CHAPTER I.

"You don't care for diamonds?" said was only one person in the room-a gen-Lady Heatherbloom. "It is talking non- tleman, who stood opposite to the door sense to say that, Floss; you want to see | watching it. His hands were full of roses. them on yourself, and then you will know As Floes caught sight of him she flushed what diamonds are. Come-you shall try and smiled : then she clasped her gloved on the Heatherbloom set; some day or hands, exclaimingother they will be yours, I suppose.

She touched a bell at her side as she spoke; immediately a maid came in from the next room.

"Unlock my jewel-case, Mills," said ... Oh, yes, yes!" Floss answered eager-Lady Heatherbloom, "and bring me the ly; and she hastily unfastened her cloak,

During Milla absence a silence fel upon the two ladies. They were sitting | "I wish I could help y u, said George drinking tea in a little sitting room which | but I daren't touch, lest I should spoi sanctum; it opened into her dressing- in that dress-and the roses will just perroom. It was small, but wonderfully feet it! Flest there's no such levely wepretty; the chairs were of carved ivory, man in London to-night as you !" the walls hung with white silk embroidered with flowers.

and aweet scents.

Floss was Lord Heatherbloom's ward, an orphan, and absolutely poor. She was world as these, I think !" she said, with a a distant connection of the family, the little sich of happiness. child of people of good birth, but without | Mr. Kennedy was the head-gardener a means. She was left alone in the world Heather and Castle, Lord Heatherbloom's when a mere girl, but Lord Heatherbloom seat in S otland; and these especial roses was her guardian; and when her mother were the pride and joy of his heart, for was on her death-bed, she wrote to him. he believed that no other gardener in The Earl responded immediately in per- Great Britain could grow them to perfechis cousin alive; but he took Floss home but she cared for many other kinds more

She received the girl very gracious y very well what was wanted of him. He however. Floss was intensely thy and sent Lady Heatherbloom boxes of flowers timid. She was full of gratitude for all which filled the great town-house with the kindness that had been shown her by colour and sweetness; and every now the Heatherblooms; but she had no cour- and then he dispatched to Mr. George

She understood Lady Heatherbloom's ren; the girl knew that what she had meant was that she herself might one day | The Honourable George Hazel was be Lady Heatherbloom.

"Tell me now if diamends are not in

Floss crimsoned and looked deprecat look. Lady Heatherbloom watched Floss's changing and expressive face with much

"You are half afraid of yourself, are you not, Floss?" she said, with a smile. "Not of myself, I think," the girl replied, "but of the stones; I am sure I should never dare wear jewels of such Something in their look brought the rare ever afterward. value. Fancy, if one lost them !"

"Lost them !" repeated Lady Heather-- bloom, giving her a quick glance. "What skin, it was like nothing but the glow an absurd idea! Of course such things are lost, but not every day, and not, as a rule, when one is wearing them. They are more often lost from their case, if lost at all. I wonder sometimes there those diamonds, for instance. Mills to you while we are separated." might tell all the servants in the house, all the barglars in London, just where they are kept in my dressing-room, and I don't think I should hear it if a dozen burglars walked about there all night. I "sleep the sleep of an easy conscience;

as they lay there sparkling on the velvet, because it is yours." they were very beautiful, even to unclearned eyes. Floss knew nothing about diamonds; yet she drew a long breath of admiration as she looked at them.

"They are fine stones," said Lady Heatherbloom. "Most of them have been in the family for a long, long time. I'm glad you admire them, Floss; it

"Oh, yes, I do indeed!" declared Floss. "I did not suppose they were really so beautiful. I hardly noticed them that night you wore them ; I was too frightened myself to look at anything."

"Frightened! You, who were the prettiest gill in the room!" Lady Heatherbloom exclaimed, laughing. "Put the diamonds away, Mills-and don't forget that I wear them to-morrow night. Put out the opals for me this evening. And you, Floss-what are you going to wear to-night ?"

"I have a new dress that you have not seen, Lady Heatherbloom-Dulue has made it for me ; I think it is pretty ; but, though I wanted something simple, it has

oost a good deal." "Do you want some money, Floss? asked the Countess.

"No-oh, no! Lord Heatherbloom is very kind to me-kinder than I have any right to expect." Nonsense, child !" said Lady Heather-

bloom lightly. "You are one of ourselves. Pray what would George Hazel say if you were not dressed in accordance with your beauty and position?"

"Yes, I understand !"-Floss grew crimson as she answered. "And yet, do you know, Lady Heatherbloom, I can't roses!" she said. "You are a great favorhelp being ashamed that I am so poor !"

"You are talking nonsense, Floss !" she her cloak ; we are very late !"

"Perhaps I am," replied the girl humbly : "yet I would like to have some money of my own. "You will have plenty one day!" de-"Wait till you are the Honourable Mrs.

carry you off in a ceach and four. Floss smiled, and then sighed.

"It is time to dress, I think," she said.

nd went away slowly. Lady Heatherbloom's gaze. She looked after he has been there half an hour or so and more for the mother who loved him had swallowed a comple of horns afore round, laughed a little, blushed a great back he runs to the smoke room again. so. After my visit to Chislehurst I never breakfast, and I guess they are inside of deal, and ran away.

Lady Hes:herbloom, left alone, fell lon

into a reverie so profound that she re-She went down the wide stairs to the drawing-room, where she almost expected to find Lady Heatherbloom waiting for her-for she was a little late. But there

'Oh, George, how beaut ful !" 'Isn't Kennedy a good old fellow said Georg -. "I was delighted when saw these-will you wear them?"

and, throwing it aside, began to unpin the flowers in her hair and dress. was Lady Heatherbloom's own particular something or other. How well you look

He stood, the roses in hif hands, and feasted his eyes on her beauty. Floss was not often invited there; when stood in front of a great mirror which was she came she looked about her with eyes let into the panelling of the wall; and, of wonder. None of the dignified gran- when she had taken the flowers from her deur of the Heatherbloom mansion im- hair, she took two roses from the cluster pressed her as did this nook all colour he held, and fastened them in the soft

"There are no such lovely roses in the

son : he arrived however too late to see tion. Lady Heatherbloom liked flowers, with him, and told Lady Heatherbloom han for roses; but Floss loved them. that she was to live with them always un- George had observed this -and, after their engagement, he bribed Kennedy to Lady Heatherbloom looked at her, and knew that her own beauty was eclipsed. She received the girl very graciously their engagement, he bribed Kennedy to preserve the blossoms of these especial trees for him. Kennedy understood the contract is signed, the engagement the contract is signed, the engagement three or four of these wonderful roses.

Floss was happier when she wore them remark about the diamonds; her engage- than when she had the diamonds in her ment to Lord Heatherbloom's younger hair and on her neck. She did not know brother was but a month old-any refer- that they became her delicate beauty betface. Lady Heatherbloom had no child- knew that she loved them, and that George brought them to her.

singularly unlike his brother, the Earl. She felt strangely shy when Mills re- Both were tall; but Lord Heatherbloom turned and opened the case in which lay was very slight and stooped rather ; he the Heatherbloom diamonds. Lady wore a long waving brown beard, and a Heatherbloom rose, and, taking them heavy moustache, which made people from their velvet beds with her own hands, fancy him scarcastic, because they could decked Floss out in all the glory of these not see when he laughed and when he magnificent jewels. Then she turned her | did not. He was but little given to speach, though he could task well when h chose. He was a very reserved and their place upon a beautiful woman," she taciturn man as a rule-people were a little inclined sometimes to pity his lovely wife. Mr. Hazel was the opposite of ingly at her own reflection; but what she all this. He was broad in proportion to saw surprised her so much that she looked his height; he lived out-of-doors as much again; for indeed these sparkling stones as he could; he was a rowing man, a did add a brilliance to her beauty such as cricketer, a great rider. His face was she had never seen it wear before. She clean shaven, and this was so much the drew back a step, with a shy startled better, for he had a most expressive mouth; his eyes were always laughing.

He simply adored Floss. He stood breathlessly absorbed in watching her now as she fastened the two roses in her hair and a great cluster amongst the lace on her shoulder. This done, she turned away from the mirror and met his eyes. colour to her cheeks-such a colour !when the blood rose beneath that alabaster

"Floss," he said, "I can never be at are not more robberies of that kind; it Now, when I have to wait so many hours, the greatest cause of the reappearance of countries is enormous, and we boast that chambermaids, and the group or three or would really be a very easy thing to take I tremble lest something should happen This deplorable disease is former treat- we are fond of our tea; the fashion of four presently grew to a dozen. Who oc-

George," said Floss; "it seems to me salt, or a plaster of Burgundy pitch. now that you are very foolish !"

I have known you, Floss. I have used strong. would be dreadful want of taste if you Floss, with a little world-worn air, imi- so now, than in our grand-parents' time to the servants, the great charm of the

> "I shall love you," said George Hazel, very seriously, "as long as there is any pot of very strong hot coffee made, and has become unfashionable for the mistress breath in my body; and I hope even when the first chill is felt, pour out about of the establishment to preside over her after that !

Floss shook her sunny head.

fever may burn out."

ed; "but people in love always say the up warm. If the first test is not success- milk or cream, or alter its taste with same thing, don't they?" Ah, George, ful, repeat the same the next evening, sugar, but lightly pour boiling water husband's back ! don't look at me like that ! You know, until the third, which will cure. if I didn't believe you, I should break In all cases of fevers and headaches, then instantly poured off again, by which

she raised them to his; and he tried to spoonful of mustard; mix with hot vine- its principle .- "Tea and Tea Drinking wipe them away with a morsel of Valen- gar, apply hot; when it is dry, renew the by ARTHUR READE. ciennes which, she said, was her pocket application. This will cure, if conhandkerchief; and then they laughed and | tinued. forgot why the tears had come, they were so happy-forgot that there was a dinner- coction and drank, will care. party and a dance to go to to-night-forgot that the carriage had been waiting conditions. half an hour at the door, and that Floss should have her wraps on, ready to go, little salt, and applied to the wrists and the moment Lady Heatherbloom came soles of the feet, will cure fever and ague,

Indeed they were so happy that they did not know Lady Heatherbloom was ready and standing in the drawing-room doorway, until they heard her soft laugh. "So you have brought Floss some i e with Kennedy, George. Never mind, Lady Heatherbloom turned and looked I forgive you; for Flors looks lovely when she wears them. Come, make has'e with

> (TO BE CONTINUED.) Mark Twain's Nervousness.

Mills was at the jewel-case; she had other is in the body of the car. As soon about a foot long, as the plaster had put away the diamonds, and was taking as Mr. Clemens finishes smoking his cigar somehow forced a channel for itself. This drove her home yesterday evening. The out the stones that were to be worn to he has to get up and fly from the apart- remarkable bust now stands on a pedestal animal was a curiousity to his children. night. Floss stood a moment in the ment, because he cannot bear the smell in the press room at Shoeburyness, and doorway and watched her. Lady of tobacco smoke when he is not producing is marked Napoleon IV. To think of the three-year-old; "it dot no horns." Heaterbloom turned her head and it himself. So he sits a little while in brave, bright young man as I knew him, watched Floss. Presently Floss awoke the +moke room, then trots out to his full of life and boyish earnestness as havfrom her abstraction and became aware of other place in the middle of the car, and ing died, makes my heart ache for him,

PARISIAN MARRIAGE.

How Matches are Made in Fashionable Origin of the Railroad Believed to Date

A writer in Le Figaro has recently ta-

Two or three days after his acceptance were made of malleable iron.

examine the presents.

day the religious marriage is celebrated invent some means to keep cars from well-known, we unhesitatingly comment

America. There is a wedding breakfast speed of twenty and one-half miles, with troit the other afternoon, proceeding and a honeymoon trip, and very often an average of fifteen. the couple so married do not live happily

Chills and Fever.

tated from Lady Heatherbloom, "or the when stoves, registers, and gas were not beverage has departed . . . Indeed, so freely used.

a pint and squeeze the juice of two own tea-table. The Chinese never dream lemons in it, and sweeten it to please the of stewing their tea, vs we too often do in "That sounds very sweet," she answer- taste; drink it all and go to bed, cover America! They do not drown it with

apply poultices to the soles of the feet; the Chinaman obtains only the more Two tears stood in her shining eyes as | take two tablespoonsful of salt, one tea- volatile and stimulating portion of

Boxwood leaves made in a strong de-

Wormwood will also cure on the same Feverfew when green, bruised with

Use this every day till well.

Empress Eugenie and Her Son. still. Two seats are reserved for Mr. tist who put his hands on the young Na- like aworn-out bruter. Clemens in the drawing-room car on the poleon's neck and pushed it still further train by which he may travel. One of in. When the plaster cast was taken out there seats is in the smoke room and the there was a nose like a gourd squash

per's Reminiscences.

THE IRON WAY.

The origin of the railroad is by some ken upon himself the task of teaching writers believed to be unknown. There especially when it leaves the mind on a people how to live in grand style. In is in the British museum an Egyptian stormy sea without an anchor or hope of a recent article he has explained the cor- hieroglyphic which represents slaves haven. It does not probably pre rect ceremonial of a French marriage and drawing stones over a road like a primi- vail any more in these days than it did in its preliminaries. First of all the match tive tramway. One writer would have us the past, but we hear more of it because makers, parents and friends hold all believe that a similar device was known of the publicity given by the secular press. kinds of meetings and confabulations at in China many years ago. While it is Some minds are so constituted that they balls, at the theatre, at the races, in all admitted that printing, gunpowder, and cannot accept anything without proof, and the fashionable meeting places. If all many other things were familiar to the yet they do not necessarily demand that the information obtained about the Chinese before they were known to the proof shall have the stamp of highest Thomas d'Aquin. The young man is seventeenth century. About 1770 a tions of self-interest and right. New surred now and then). told that the young lady will werr such double parrell line of wooden beams was ideas are almost always disturbing, but Don't Wear Cumbersome Trusses and such a hat, and, concealed furtively laid at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and a large eventually they become assimilated and behind a pillar, he examines her and cart, with four rollers, drawn by horses are warmly commended. upon her in the afternoon. The young less wear and tear. In 1768 rails made self doomed. man then sends a white bouquet to the wholly of iron were used, and in 1789, young woman, whom he may consider to when William Yessop built the first tention drawn to a widely-reputed means of be his fiancee, and until the marriage is public railway in England, at Loughbo- restoration in cases like his own. He recelebrated he must continue to send a rough, he introduced the edge rail of cast luctantly began its use. Every few weeks to complain if the sparks fly in his face. bouquet every morning of roses, camelias iron and changed the flange from the rail he had chemical analyses made, and findto the wheel. Finally, in 1808, the rails | ing constant improvement, he eagerly per-

wraps, two opera cloaks, four ball dresses, to carry out his idea. William Murdock, medical friends, has had no relapse. the necessary witnesses. The following Time and ingenuity were employed to Taylor, of the Globe, and others equally with as much pomp as you please. The slipping when going up an inclined plane. it to the favour of our readers.

bride wears a white satin dress, with lace The first really successful engine was invell over her hair and a wreath of orange | vented by George Stephenson, in 1814. It blossoms. The face is uncovered and the ran six miles an hour, drawing thirty tons. Until 1829 there was little progress The rest of the ceremony does not dif- made. Then Robert Stephenson built fer from that practised in England and the Rocket, which attained a minimum

Tea-Making. The couraging. It is effer a pale, half- chambermalds at once sent a messenger to This disease is in every one's mouth; chilled, unsatisfactory beverage, or it the office with the news that murder was offer to send their celebrated Electrorest while it is possible that anything can it has become a mania, until every little contains a dark, black-brown sediment being committed. part us. When we are married, I shall change in the system is attended with from overboiled tea-leaves. The con- "Don't kill me by inches !" hardly dare to let you out of my sight. almost a deathly fear of chills and fever. sumption of tea in English-speaking The words alarmed others besides the ment. The remedies used to checkthe tea-drinking has extended to other cupied the room? One of the chamber-"What can happen?" she asked, half disease do not cure it, but promote its countries once extremely heretical on maids recollected of seeing abeetle-browed reappearance. Every one can cure them- the point; and yet where is the foreigner man of general piratical look, accompanied "Oh, I do not know-I have no idea! selves, and need no physician. Those to find a good cup of tea in America? by a woman closely veiled, enter No. 40. illustrated pampblet free. But when you were at Heatherland I who have not the convenience for baths At the railway stations? Very rarely. Was he killing her? could not rest until I came too; I thought can use the sponge bath, in a hot room. At the restaurants? Scarcely ever. And "Oh! oh! you are killing me!" sometimes the Castle might burn down. Take every morning a handful of the at the newly-started tea and coffee It was the voice of the man. The veiled however I hope they won't do it-I don't I did not care so much if I could be with herb called feverfew, and steep it in one palaces, which are to promote sobriety, woman had got him in her power, and want to lose the Heatherbloom dia- you; but if I had to live on without you pint of boiling water down to half a the great and trying complaint is that seemed to be submitting him to some sort -no, Floss, I couldn't do it! How I love pint, then when it is cool, strain it and the tea and coffee are so poor that the composite Grand Central Depot. 600 least intentioned people are forced back on the door at once and one of the control of the county of the control of the county of the control of the county of the cou you! Give me your hand a minute, drink it through the day, and take a cup best intentioned people are forced back on the door at once, and one of the was taking off the jewels and placing them Floss. I wish this glove were not upon of lemonade on going to bed. Apply to to the public house to obtain a little chambermaids demanded in a falsetto tenderly back in their cases. Certainly, it, and yet the glove is a dear little thing, the soles of the feet a poultice of common stimulant, for it is idle to deny that both voice that it be opened at once. There sait, mixed with hot vinegar, and a pad tea and coffee are stimulating to the con- was a ha! ha! from the veiled "I used to think you were wise, on the pit of the stomach, made of dry stitution. Once on a time no confection- woman, and the voice of the man cried er, railway station, or refreshment house out Avoid all animal food and pastries, could rival the home-made brew, made "I have never been so sensible as since No tea should be used-coffee not under the eye of the mistress of the household, with the kettle on the hob my time well, for I have learned to love In the spring, when winter is depart- and the ingredients at hand; but now you more and more every minute of it." ing, with its many restrictions, we find that the good old custom of tea-making "Don't love me too much," cautioned the system in a feverish condition-more is considered unladylike and handed over

it is surprising in how few houses a good Just before the chill comes on have a cup of tea can be obtained now that it on a small portion of the leaves. It is

A Child's Rebuke.

An old man whom age had made helpless and decrepit was obliged to depend entirely for his subsistence and care upon his son's family. While taking food, his hand trembled so that he often spilled it upon the tablecloth, and his son had him take his meals out of an earthen dish in the corner. The dish fell out of his trembling hands and was broken, which so vexed the son and his wife that they I have seen the ex-Empress Eugenie at bought him a wooden dish for his future table perhaps a dozen times, and I never use. The next day the little grandson saw anyone eat so little that seemed to be was discovered at work with chisel and in as good health as she did. Her son hammer upon a log of wood. "What in (poor boy!) however, made up for her, for the world are you doing there, my son? he had a very healthy appetite. While at said the father. The little fellow did not Shoeburyness Military School he had sev- want to tell, and his mother asked eral photographs taken by one of the sol- "What are you doing there, my son? diers, who had some talent that way, and Tell me at once !" "Oh," said he. "I'm Mr. Ctemens has some peculiarities, he gave me a copy with his autograph on making a little trough, like the one They tell me he is one of the most ner- it. Another embryo artist at Shoebury- piggie eats out of." "What for?" "Why, clared Lady Heatherbloom, with a laugh. | vous men in the world. He has constant | ness wished to make a plaster bust of the mother," said the little boy, "I'm making difficulty in keeping still, and son ebody young Prince, and accordingly they are fit for you and father to eat out of when I is obliged to go with him to keep him ranged the sand and mud to take the am a man." It was a lesson in time to George says nothing will induce him to busy playing billiards or doing something mold, and he got down on his knees and the father and mother, and grandfather wait for more than a year-if you wen't classo that he will not have to be faced bravely pushed his greated face into the after this had a place at the table, and consent to become his wife then, he'll with the horrible alternative of aitting mud, but not far enough to suit the ar- was treated as one of the family, and not --:0: -- -

Taking a Couple of Horns,

Smith purchased a "muley" cow and "Oh, what a tow!" exclaimed little "Papa has 'em," said five-year-old.

"Why don't 'e put 'em on 'e tow?" "I don't know. I heard him say he This is the way he goes on all the day saw either of them again .- [Oliver Har- him now. Mamma told him he would swaller the cow afore six weeks."

A SKEPTICAL CLERGYMAN.

Throws Aside His Deubis and Bears

Strong Testimony to the Truth .; London Advertiser. Skepticism is a deplorable thing,

decides whether she pleases him or not. was used to transport coal from the mine | The case of the Rev. George Waterman. If her parents are less severe the first to the river. A flange placed at the side a talented clergyman of Berwyn Lodge, letter stamps for references and pamphmeeting may take place in a friendly of the beam kept the carts from rolling Broadstone, Winborne, Eng., suggests house, at a picture exhibition, at a flower off the rail. So successful was the experities observations. He got into a desper- sociation, Buffale, N. Y. show, or what not, and the parties are ment that other coal districts in England ate condition, which thoroughly unfitted allowed not only to see each other, but and Scotland followed the example. It him for ministerial work, His mind to exchange a few words. The following was a great labor scheme, for a horse that sympathizing with his body, became very day a reply has to be given. If it is neg- could with difficulty draw only 1,700 with- much depressed. As the mind is so the ative on the part of the young woman, out the aid of this smooth road could now thoughts are. He finally put himself unher father writes to the young man, with ease draw 4,200 weight. This was dor'the care of the best London specialists. thanking him for the honor of his de- the earliest tramway, the precursor of the For several years he pursued the ever mand and regretting for some reason or steam railway. The first improvement fleeting phantom, but at length they another not to be able to receive it favor- made on this tramway was the laying of told him his case was beyond amendment. phor Water, the best possible agents for ably. If it is affirmative, the mother iron plates on the wooden beams; this Still more thoroughly depressed, he grew the cure of diarrhora, cholera morbus, writes and invites the young man to call contrivance reduced the friction and made skeptical to a degree and believed him- dysentery or bloody-flux and colic, or to Providentially, however, he had his at- attacks.

severed, and when twenty-six bottles had Up to 1802 the tramway had used horses | been used, the analyst reported : "No and trousseau. The corbeille consists of but he was so engaged in perfecting the has been strong and well in body and purse full of golden pieces, a card case, a tive. Though little more than a toy it unusual for papers editorially to do so, pearl necklace, and a dress of Alengon worked successfully, and traveled so fast that Warner's Safe Cure is the remedy point lace. The fiance sends these ob- that on one occasion its inventor in vain which saved Mr. Waterman's life, to which jects to the bride on the day of the signa- tried to keep pace with it. In 1802 he ever bears willing testimony. And cumstances no opportunities will make a ture of the marriage contract, a ceremony Richard Trevethick and Andrew Vivian, when we see it publicly endorsed by such man without it. to which all friends and acquaintances two Cornwall engineers, took out the first eminent persons of quality as the Right ...vited. The bride wears a rose- patent ever issued for a locomotive. All Rev. Bishop, Edward Wilson, the Rev. coloured dress on this occasion; the wed- the steam carriages and appliances, how- W. S. Henderson, of Prescott, Madame ding presents are exhibited with the ever, amounted to almost nothing so far Sainton-Dolby, the renowned music names of the givers, the corbeille is exhib- as the public was concerned, and it was teacher of London, Dr. Dio Lewis, the ited on a separate table, and all the not until 1804 that any really practical famous American hygienist, the Rev Dr. guests, after signing their names at the locomotive was used. Trevethick in this Squirrel, of Rugby, Eng., the Rev. D. A. foot of the contract, walk round and year built a second locomotive in South Brown, of Aultsville, Mr. Arthur Augur, Wales, which drew a load of ten tons of of Montreal, Capt. W. H. Nichols, of Wales, which drew a load of ten tons of the contract, walk round the presents.

Wales, which drew a load of ten tons of the mayor is pure formality, at which nobody is presented by the pure formality, at which nobody is presented by the pure formality, at which nobody is presented by the pure formality, at which nobody is presented by the pure formality, at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at which nobody is presented by the pure formality at the pure formal pure formality at the pure formality at the pure formality at t a pure formality, at which nobody is pre- date, 1804 to 1811, very little, if Helensburg, N. B., the Rev. James Briersent except the parties concerned and anything, was done to advance railroads. ly, M. A., Congleton, Eng., the Hon. Geo.

Not Exactly Murder.

This cry in a well known hotel in a room on the third floor, caught the of several chambermaids and created in stant consternation.

"Oh! Heavens!" It was the voice of a man who shrieked make itself felt at the end of a year. it is no longer en- the words from room No. 40, and the

"What, do you mock at my misery !" A clerk came to the office and demanded admittance in the name of the law, the Continental Congress, and several other some like the clay pipe best others prefer the things, and after some little delay the things, and after some little delay the must have their pipe well sea oned before they door was opened and a woman stood in can enjoy it, others again must have a new the opening and asked what was wanted. In the old. But though this diversity of caste "What's going on in there-who's be-

Sho laughed her ha! ha! ha! again, and it was echoed by the voice of a man

"What's all this about?" shouted the

"Why, sir," she demurely replied, was only pulling a perous plaster off my

Rebuking Curiosity.

The other day a mysterious looking stranger appeared in Petaluma and remained five whole days without the inhabitants finding out his name, where he came from, or his business. Even the bar-room loafers were baffled in their attempts to extract some definite information, and the entire town laid awake o' nights worrying over the matter. last the general agitation grew to such a pitch that the sheriff "olunteered to interview the stranger in behalf of the public weal. Approaching the taciturn visitor as he sat in the office of the hotel, the functionary remarked: "Fine day, sir."

"Is, ch? said the stranger dubiously. "Going to stay long in these parts?" "Just four days, two hours and thirtyone minutes longer," replied the other, consulting his watch and a time-table. "Then !- may I-er-ahem ! may I ask what your business is!" persisted the

sheriff, as the crowd gathered up closer. "Well, I don't wish it generally known," replied the stranger, confidentially; "but I'm a Russian Nihilist." "You don't mean it?" gasped the

"Fact," replied the man mournfully. "But er-what brings you here?" asked "Well, you see, I was captured in St.

Petersburg last month, and you know

how severe that Government is on Nihilists, don't you?" "Oh !-yes-of course ; go on !"

choose Petaluma." And with a heavy sigh the condemned man drifted in to dinner .- [San Francisco

This is not the time to get married. The gentle spring tie em is the best.

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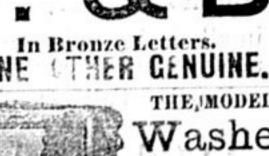
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