nd empty that for again with attending to a fight half to give each separa

grimy eccupants of the country of the same look their fill at the measurage. Of A rich New Yorker in vain offers fitted to may make who gave up the plot in the line arrow to immedi, by the existent of the time limit, was remove existent of the time limit, was remove that sty sent away from the narrow loop-a. Dollars and pounds storting have customity depreciated value under

The men of the statch were always questioned for news by the unemployed majority. They related the comings and goings of the Falcon, carried sympathetic inquiries from story to story, promiscuous passing to and fro being remiscress possing to any are commenters of the stairs, and select every tricing pre-text on their own part to reach the topthe stairs, and select every trining pre-text at their own part to reach the top-most beight and feast their eyes on the extensive panorams, visible from the storm-girt gallery. Had they watched the coast line less and the reef more their observations would have had

Quite early in the day the purser handed to the occupants of each room a full list of passengers and crew, with the survivers grouped separately. In only three lustances were husband and wife both saved. The awful scene in who both saved. The awful scene in the saloon accounted for this scenning discrepancy. Dazed men and senseless women were wrenched from each oth-er's class either by the overwhelming sais or during the final wild fight for life at the head of the companion stair-way. A wrack, a fire in a thester, pay little head to the marriage tie.

The third and last meal of the day

was eaten in stience and gloom. All the spare issues were diverted to the kitchen, because Brand, during a fur-ther detailed survey of the stores, made in company with Mr. Emmett and the discovered that there was an ing deficit of fresh water by the

In the hurry of the earlier hours a actions ariscalculation and been made in transmuting cubic feet into gallons. It became an instant accessity to use every heating appliance at command and start the distillation of a drinkable

The Gulf Rock light did not poss a proper apparatus. The only method that could be adopted was to impro-vise a coil from canvas sewed into a tube. The exterior was varnished and wrapped in wet cloths to assist the condensation of the steam; hence, every kettle and pot being requisitioned for this paramount head, cocoa could be supplied to the water even thus distributed was a supplied. he taste of the water even universe po-guised was assesseding. No more po-lations could be boiled. Haw, they were acceptable. And potatoes hapalmost unestable. And potatoes hap-pened to be the food most pleatiral.

The genuine fresh water, reduced to a minimum in the cistern, was only a

a minimum in the cistern, was only a little better in condition unless it was Signed, and Brand decided that It count to be retained for the exclusive use of those seriously ill. Patients were multiplying so rapidly that the

were multiplying so rapidly that the hospital was enowded, and all fresh cases as they occurred perforce remained where they were.

Notifier Constance for Enid felt the time hang heavily on her hands. Both were too busy, though the new ordinance regarding the food supply transferred their attention from active cooking to the replenishing of utennils, which must be kept full of salt water at helling reside. which must be kept full of salt water at bolling point.

at boiling point.

Fyne was an invaluable ausistant.

In the adjustment of refractory canvas tabas over hot speats, in the manipulation of the condensing plant so
that it might act afficiently, in the
triuming of lamps and the stoking of
the actions and fee he instanted on taking to himself the lion's share of the work.

He always had a pleasant quip or

"Tou can conquer treable with a grin," he said. "Werry doesn't cut ice." Enid. of course, chaffed him about rican accent, which, she prot, she would acquire after a

wested, the would sequire after a west's practice.

"It is so quaint to our ears," she west on. "I never before grasped the reason why Mark Twells makes me length, fall he does is to set as a pholograph. Every American is a born humorist."

"Theory something is that," admit-ted Pyre. "We do try to disinter a point. Say, have you girls ever heard now an English professor explained the Yanker drawit?" "No?" they cried. "The said is represented the effort of

The said is represented the offert of an excellent and to make a speech. Story Came has vecaled any to make a speech. Story Came has vecaled any to make a speech. Story Came has vecaled any to work to be lifted his voice to show he would had forced to the story. The fact of the story of the story of the story of the story. That is not view a story of the story of the

na to be in the family all hamarded, looking at Gui-

"But, please, I am not joking a little bit. When you go ashore you will prot-shly hear all about me, so I may as well take the wind out of the sails of goath. I am a mero waif who came sailing in out of the west one day in a little beat which must have come from the new world, as no one appeared to have lost either me or it in the old. Dad picked as both up and adopted me."

Pyne did not know whether to take er seriously or not until he sought confirmation in a pair of tranquil eyes, which he gused into at every opportu-

mity, "It is quite true," said Constance gravety. "I suppose that the mysteri-ous afficity between parents and long lost children which exists in story lost children which exists in story books is all nomenee in reality. No family could be more united and devoted to each other than we are, yet Enid is not my sister, and my father is hers as not my sister, and my father is here suly by adoption. He found her, half dying, drifting past this very rock, and before he could reach her he fought and killed a dreadful shark. We are very proud of dad, Mr. Pyne. You see, he is our only relation. Enid knows neither her father nor mother, and my mother

died when I was a baby."

"Great Scott!" cried Pyne.

He turned quickly toward the door.

Mrs. Vanastiart, very pale, with eyes that looked unnaturally large in the faint light, stood there. For an instant he was startled. He had not seen him. be was startled. He had not seen Mrs. Vansiturt since they came to the rock, and he was shocked by the change in her appearance. He did not like her. His siert intelligence distrusted her, but it was not his business in life to select a wife for his uncle, as he put it, and he had always treated her with respectful politoness. Now, owing to nome fleeting aspect which he could not account for, some vague resem-blance to another which he did not remember having noticed before, he viewed her with a certain expectant sity that was equally unintelligi-

ble to him.
Sibe held out a scrap of paper.
"Mr. Trail is here," she said quietly. "Here?" he repeated, wondering what she meant and perplexed by her icy, self contained tone, while he thought it passing strange that she had no other

growting for him, "Well," she said, "that is the best word I can find. He is near to us—as ear as a steamer can bring him. Mr. Brand has received a signaled message. He wrote it out and sent it to me by a man. I inquired where you were and was told you were engaged in the

For some reason Mrs. Vansittart seemed to be greatly perturbed. Here presence put an end to the gayety of the place quite effectually.

The young man took the paper in He read:

Dear Madam — A rignal just received from the Palosa runs as follows: "Mr. Cyrus J. Tralli is on board and sends his leve to Etha and Charila. Jie will make every preparation for their constort athore and trusts they are bearing up well under incyltable hardshipa." Yours faith-STEPHEN DRAND. Pyne strode to the door.

"I must see if I can't get Mr. Brand to answer the old boy," he cried. "Per-haps you have attended to that al-

She did not make way for him to

"No," she said. "I came to seek you on that account. If not too late, will you tell your uncle that I do not wish to delay a moment in Pensance? He will please me most by arranging for s special train to await our arrival at the station."

"What's the hurry ?" he demanded. "A woman's whim, If you like, but a fixed resolve nevertheless." "Will you travel in that rig-out?" he

"It is an easy matter to call at a shop If we reach shore by daylight. Then I my needs; otherwise it is matterless how I am attired. Will you de this?" "Why, certainly."

She gave a little gasp of relief. In another instant Pyne would have gone, but Raid, who happened to glance through the window which opened toward the northwest, detained him.

"There is no hurry now, for sare," "There is no lurry now, for sore," she said. "The Falcon is halfway to Came du by this time. I do not suppess she will return until it is teo dark to de more than signal impertant news very briefly."

"But this is important," cried Mrs. Vansittart shrilly. "It is of the utmost importance to me."

"Fraid R can't be helped, ma'am," said Pyne civilir. "Anyhow, we're not

said Pyne civilty. "Anyhow, we're not sabore yet, and I can't see that any time will be wasted." a electric ball jungled in the room, any Mrs. Vansittart to jump vis-

fiby,
"Oh, what is it?" she acreamed.
"My father is calling one of us up,"
explained Constance. "It may be a
message from facil. You go, Enid."
Enid hereted every. She had acarcely
reaches the next floor before Mrs. Vanelitart, who seemed to have moods in
full compane, a. I evectly:
"Convey my deep obligations to Mr.
Brand, won't you, Charite? Indeed, you
might go now and write out the text of
my message to your whole. Some early
opportunity of dispatching it may offer."

"All right," he said in the calm way rhich so affectually concented his fuel man. "Shall I essert you to your

"Thy no means. I came here quite manisted. Mise Brand and I can clust for a little while. It is most wearying to be yent all day and all night in one little room. Even the change to another little room to grandful."

Type hower, and they hered his simily from his he accorded to claim. "Quite a nice bay, Chartin," and Mrs. "Rittle room to grandful."

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"Yes. We that he is mendingly ston," said Constance file weadond why the other wanten exceed always to chard in the similar to chard in the similar to chard in the similar to constraints. Your little to the charter of the constant the similar of the chard in the similar to close. The strongest light is the darkered character came from the grate, and Mrs. Youritart deliberatory turned away from it.

week in order to marry his uncle in The Race Issue in New Aspect.
Forts. Bathor of disastrons beginning Richmood News-Leader.
to a new curver, is it not?" "I hope not, indeed. Perhaps you are

surmounting difficulties at the commencement rather than at the end "It may be. I am so much older than you that I am less optimistic. But you that I am less optimistic. But you this man are grain the significance of my words. I said I was to be married to Paris."

"Yes," said Construce, still at a loss to catch the drift of an announcement which Mrs. Vansittart seemed so anxlons to thrust upon bor.
"Well, the Chinok was wrecked inst

night, or. rather, early this morning. The name of the ship was not rinde mown throughout the world until long after daybreak. It is quite impossible that Mr. Traill should have reached this emote corner of England from Paris in the Interval."

For one moment the girl was pusslad. Then a ready solution occurred to her.

"Oh, of course, that is very simple. Me. Traffl was awaiting your arrival in Southampton, thinking to take you by surprise, no doubt. That is sure to be the explanation. What a shock the first talegram must have given him!" "How did be ascertain that his neph-

ew and I were alive?" "The very first thing father did was to telegraph the names of all the surrivors. I know that is so because I gaw the message."

"Ah! He is a man of method, I suppose. You are proud of him, I beard TOU BOY."

"I think there is no one like him to all the world. We are so happy at home that sometimes I fear it cannot last. Yet, thank God, there is no excuse for such nightmare terrors." Mrs. Vausittart coned in her gentle

"Indeed, you have my carment good wishes in that respect," she said. we not owe our lives to you? That-in an excellent reason for gratitude, if a selfish one. But some day soon you will be getting married and leaving the parental roof."
"I do not wish to die an old maid,"

laughed Coustonce. "yet I have not discovered a better name than my own up to the present."

She fancied that Mrs. Vansittage winced a little at this remark. Deeming her visitor to be a bundle of nerves, she jumped to the conclusion that the other aromun read into the words some farfetched disparagement of her own approaching marriage.
"Of course," she continued, affably

tactful, "I will bold another view when the right man asks me."

"Were you in my place," mormured her visitor, apparently thinking aloud rather than addressing Constance, "you would not be fearful of misfortune? You would not read an omen of ill luck into this dramatic interruption of all your plans? After many years od I am about to be married again to a man who is admirable in every way. He is rich, distinguished in manner and appearance, a person of note not only in the States, but on the continent. No woman of my years might desire a better match. could not the way be made smooth for me? Why should the poor Chinook, out of the hundreds of mail steamers which cross the Atlantic yearly, be picked out for utter disaster? It is a warning-a throat from the gods!"

The unconscious bitterness of ber tone moved the girl to find words of consolation.

"I would not question the ways of Providence in the least," she said. "Surely you have far more reason for thankfulness than for regret.'

"Regret! I am not regretting, but I have gone through such trials that I



Constance was desply touched. am unnerved. There, child! Forgive me for troubling you. And—and—kies me, will you, and say you wish me

She moved nearer, as if driven by uncontroliable impulse. Coustunce, not prepared for such an outburst, was nevertheless deeply touched by this ap-

peal for sympathy. "I wish you all the joy and happiness which I am sure you deserve," she said, stooping to kiss the wan, shrinking face held up to her.

Mrs. Vansictart burst into a parox-

rum of tears and tottered toward the

"Mo, no," she gasped as Constance caught her by the arm. "Do not come with me. I am shaken. It will pass. For Ged's sake, let me go stone?"

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A New Rac.

The intest information regarding the program of the scientific expedition which was sent to central Africa from London by the flouth Kensington amuseum some monito ago for the purpose of conducting avalogical reasonable among the Mountains of the Moon is detel from Risvenzori, the middle of June, at which time the explorers were still in that range, says the London Graphic. All the party were in excellent health. Having amounded for the first time two pasts of Rusvenzer which helve as allitude of over 14,000 feet, the expedition was angaged at the time of writing in making collections in the range. The gignatte fruit sating but, which is among the earlier sociogical discoveries, has now reacted Ringians and is found to be new to science. The expedition is not expected to return to Regional until next

It is not unlikely that a curious tangle of politics between this country and Cuba will develop before many weeks, to the embarrassment of the administration and the Republican party. The latest development of inside facts of the Cubau sitnation indicates pretty distinctly that the real question in the island is between negro and white rule. As no accurate census by color aud race has been taken there it is impossible to know the relative strength of Negroes, Mulattoes, Spaniurds and Cubans, but it seems to be a fact that the negroes either have a majority of the vote or hold the balauce of wer, and that they will con rol affairs if their votes are freely cast and honestly counted.

President Palma apparently undertook to do in Cuba what we have done in the Southconduct his election under form of law while containing to keep the negro vote out or make it elicenve. The trouble with im was that he was not strong

mough to sustain his position. He stole the election in circumstances where we here in the South regard as justifying such action, but he could not hold the fruits of what he stole. The Spaniards and the Americans ming in Cuba did not help him or desire his success, because they are anxious above all things for a stable, sure and steady government, and believe that the only way to have it is with the United States in charge. The mass of the Cubous after all the fuss and hurrah and shricking and yearning for liberty with which they used to keep the world stirred up and sympathetic, seem to have been entirely indifferent. We observe that even those that volunteered to sustain the government are organizing a row now because it is proposed to pay them only for the time they have been in service actually and to refuse any extra allowances, Doubtless if it was not for the strong hand of Uncle Sain they

would be in revolution and tak-

ing to the bushes.
When we come to the show down and the final straightening up of the situation we will be required to confront the question whether the negroes shall be allowed votes under the law. The proposition probably will present itself about in this shape: If the negroes are allowed to vote and their votes are fairly counted they will control the government and rule the country, with the assistance of some white allies. If they are not allowed to vote the government will not be a republic and new revolutions for universal suf-fering may be expected to follow all general elections. With the experience of the Southern States under the reconstruction governments with negroes generally of a better class and more eulightened than those of Cuba. our government may well hesitate to permit the island to go into such keeping. On the other hand, if any plan for the general or partial disfranchisement of the negroes in Cuba is permitted, the administration and the Republican party must face in this country the angry rotest of the negro voter who has the balance of power in several Northern States. Purthermore, such a course in Cuba would be an official and direct endorsement of the policy of the Southern States toward the

publican party—doctrines which it has continued to pretend to hold but actually has carefully ignored. hands and gone ahead as our necessities required, trusting to luck and to common sense of the country to let us manage in our own way; and the country has very wisely and fairly kept its hands off and let ns alone. We can imagine, however, that when President Roosevelt and his party associ-ates are brought face to face with the question whether they shall permit the extinction of the negro vote in Cuba or choose between negro rule and a chronic riot they will have some perplexing half-hours.

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declared doctrines of the Re-

His Arm Torn Off. Claveland Star.

key. J. C. Blanton got his arm torn off in a cotton gin Wednesday and is suffering intensely from the wound. Mr. Blanton lives near Oak Grove in No. 5 township and is a well known and popular citizen, as well as an earnest minister of the gospel.

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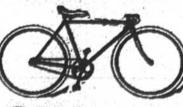
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