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NO MAN'S V LAND A DOMAINCE

hold broken and at the cther's mercy.

In half a dozen breaths I was rushed

Loosening the draw-string of his pylamas and ripping off the jacket,

Coast leaped to the Echo's stern.

poised himself lithely and shot out,

cleaving the water almost without a

Warmth came of exertion; refreshed.

"Now, now!" he cried, as one might

strive to soothe a restive horse. "Easy,

The spinshing ceased in some meas-

invigorated, he swam with swift-

valiantly thrashing arms.

"What do you think?"

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SYNOPSIS.

Garrett Coast, a young man of New York City, meets Douglas Blackstock, who invites him to a card party. He accepts, although he dislikes Blackstock, the reason being that both are in love with Katherine Thaxter. Coast falls to convince her that Blackstock is unworthy of her friendship. At the party Coast meets two named Dundas and Van Tuyl. There is a quarrel, and Blackstock shoots Van Tuyl dead. Coast struggles to wrest the weapon from him, thus the police discover them. Coast is arrested for murder. He is convicted, but as he begins his sentence. Dundas names Blackstock as the murderer and kills himself. Coast becomes free, but Blackstock has married Katherine Thaxter and fied.

In half a dozen breaths I was rushed to the rail (where he att ampted futilely a last stand), forced lackward over it and so held. A fist we s lifted above him and fell like a hannmer. There followed a splash, but no outcry. The man went under like a log. The schooner slipped onward with growing impetus, sails bellying luminous. No life-preserver was thrown, not a hand raised, not, so far as Coast could discorn free, but Blackstock has married the defeated.

Loosening the draw-string of his

CHAPTER IV .- (Continued.)

With a twist of his eyebrows spelling doubt, Ceast followed. He was not wholly satisfied that there was splash. any wisdom latent in this latest freak of his errant fancies. For a fortnight he had given impulse its head, and so, ness and strongth, concerned only to docile to its aimless divagations, had reach his goal before the man could found contentment of a sort-more a sink finally. At length winning to parody than the real thing; dream- his side, he held off warily, watching less rest won through wholesome for a chance to close in and at the bodily fatigue, a waking distraction same time escape the clutch of those bred of constant change of scene; thin ice over the troubled deeps of a heart embittered. Eastward from New York he had wandered, mostly afoot, there! You're only tiring yourself unknown, unrecognized, Warburton alone cognizant of his movements, and that under strict injunction of si- ure, the man wiggling awkwardly stely resorted to, brought Mr. Applelence; thus he had come blindly, seek- round to bring the source of that voice | rard back to consciousness. ing surcease of his distemper, finding within his range of understanding. only the oblivion of fatigue. And recently he had become uneasily conscious that even that was losing its effect, as an opiate will in a frame | Coast swam nearer. "Need any help?" too long habituated to its action; now and again the thought of Katherine and Blackstock would crawl in his mind, viperous, poisoning the very

Here, without presage, he found his whim aiming for salt water. Was he wise to humor it? Would he find healing in the swing of the seas, the savor of spray, the hiss of waters astern?

Huxtable led him directly to a little vessel in a cradle on the ways and bright with new paint. "The Echo," he introduced her: "five year old, weather-wise, sound and sweet, fast and able. Owner left her with me for sale. Seven hundred and a bargain."

Coast strolled round the boat with an eye critical of her lines, then clambered up the skeleton ribs of the cradle and dropping into her cockpit, verifying Huxtable's catalogue of attractions. Presently he climbed down again, impressed that the boat would probably justify its recommendation to the letter.

"When can you put her in the wa-

"In fifteen minutes." "Do so, then, please, and have the gasoline tanks filled and the batteries wired up. . . . I'll want these besides." He found a pencil and scrap of paper and scribbled a list of supplies, . . "You've a spare mooring off here?" he inquired, and received an affirmative. "Then put her off; I'll sleep aboard her tonight. Now I'll take a turn up town and buy provisions and things."

He fitted out without thought of economy: in the list of his acquisitions he could find no lack; by nightfall the Echo was furnished with everything that Coast could think of as essential or desirable for coastwise cruise, whether brief or pro-

tracted. There was no plausible excuse for his failing to sleep; the Echo rode without much perceptible motion, moored about a hundred yards off shore; waters whispered somnolently alongside; the town was quiet. Yet slumber was denied him; an unwonted excitement sparkled his imagination, kindled by a sense of adventure distilled from comerrew's promise.

At five bells he rose and went on deck to smoke, his trouble heavy upon him. The cockpit was not more drenched with moonlight than with dew, but the air was motionless and suave; in pyjamas and slippers, lolling upon the dry side of an overturned seat cushion, he felt no need of heavier clothing.

Presently a breath of air stirred feebly; catspaws darkened the silver; sighing, the air died; the flawed surface of the harbor smoothed and brightened. Then again the breeze still as possible. I'll do the swimfanned up out of the northwest, vacil- ming." lant; advancing, languishing, waxing gradually in volume until it blew full and free

Coast shrugged to the chill and rose to go below, but paused, attracted by a stir of life aboard a small, twomasted schooner that had been riding idly at anchor between two and three bundred feet away toward the shipchannel.

He saw a movement of bustling men upon her deck. Her sailing lights appeared: a green starboard eye glared at him fixedly. The maintail was hoisted, the foresall went up. within a week his fellow-workmen stiffened, a species of large black ant Then, falling off broadside to the ebbing current, the vessel shaped her course handly for the harbor-mouth, booms crashing to port as the red eye swung to bear on Coast. As she drew body broke into his fowlhouse one abeam he could see her deck quite night and carried off the much-be resinous substances in order to cause

which held Coast spell-bound. gling, locked in one another's arms in it in future. Neither was he going and staggering, now this way, now to permit beasting on the premises. that, neither uttering a sound. They Geing home to his dinner the other the memory will be stored with knowl-

ate concentration of effort, each in chases loudly announcing that she silence.

down upon a knee, the weight of his antagonist heavy upon him, and recovered only with a tremendous and convulsive effort, but now with his convulsive effort, but now with his

"That's all right . . "It's these infernal clothes. I can swim, without them. Every try to disrobe on the bed of the sea?" After a time, in a reflective tone, "Me for the Demon Rum after this," came over his shoulder. "I never knew

water could taste so vile." Coast made no reply; apparently none was expected. Laboriously gaining to the side of the cathoat, he clung to it, panting, while the other considerately transferred his hold. Hanging so, he rolled an inquiring eye to his benefactor.

"This occasion," he observed, "is quite too unique. Never have I met a man I liked so well, under similar auspices. Permit me: my name is Appleyard, Christian name (from the Old Testament) Melchisedec-kindness of sponsors in baptism. Please don't look like that: I regret it, likewise." He paused, watching Coast gravely. Melchisedec means king of righteousness,' but don't be alarmed; mistakes will happen even at the baptismal fount. . . And you, sir?"

"Coast-Garret Coast." "Congratulations: that has a human ring. And I am pleased to meet you. None the less, I owe him no gratitude who cheats me of a watery grave to freeze me to death. Upon my word of honor (whatever that may be), I cannot move . . anything except my jaw."

Laughing: Coast scrambled aboard the boat, and leaning out caught the man beneath the arms. After considerable exertion on the part of both, he tumbled into the cockpit and incontinently, with a heavy sigh, collapsed on the deck, in a dead faint. In alarm his rescuer dived below and returned with towels and a bottle of brandy. The latter being immedi-

"Very good stuff," he commented, "Lord!" he said, breathless. "You're half-strangled. "I had a premonition that my season-ticket on the water-Encouraged by this note of sanity, wagon had run out . . . I assure you I swallowed a cubic foot of Fairhaven harbor; all my insides are in-The moderate exasperation of this sulted."



't's These Infernal Clothes.' reply educed a spontaneous isugh from Coast, which he checked abruptclothes off and dry yourself. I'll lend you a blanket and a berth for the ly as the other man again went under,

to an accompaniment of frantic kicks and splashes. Before Coast could reach him he re-emerged, blowing and sputtering. "Beastly tasting water," he com-

mented between gasps, resting. What the devil are you trying to with wonder that so much fire and "Get rid of these damnable trou-

ers; they won't let me swim." "If I lend you a hand, will you-"No; I wen't grab you. I know the answer to that, and I've had one "But how can one feel at ease slam between the eyes already. Come along and be a hero, why don't you?" Coast chuckled as he ranged alongside. "Put one hand on my right shoulder," he advised, "and keep as

"You're the doctor." The man followed his instructions promptly. "Sorry to trouble you, though."

unquestionably sincere shore. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

No Bragging Wanted There

night."

frail and slight.

Working Man Discovers That Boasting About His Flock of Fowls Does Not Pay.

north country working man rewere weary of hearing him refer to is accustomed to cut out pieces of the the subject. At length, and as the result of a

abeam he could see her deck quite clearly, glistening in the white giare that threw the scurrying figures of the crew into clear black relief. They went about their tasks adeptly, sure- went to the other extreme, and when. footed and alert, with a curious de two later, he give men-tachment of attitude, having no re- supply of birds, he didn't even mentachment of attitude, having no resupply of birds, he didn't even men gard whatever, apparently, for that tion the fact to his mates. He had the boughly to understand it, and

recognized that boasting did not pay, often to recall it to mind. By read In the waist two men were strug- and he had no intention of indulging ing continually with great attention. fought strongly, each with a passion day, he heard one of his latest pur edge, and things will recur at times

Rushing into the fowlhouse, the own-He saw one suddenly give way, as Rushing into the fewihouse, the own-though his foot had slipped. He went or seized the offender and wrung her though his foot had slipped.

oft as ye like, but I'll hev no braggin' aboot it!"-London Tit-Bits.

"Get up," said Coast, "get those

Coast took him down into the cabin,

assigning him the starboard berth.

"I trust you'll be comfortable," he

fortitude could inhabit a frame so

and breathed deeply of his content.

who strolls stark-naked . . . aboard

a perfect stranger's . . . private

yacht . . . and - eyah! - makes

himself at home without. . . .

much as by your leave . . .?"

"Sure to be." Appleyard rolled

"With all the pleasure in life."

Insects That Use Rubber. When Para trees are tapped, after rubber and carry them away. Bees also find uses for india rubber and deep-laid plot among his fellows, some species in South Africa actual-

and cover passing a passage without and onsidering it well, when we want them, though we can never recollect the passages or from whence we draw our ideas

As a rule, the melancholy youth ised to come back, which I did, this takes frivolous old man, while felly time with the intention of staying.

The seems to have ower in a least the first place to a musical clock, which gained for itself the reputation of being a rain maker. akes frivolous old man, while jolly by grows serious with age.

ATLANTIC SQUADRON IN THE HUDSON.



IN HEN President Taft reviewed the Atlantic squadron in the Hudson river at New York he saw the greatest fleet of American fighting vessels ever assembled. Our photograph shows a part of the long line and Duke, the most popular mascot of the fleet, reviewing the vessels from the deck of the Dolphin as they passed out to 大大学 からない 日

DANGER OF DISEASE tion she learned that the speakers were plotting to destroy Petersburg by flame. She rode at breakpeak

Leprosy and Bubonic Germs Lurk in Hair Factories.

Many Children and Young Girls Exposed, Says Dr. Charles Graham Rogers, State Medical Examiner of State of New York.

New York.—That danger of leprosy and bubonic plague lurks in "rats" were assertions made by Dr. Charles Rogers, medical examiner of the state department of labor, at the continuation of the hearing of the factory investigation commission.

In the course of his examination by Abram I. Elkus, counsel for the comfactories in which white phosphorous matches are made.

"There are two of these factories in this state." he answered. "One is n Brooklyn and the other is in Oswego. Beyond question there are the most dangerous factories in the state. There is very great danger to employes who handle the matches and work over the phosphorous paste. The chief menace is a rotting away of the bones, particularly the jaw bone, due to the action of the white phosphor-

"Many women and children work in these two factories and in my opinion their employment should be prohibited. Although our present law says that children may do nothing in such places but pack the boxes, I am quite sure that they sort the matches. This exposes them to as much danger as threatens the grown men."

Children, he said, should not be alowed to work in calico print works, in pearl button factories, in gas mantle works, in potteries or in chemical factories of any sort. In one pearl button factory on Long Island, he testified, he found 100 boys and girls under the age of 16.

"Every worker that I examined in this place I found to be suffering with laryngitis or bronchitis," he said. In factories where gas mantles are made, he went on, he had frequently found boys and girls in a state of intoxication due to inhaling the alcohol fumes arising from the collodion used in, the making of the mantles. In Her Missing Son is Heir to Estate of some of the places, he said, wood alsaid, with a solicitude not unmixed cohol was used.

"The inhalation of the fumes of this poison," he said, "causes total himself luxuriously into his blanket

girls, he said.

"If a woman with an abrasion or a or alive.

Tribe, Retires to More Simple

Life in English Metropolis.

London.-The abdicated king of the

Wa-Ki-Kuku, a tribe of flerce, treach-

erous East African savages, has come

to London and a strange tale he has

expedition into the country that I

was destined to rule for three years.

to tell of his three years' reign.

said:

KING ABDICATES HIS POST

Ex-Cabin Boy, Ruler of Wa-Ki-Kuku warriors and making good soldiers of

smack, but, passing that over, he box and compelled to do its master's

miles were:

quarters."

of a case of leprosy of a young girl in this city, to send a force of his men a nearby city caused by wearing an to interfere with the bushwhackers infected puff or rat."

that the workers swallowed quantities ficer, led the men back to the barn of fine, small hairs. Pus producing and routed the plotters. serms on these hairs, he explained, caused abscesses of the stomach if tached to the fair soutrern lass. Her there was an abrasion of the stomach parents, however, would not consent

and "puffs" and that there are many edied at small cost by the installation to marry Long without her parents' children and young girls in this city of an exhaust ventilating system. The consent. and state who work in factories un- law at present makes it impossible to der conditions almost certain to remedy the condition, he said, and cause painful and even fatal diseases, added his belief that children should PLANNING TO CHECK BABIES be prohibited from working in hair factories.

The only other witness was William F. Tibbs, a deputy inspector, who testified regarding a candy factory in this city where the conditions were, in his language, "dirty," and in that mission, Dr. Rogers was asked about of Mr. Elkus, who seemed to be familiar with the premises, "filthy."

HOGS IN FIGHT FOR APPLES

Missouri Farmer is Compelled to Pen His Animals Up So They Can Sleep and Not 'Waste' Away. St. Louis.-Here is the season's

prize fruit story. It was told in Edwardsville the other day by Rev. F. J. Buschmann, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical church. Circuit Judge Louis Bernreuter had been helping the minister to prepare caldrons of apple butter for the winter, and the pastor declared that the apple crop was exceptional.

"Peaches, too, for that matter," continued the minister. "Why, do you know, one of my church members had to pen up his hogs at night so that they could get some sleep and Men in Seattle Jail Go to Court All not waste away.

"They eat apples all day long and at night when they can no longer see them they hear a big apple drop to the ground with a whack and immediately in the appropriation for his office, as the whole drove scurries to get it made by the county commissioners. Their owner tells me they were ac- and realizing that he must continue tually wearing away more flesh in to be short of deputy sheriffs. Sheriff this continued pursuit than they put Robert T. Hodge has adopted the exon, and he therefore had to confine pedient of sending prisoners to attend them at night."

ROMANCE OF CHESTER WOMAN

Heroine Mother's Uncle-Disappeared Many Years Ago.

Chester, Pa.-Mrs. F. Canavan of blindness in time, completely and Twenty-second street and Edgmont Long, a former resident of Chester. Germs abound in the human hair who left here several years ago, and factories in this city, Dr. Rogers tes- whose present whereabouts are untifled, and he had found all kinds of known. Mrs. Canavan says the mothbacteria, including what he firmly be er of the missing man died about five lieved to be germs of bubonic plague. years ago, leaving two sons, John Workers in human hair, he said, were and Harry. Since then a wealthy exposed to danger of tuberculosis, uncle died, bequeathing her a legacy "Don't-" Coast started to reassure chronic gastritis, intestinal diseases of \$40,000. The money is being held Mary Potter, the new dean of the coand abscesses of the stomach. From in trust by the administrators, who He was interrupted by a slight but 80 to 90 per cent of the employes in will not give John Long, who resides callers at Willard dormitory will have human hair factories are growing in this city, his share until he can to provide themselves with two cards show a record of his brother, dead

> cut on her scalp were to wear one of Mrs. Long was a native of Peters- visitor he will be admitted; otherwise these pulls," he continued, and it hap burg, Va.. While out riding one day -and Miss Potter made the situation pened that the article contained any during the War of the Rebellion, she quite clear he will stay outside. Inof the germs I have mentioned, se stopped her horse near a barn for was dignation over the new ruling is great rious results would almost certainly ter. She heard voices from the barn, among the co-ees and the men stuand from fragments of the conversa- dents affected.

> > them, taking care that he had a good

bodyguard for himself and instilling

well into their minds that it was im-

Some of the other methods em-

bidding. I instituted the custom of

He seems to have owed his power

possible to kill a white man.

speed to the Union camp, and with tears in her eyes petitioned a young "One medical man recently told me lieutenant, named Samuel Long, of and save her parents and home. Lieu-The danger to employes in these tenant Long granted her request, and factories, he asserted, lay in the fact the young woman, with the Union of-

Lieutenant Long became greatly atto the match on account of Long be This evil, he declared, could be reming a northerner. Finally she decided

Western Railroad Alms to Establish

Nurseries on All Trains With All Comforts of Home. San Francisco.-Attention, mam-

mas and papas! If this legand, "Check Your Baby," lures your glance when you enter a passenger station don't pinch yourself to see if you are dreaming.

Just take the baby over to the white-garbed nurse that smiles at you from the portal of the spotless nursery under the alluring legend, get your check and enjoy yourself while baby is having the time of its life before train time. Or, if you are tired, you mothers,

that same nurse will lead you to a comfortable couch. The idea of a special room is now being tried out by the Southern Pacific at Sacramento. If the experience proves successful the rooms will probably be established at all the larger stations. It is the aim of the company to equip the rooms with

living at the foot of the blutts has PRISONERS ACT AS GUARDS

Alone and Return After Ad-

journment Is Ordered. Seatle, Wash .- Hearing of the cut court unaccompanied by deputies and

on their parole to return. The other day the sheriff sent John W. Dalton, charged with abduction, down to Justice R. R. George's court on parole, and he reported his arrival at court by telephone and later asked for permission to take dinner down-

"No, you come to the jail for dinner; we'll fix you up a warm bite." permanently destroying the optic avenue, this city, is looking for Harry said the sheriff. Dalton was back in jail in seven minutes after he telephoned.

New Rule at Northwestern. Chicago.-A new "slow down" sign was erected the other day along the speedway of love at Northwestern university. In segregated chapel Miss eds, announced that hereafter men -one for the callee and the other for herself. If the dean approves of the

looked to him for the rain that did not come they sought to murder him. But the providential capture of their chief saved his life. Then the longedfor rain came and all were firmly persuaded that he was responsible for it.

Then Mr. Boyes quit, Bethlehem, Pa.-The world's record ployed in winning the kingship of the for "long-distance" plane playing was savages and their tract of 4,000 square taken from Charles Wright of Battle

big painted and befeathered thick- boiling water by taking drinks of ef- record by one hour and three seconds. Issued are to be listed. lipped black warrior, with a name fervescent powder. I became a blood then almost collapsed from exhausthat no white man could pronounce, brother' with various chiefs, and all tion. The former record was 27 hours but a short, quiet-spoken Yorkshire blood brothers' are friends. I had a and 45 minutes.

man, named John Boyes, gramophone, which was supposed to Bennet performed in a local store Boyes started life as a cabin boy be some awful invention of the white window and kept both hands going and cook on board a North Sea fishing man by which some spirit was in a continuously.

Five-Cent Stores Merge. "It was to get cereals from the intertribal war dances every ten days. New York .- A world-wide combina-Ki-Kuku country that I first made as friendly tribes being invited to out tion of 5 and 10-cent stores, with a capitalization of \$65,000,000, has been announced by Frank W. Woolworth He started by drilling the native But it trought trouble. When they \$50,000,000 a year.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Nation Loses Millions by Bad Roads



WASHINGTON.—In the United 2,500,000 miles of roads of one kind saving effected under this system or another—snough to reach around amounts to hundreds of millions of the earth 100 times. Much of this, dollars every year. however, is of a character not wor. According to the report of the interthy of the name road. Some of it is state commerce commission in 1906, little better than a rock pile, and oth- our railroads handled more than 800. ers are wide tracks through ditches 000,000 tons of freight which originatand swamps. Of the whole only seven ed on their respective lines. All this miles in each hundred can be said to had to be taken to and from the cars. have any improvements whatever, and A great deal of it was made up of the on the most of it the improvements products of the farm and the forests, are such as to be unworthy of note. and it is estimated that at least 200, Altogether not two per cent. can be 000,000 tons of it had a haul of nine called first class. With the proper im- miles at a cost of 23 cents a ton. That provement of this network of roads bill alone would represent more than will c me a saving that will richly \$400,000,000, and other freights and repay the nation.

The roads in the United States may not be the very worst in the world, the wagon freight bill in half, or to but they are bad enough as a whole, 111/2 cents a ton, which is still far that is certain, compared with those in above the cost of hauling in Europe, other civilized countries. Europe is a and the saving would be \$250,000,000 network of magnificent highways. In a year. In fact, the loss on our haul-Germany, France and England one can ing is one of the greatest leaks of our ride for miles without striking a stone whole industrial system. To save this or a puddle. This does not add to waste of effort and money should be pleasure alone. It is the means of among the chief concerns of our saving millions of dollars each year people. It is gratifying to note that to those countries where such roads they are awaking to the need of conare maintained. The cost of hauling over our coun- ing up the matter in earnest.

try roads is now about 23 cents per ton to the mile. In the European countries as long as 18 years ago the cost had been reduced to 10 cents, and it is much lower today. On some of the roads going into London, by the motor cars now in use, it is less than four cents, and by wagon freight can be hauled almost anywhere on the continent for from one-half to one-third States there are in all about its cost in the United States. The

> hauling would run the sum to \$500,-000,000 or over. Now suppose we cut sistent and concerted action and take

Government Busy Cleaning Out Opium

C LOWLY the federal arm is sweeping in the opium fiends. The recent raid here by internal revenue agents, when \$8,000 worth of the drug, prepared for smoking, was confiscated and the distributing organization for the District of Columbia broken up. was one of a series of big hauls in the larger cities of the country in recent months, as a result of which several hundred thousand dollars' worth of the drug is now in government possession.

In the last five months just such hauls, many larger and more imporable to trace the drug to the illicit middle west.

for that purpose Lefqre congress now. generally."

The only way to stamp out the use of orium and cocaine primarily is Grough interstate regulation.

"Since the importation of opium was prohibited, in 1909, a process of manutant, have been made by means of facture has been evolved which has which agents have in many cases been left the door wide open again. The process of manufacture is very simple manufacturers, thus dealing the most and can be carried on quietly for serious blow of all. In Terre Haute, years. The crude opium is bought Ind., where the richest haul of all was from druggists who, without an intermade, nearly \$100,000 worth of the state regulation law, can import the drug was found when the inspectors crude drug and distribute it at will. raided a small river shack where the Since last fall we bave made hauls in crude opium was being prepared for every large city in the country, includdistribution to smokers throughout the ing New York, Buffalo, Washington, Providence, Chicago, Terre Haute, "We are learning how to go about it. Kansas City, St. Louis, Denver, Oma-We are discovering the haunts of ha, Seattle, Los Angeles, San Franthem," said a special officer. "It has cisco, Boston and Philadelphia. been a hard joh, because there is no These hauls have all brought out someinterstate regulation. There is a bill thing and given a line on the traffic

Mammoth Guns to Guard Panama Canal



THE greatest gun ever built will become part of the coast defense at a slope of grassy greensward, whether the Pacific end of the Panama canal on the islands or on the mainland. The giant weapon is now at Sandy There will be nothing visible to shoot Hook, N. J., but according to orders at, for the great guns will be hidden received from the war department it in concrete lined pits, from which will soon start on the most remark- they are uplifted momentarily by their able journey ever taken by a weapon disappearing carriages to deliver their of its size. It weighs 180 tons, is 50 fire. Quite a distance in the rear of feet in length, with a 16-inch caliber each of the two groups of forts will and power to throw a 2,400-pound pro- be three large pits, each containing jectile a distance of 23 miles. The four 12-inch mortars, gun is being moved because war authorities believe New York is in less are vital points, and these will be dedanger of being attacked than the fended by "field fortifications"-that west end of the Panama canal. There is to say, well constructed earthworks, no ship that pokes its nose above the with six-inch howitzers, three-inch horizon will be safe against the mon- field guns, etc. These works are inster gun for with a single well-direct- tended, of course, for defense against ed shot it could send to the bottom the possible attack by a land force. The

largest war craft the world knows to- war department is going to maintain

two ends of the ditch will be defended by seven forts in all, three at the Atlantic end and four at the Pacific opening. These works will constitute two systems of forts-the four at the Pacific end operating together, and likewise the three at the Atlantic end. The fortifications will all be underground. A hostile fleet approaching from the ocean will see nothing but

The locks of the canal necessarily a considerable body of troops on the Although the fortifications for the isthmus. It may be taken for granted canal have already been fully planned, that the forts at the two ends of the the details regarding them are kept | canal will be able to defeat any atsecret. All that is known is that the tack from the sea.

Bar Unbidden Guests From Naval Ball

n ECENT agitation over the new restrictions placed upon midshipmen at the naval academy in the matter of guests at academy dances has brought forth from officials of the navy department a remarkable statement. It vas disclosed that heretofore the doors of the naval academy have been opened wide on the evenings of dances, and all presenting themselves at the coors dressed as for a dance difficulty in keeping a careful scruting have been admitted without question. at the doors of the ballroom; but the Several embarrassing situations number of guests attending has made have developed from time to time involving midshipmen in serious trouble. Henceforth, it is stated, the academy officials will require that no cards of admission should be issued

"The invitations to balls and hope at the naval academy," says the statement, "have been either a source of men are collected together.

smaller and the number of guests day."



this practically impossible.

"Is it too much to ask that only those invited should attend, and that person be admitted without presenting to authenticate the guests? Is there Creek, Mich, a few days ago when a card of invitation, and the names of any decent ball or assembly of any He is not, as one might suppose, a "I made them think I could drink Harry A. Bennet of Boston beat the all persons to whom such cards are size which is not protected by some

Currying a Short Horse. "Doctor," the caller complained, "1 misunderstanding or a cause for at- have headache all day long. I want tempting to stir up class prejudice. you to see if you can't do something Few fathers and mothers with sons to relieve me." "Well," the eminent at the naval academy but would de- specialist said, "I shall have to make sire and expect the authorities having an examination, particularly at the their sons in charge to endeavor to base of the brain, and it will be neceskeep them apart from that special sary for you to take off that high, tight form of temptation that haunts all collar." The caller did so. "Why, docplaces where large bodies of young tor, the headache has gone!" "I thought so. V'ear looser collars. Five "When the academy was much plunks, if you please, Thanks, Good