl, earning her living as a domestic, chanced to overhear a quarrel between two families which was taken to court for settlement. Miss King was subpeened, as a witness, and among other undreamed of things which dawned upon her in the course of the trial the occupation of the court stenographer was the most interesting. After court adjourned she questloned the court stenographer on what he had been doing and his answers settled the vexing questlon of a profession for herself. She was not satisfied to remain a domestic; the more genteel employment of a school teacher, which her family had suggested, did not appeal to her. "I will become a court stenographer," she said. At this point in the story of her life Miss King said with a smile: "Having become court stenographer I wanted to become the court."

In May, 1895, Miss King was admit-

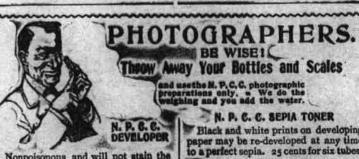
In May, 1895, Miss King was admit-ted to practice at the bar of Illinois. She specialized on patents, and soon relinquished court reporting to devote herself to her practice.

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