which he claims will supersede gu tapercha. A new rifle, capable of discharging three projectiles at a time, has been made

in France. A cord of stone, three bushels of lime and a cubic yard of sand-will lay 100 cubic feet of wall.

There is less blood in cold-blooded than in warm-blooded animals. The larger the animal the greater is the proportion of blood to the body. Man has about a gallon and a half of blood, equal to onethirteenth of his weight.

Cork, when carbonized, produces 62.80 per cent, pure charcoal, the greatest per cent. of any known wood. Willow, wheat straw and oak rank next in the order named, while maple and poplar are 33.75 and 31.12, or at the very foot of the list.

Five courses of brick will lay one foot England, stand fast! let heart and hand be in height on a chimney. Nine bricks in a course will make a flue eight inches wide and twenty inches long, and eight bricks in a course -ill make a flue eight inches wide and sixteen inches long.

Dr. J. R. Iswin, in the North Carolina Medical Journal, recommends chewing cinnamon bark as an almost immediate cure for toothache, and much more agreeable to use than creosote, carbolic acid, etc. The bark must be of good quality.

The toad, frog and chameleon capture insects by darting out the tongue, which is tipped with glutinous saliva. The boa constricting serpents crush their prev in their coils before swallowing, and the venomous snakes have a polson fang.

If a four-inch and a two inch shaft are both solid and each makes one hundred or any other given number of turns in one minute or other specified time, six times as much power will be consumed in turning the larger as in turning the smaller

A German invention, it is said, will protect from rust. Ordinary oil paint, mixed with 10 per cent. of burned magnesia, baryta or strontia, as well as mineral oil, neutralizes the free acid of | Engant stand fast! let heart and hand the paint, and the alkaline action protects the iron from rust.

The organ of hearing is generally double, but not always located in the head. In the clam it is found at the base of the foot; some grasshoppers have it in the fore legs, and in many insects it is on the wing. Lobsters and crabs have the auditory sacs at the base of the antenr a.

inner skeleton of steel and an outer coat- but suddenly the sky became clouded, ing of copper. There was danger that and she found herself toiling alone up a electric currents would be established, | weary hill the rain descending in torrents, which would before many years cause the and the thunder crashing overhead. copper to disappear. This danger, it is Presently there came a terrific clap, and

Dr. Tyndall states that of the radiant ling in every limb. energy set up by a gas flame only the 1 25 part is luminous; the hot products of com- broke upon the quiet night. Great Heamore than one-hundredth part of the heat | an instant, and then she heard a rushing evolved in combustion is converted into sound pass her room and a door softly ately after Lucy opened her eyes.

The Lancet says that appetite is a most misseading sensation, only remotely re- Lucy cried. "I am coming-I am comla'ed to the actual demands of the organ- ing, dear !"-and, without a thought of good. i m. If we only ate more deliberately we should find half cur accustomed quantry of food sufficient to satisfy the most eager cravings of hunger, and hence save curselyes from the evils of dyspepsia, or, on the other hand, a tendency to over inc base in weight.

t nd It produces in children first the ap- | been dreaming. rance of stupidity and then the reality. They do not hear sounds distinctly, and, go mad if I see it again." of course, they cannot imitate sounds accurately. Defects in the teeth are a great c use of this lamentable calamity in the shuddering. "I had fallen asleep, and I y ung, and this is a fresh reason for avoid- felt something touch my foot; and when ing quack applications of so-called dentists I opened my eyes it stood there at the and keeping to pure soap and water in end of the bed glaring at me! Oh, don't cleansing the teeth.

Prolonged Life.

It was during the darkness of the Mid dle Ages, rife with fanaticism and super stition, that the most abourd ideas of witchcraft, horoscopes, chiromaucy and empirical panaceas for the prolongation may not! of life first became disseminated. The philosopher's stone and elixir of life were then vaunted by the alchemists. Foremost among the prolongers of life we find Paracelsus, an alchemist of great renown and a man of considerable attainments. Ha claimed to have discovered the elixir of life. So great was his influence that even the learned Kraemus did not disdsin to consult him. Patients and pupils flocked around him from every quarter of Europe. Notwithstanding his tamous "store of immortality," he died at the age of 50. His vaunted elixir was a kind of sulphur him !" similar to compound sulphuric ether Nevertheless, to the researches of Paracelsus we are indebted for our primary yourself now, for all our sakes, if not for knowledge of mercury, which he was the | your own. first to use as a medicine. About this epoch one Leonard Thurneyeser attained world-wille celebrity as an astrologer and native caster. He was a physician, printer, bookseller and horoecopist all in one. He professed that, by the aid of astrology, he could not only predict future events, but likewise prolong life. H published year y an astrological calendar describing the nature of the forthcoming year and its chief events. His calendar and other quackeries enabled him to amass the stm of 1,000 floring. He declared that every man lay under the influence of a certain star by which his destiny was ruled. On ascertaining from what planer a person's misfortunes or sickness proceeded, he advised his patient to re move his residence within the control of . a more propitious luminary-in-short, to escape from the influence of a malignant to a more friendly satellite was the basis of his theory.

He Wouldn't Give In.

A good story is told of an old farmer in New Hampshire, who would always come out ahead of his antagenist, in one way not in another, no matter what the character of the competition might be. One hay, when, the old man having found the most was so dusty as to be fairly su. of the cellars - directly it was light. "Yes, his wife is going to write to him sible." focating, and the old man was almost buried in the mass. After a little, they heard not a word of complaint and in a few minutes down to the floor, covered turned to Mrs. Richmond's room. The with yourself," he added. with hay and almost choked, came Uncle | poor woman was still in a most hysterical Siles. As he dropped, the boys cried condition, alternating between violent at- plore the cellars. Although you have here. which the irrepressible Uncle Silas made dering terror. answer, "Consara yer hay pictors ! I'm | Mrs. Mitchell looked gravely a. Lucy, myself there is no outlet from them." down here for more hay!"

ake-taker in this line was the flee.

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LAUGHLETS.

Age. It won't be given away.

ny girls around.

of natural history.

they no plates?"

of the class.

A new magazine is called The Woman

The boy whose hair is cut by his moth-

er seldom takes off his hat when there are

The elephant and turtle may occasion-

Good Mrs. L. I. Teral: "I see they

are serving refreshments on roller skates

in some o' the restaurants," the husband

said, as he laid down his paper. "Good

gracicus l' exclaimed the wife, "have

An Austin Sanday-school teacher asked

her class : "For what purpose did God

give man his different senses? Why are

we given eyes ?" "To shut 'em when we

go to sleep," said the dull boy at the foot

First Dude-"Why do you healtate

"When I want my children to mind,"

"Go in there, E: Mahdi," said the doc-

The New London Day, which has twice

Russia's Aim.

about getting marwied, Algernon

ally live to be a hundred years old, but

the skunk is the recognized scentenarish

" Let Sleeping Dogs Lie." (OLD PROVERE,)

Old England's sons are English yet, Old highand's heart is eurorg: And still she wears the coro et, Affame with sword and song.

As in their pride cur fathers died. If need be, so die we; And wield we still, gainsay who will, The sceptre of the sea,

Be thy first word thyllast-Ready, sye ready Some say we've made of Trade our king; Some say our blood is cold; That from our liss no longer ings

With jibe and jeer they gether near The sleeping non's den, O Teuton fair. O Ruts bewere, Of these "shopkeeping" men;

The trumpet notes of old.

Ergland, stand fast! let heart and hand be

Be thy fi st word thy last-Ready, aveready, We've Raleighs st'll for Raleigh's part, Ard Nelson's jet unknown;
The pulses of the Lion-heart
Beat on through Wellington.

Nold, Briton, hold thy creed of old— Strong fee and steadfast friend; And still until thy motto true,

Defy not, but cefend ! E gland, stand fast! let heart and hand

Bo thy first word thy last-Ready, age ready Fairt not, nor fall, ye sons of those, The bravest born of men : Our nearest friends may be our foes

maen turns the whiel again. The while we pray, in Heavan's good day, The reign of . aints may come,

Until its dawr, with weapons drawn,

We wait the tuck of drum! Pe thy flist word thy last-Ready, age ready

CHAPTER V .- CONTINUED.

Scarcely had Lucy laid her head upon The Bartholdi statue is composed of an a time everything was blisaful content; pened to master; but I doubt me. said, has been overcome by General Stone. she sprang up in bed awake, and tremb-

As she did so, a most appalling shrick close in the distance. Again and again the awful shricks filled the house.

"Heavens, it is Mrs. Richmond! self or the danger she might encounter, the young girl flew through the passage

into her friend's room. She found her alone, in a most pitiable condition of terror-mosning and trembling in an agony of fear.

"What is it, dear ?' asked Lucy, taking Defective hearing is growing more prev- her in her arms and soothing her like a are. alent in the United States, so says Dr. Sex- | child. "You are safe now; you have

"Oh, Lucy, hide me, hide me! I shall

"See what, dear ?" faltered Luzy. "I don't know," gasped Mrs. Richmond leave me, for Heaven's sake don't leave

"My dearest, I would not leave you for the world. I am only going to ring the bell to wake Mrs. Mitchell."

"Yes, yes; let us have her here too, in case he may come again ; pray Heaven he

"Was it a man then, dear ?" asked Lucy, remembering the sound she had heard in

'Oh, yes," replied Mrs. Richmond, still shuddering and hiding her face on Lucy's shoulder-"a man with a horrible white face! And, oh, Lucy, his fearful hair! It hung down on each side of his . ghastly face like a curtain of blood! The sight of it will haunt me as long as I live. why did Edgar leave me?' she moaned. "Send for him-send for him at once - say, I shall go mad without

"Yes, dear, I will, the first thing in the morning; but you must try to compose

By this time Mrs. Mitchell was with them. She also had heard the shricks; but she slept much farther off.

on the subject of her terror. dream; she distinctly felt the hand upon her foot before she saw the figure. then told of the rushing sound she had heard, and expressed her opinion that somebody must have made an entry into the house for the purpose of robbery.

"Of course it is known," she added, 'that there are only women here now !" "Ah, child, you say that to comfort me ; but I am certain that was no living pre-

sence that was in the room to-night ! Finding they could not argue her out of

"Go, my dear miss," urged the good woman, "or we shall be having you laid up next, and I'll take care of missus while

I feel safer with you by me.' ing the hay up to him, the boys concluded | pernatural in any way, and determined to | shock to her constitution. rapidly forking it up, and continued until premises down-stairs-more particularly Mr. Richmond to return at once ?"

CHAPTER VI.

Daylight was breaking when Lucy re-

and shook her head significantly.

the truth of the ghostly character of the hoping that consideration for his feelings terrible apparition.

"Yes," agreed Lucy. "You would like subject herself." to see Doctor Maurice; wouldn't you,

you cannot get a wink of sleep."

fainter and fainter. "But try, ma'am; and, Miss Lucy dear, do you lie down on the sofa and do the same. Why, you look quite pale and

worn out !" The housekeeper could not have used a terror and suffering, still retained her un-

"Poor child, I have frightened her ! Lie down, dear, and I will try to be quiet for your sake."

"And I ll sit in this arm-chair and keep

Strangely enough, in less than a quarter of an hour they were all three soundly call Emily? I shall want both your signa. so early." asleep, completely exhausted by the excitement they had gone through. When Mrs. Mitchell, who was the first

to awake, looked at the clock, she found "Why, gracious me," she said to her-

self, "we have been asleep for four hours; that ought to do missus good! Poor soul the pillow, before she was transported I wonder what that was a warning of into the most delightful dreamland. For in the night? I hope nothing has hap. again. won't disturb 'em; but I'll go and send off for the Dector now, and make them a cup of tea. Bless her pretty face," she added, looking at Lucy, "she's like a sunbeam in the house! She'll make a good man happy some day, or I'm much mis-

They were still sleeping when Mrs. Mitchell returned to the room, bearing in lustion carry off at least four times as ve,n whence did it preceed? Paralysed her hand a tray with two cups of tea A Maurico again impressed on Lucy that much energy as is radiated, so that not with horror, she remained quite still for slight noise she made in setting it down Mrs. Richmond must not be left alone at awakened Mrs. Richmond, and immedi- | night. "Why, I have surely been asleep!" ex-

claimed Mrs. Richmond, in amazement. "That you have, ma'am, for nearly five

"Well, I certainly don't feel so bad as | welcome. I should have expected to; but then, you know, I have not slept so many consecu. the three succeeding nights; but nothing tive hours for weeks.'

I'll put the room tidy. Doctor Maurice | be decidedly improving. will be here before we know where we

Ten minutes later, he was ushered in, looking flushed with the hurry he had made. He remained with Mrs. Rich- sure I shall conquer it. mand some little time, and then descended to the drawing-room, leaving Mrs. Mitch- ing letter from Edgarell with her.

"Oh, Doctor Maurice," cried Lucy, who was anxiously a vaiting him, "I am so thankful to see you! We have had such an awful night !"

"Yes, indeed, you must have had !" he said kindly. "I was quite grieved to hear it must have shocked you terribly! I in person the same evening. The boat spectators with pity as well as horror and hundred miles to the north is the new no power can resist obeying in the long cannot say I am altogether surprised, continued. "She was in a dreadfully nervous condition when I left last night. I did not want to frighten you unnecessarily; but I was really alarmed, and in-

thing to do with it? Surely you don't key; then I will come straight to you suppose it was a ghost she saw?"

"Not I, indeed !" he returned, laugh-"I don't believe in them a bit; but I feel certain it was a case of spectral illusion. Her nerves were just in the highly-wrought condition that would induce an illusion of that kind. And what completely convinces me is the fact of the spectre having red hair. Between ourselves, I believe that unfortunate con- Lucy. versation of ours has been the cause of

"You must forgive me for diagreeing with you," said Lucy. "I am firmly per-Her suaded that a man did enter Mrs. Richmotherly, homely presence quieted Mrs. | mond's room in the night with the idea of Richmond to some extent, and she was robbing her, and that her shricks so able to talk more calmly and reasonably startled him that he rushed away without Mrs. Richmond persisted that it was no sure, after her first scream, which awakened me, I heard some one brush past my Lucy room, and immediately after shut the door softly at the head of the stairs. I was so convinced of this that, had it been possible to leave her for an instant, I

should have followed down-stairs." "Thank Heaven you did not !" Doctor Maurice said earnestly. "You would have been running a fearful risk if there had been any one there. I still think, however, that your imagination played you false, as well at hers. You must rethe belief that her horrible visitor was member you had just been startled out of supernatural, Lucy was persuaded by a deep sleep. And is it likely now that Mrs. Mitchell to go to her room and any hef would deliberately wake Mrs. Richmond up by touching her foot?"

must have been fancy.' "And the rest too, you may depend upon that," he said conclusively. "But, "Come back as soon as possible, Lucy; from whatever cause the fright arose, the turn would throw her back again. result is just as alarming. She must not

"No! That, I quite sgree with you,

this morning. I would rather she had posed. And what are you going to do remain with her.

"Let me come with you, then," he said | child; I feel hot and restless as it is." said. "I dare say missus would feel patient at a farm-house five miles from "Heaven bless you, and make you as flour.

easier like if she consulted him; and he's here, and a good blow will do you good; happy as you deserve, my kind unselfish a clever young gentleman, and will advise you don't look the better for your trying little friend !" us what to do to prevent the fellow getting night." Seeing that Lucy hesitated he Lucy, after kissing her warmly and The Cause of the Difficulty Between Rus went on-"Mrs. Richmond toldme to say Although the old housekeeper adopted she hoped you would go, and she will this reassuring tone. Lucy could see it write her letter while you are away. wes entirely assumed for the purpose of advised her not to describe the eventatoo I shall be sure to hear him if I listen; I quieting the fears of her mistress, and minutely, as it would be so very alarming will lie down outside my bed, but I will is better to devote the space in these colthat she was in fact fully impressed with to him. The fact is, I put it in that way, not close my eyes."

"Yes, yes," replied Mrs. Richmond, down into the cellars ; but, after carefully it, ultimately tired nature asserted itself ; river on the east and the Hari-Rud river what I mean, Clara," said Margaret, who was by this time almost exhausted; examining them, they could find no trace the gave in, and when daylight crept into on the west, about 200 miles wide, which "but I'll try to make it plain." "You "send for him; but don't you leave me." of any opening. Lucy, however, still she room, she lay upon her bed sleeping is one of the richest and most fertile re- kind creature," cried Clara, effusively; "No, ma'am; don't you trouble; we held resolutely to her original impression soundly. won't leave you -never you fear! Now that some one did pass her door in the you keep still for a little while, and see if | night; and, finding it impossible to shake |

> and air !" led the way up-stairs. Lucy went to put on her hat and say good-bye to her friend] before starting. Mrs. Richmond was busily writing; the

housekeeper sitting working by her. "Good-bye, dear," she said; "I hope dreadfully frightened." stronger argument than this last to quiet you will enjoy your drive. Don't worry Mrs. Richmond, who, in the midst of her about me; Mrs. Mitchell will stay with qu'ckly!" me until you return. I don't like to see your cheeks so pale. I dare say I shall be down before you are home.

said to her companion-"I sent Miss Starr out on purpose, watch over you both," added mrs. Mitchell. I wish to make a slight aftera-

tion in my will, and I would rather she his hand-writing which has just arrived; the country Herds and flocks were seen people, the last victim being the son of did not know anything about it. Willyou that was my reason for disturbing missus upon its valleys, and its fields again, by Captain Emmons, announces that hereafter tures as witnesses."

The housemaid was accordingly called and Mrs. Richmond took the will from out of her escritoire. After writing for a few minutes, she called the two women to witness the signing of her name; and, when they had both written theirs, the form was re-sealed and securely locked up

"There," she thought-"I feel easler now that it is done. I am sure Edgar is too good to find fault, and it will be such a help to them !" She finished her letter, and, giving it

to Mrs. Mitchell with directions to send

it to the post at once, went down to await the return of Doctor Maurice and Lucy. Before they reached Fernhurst, Dactor

"And I shall stop the brandy-andwater," he said. "I must make a complete

alteration in the treatment." He would not stay to lunchson, though hours : it must have done you a world of Mrs. Richmond pressed him to do so,

saying he did not wish to wear out his Lucy slept in her friend's room during occurred to disturb them in any way; and,

"Now, you drink this cup of tea, and to her great delight, the invalid seemed to "I am very glad," said Doctor Maurice, when he saw how well his patient was progressing. "Your complaint baffled me at first, I must confess; but now I feel

The fourth morning brought the follow-"My dearest Wife,-I cannot tell you how much your letter, which I have only and shall return home immediately, al-

does not get in until rather late, I believe; and, as I don't know which train I the exact time to expect me. Any way, I cannot hope to be with you until twelve tended coming this morning instead of in or one o'clock. Pray don't let any one sit up for me; I shall walk from the sta-"But why should her nerves have any. | tion, and can let myself in with my latch-

Good-bye, my dearest. "Ever your most loving husband

"P.S.-By-the-way, I hope you will not on the merest trifles. It would be indeed be disagreeably surprised at my appear-

since I have been here." sit up with you until he comes," suggested "No; I should not like you to do that.

I am sure Edgar would be annoyed if any "But we could easily lie down on the

sofa," persisted Lucy, recollecting Doctor may remain with me until twelve if you Kordofan army who joined his standwill; and then I can only have a very ard exhorted their companions to achieving his purpose; for I am quite few minutes to wait. If I want anything, I can ring the bell at the head of Mahdi "is always smiling, and his coun-

> Lucy was not at all satisfied in her own mind with this arrangement, but thought she would leave any further argument un til Dr. Maurice called in the afternoon; for she felt certain he would strongly deprecate Mrs. Richmond being left, even for a short time.

As fate willed it, however, that afternoon he could not come, having been called to a serious case at some distance. but sent a messenger, saying he would be there on the following morning. "How unfortunate!" thought Lucy.

All day Mrs. Richmond seemed greatly unsettled and restless : and Lucy began to

Lucy required no incentive to hurry, be let alone at night again, as-I feel ing," she told herself; "somehow I feel seen. The hands were perfect and had On the next train there arrived from Phil- friendship with Russia, and trust to the day, he and his were engaged in gettingin for, although of a very brave tempera- bound to tell you another attack of the case was a friend of power of the Czar to maintain your throne ment, her nerves were completely un same sort might have the most serious since that dreadful night. I would give tallicone, and inside the lining appeared the young man arrested. Both are res- against all Europe. much fault from the mow with the slow. strung. She, however, quite believed in consequences. She has rallied from this a great deal that he were safely here now ! fresh and clean. The grave-clothes were idents of Liverpool, England, Byrne being ness with which his assistants were pitch. her own mind that the figure was not su- wonderfully; but it has been a severe How strange it seems for me to be longing all in a good state of preservation, and an old Dublin detective. Several months for Edgar Richmond's presence! Three the sibbons and laces looked like they ago their conversation turned on the stuthey would satisfy him. "They began make a thorough examination of the months ago I should have declared such had just been placed there. An effort to pidity of our modern detectives, when

out, "What are you down here for ?" To tacks of sobbing and paroxysms of shud. so little faith in my burglar theory, I shall "No, my dear; I would much prefer not be easy until I have quite satisfied you did not," Mrs. Richmond said some-

wishing her good night, left the room. "Now," she declared to herself, "I will not go to bed until Mr. Richmond arrives ;

may prevent her dwelling too much on the against the almost overwhelming sensation devoted to making replies to similar ques. support a wife?" S. D. - "Na, me boy, Lucy no longer demurred, but agreed and waiking about the room whenever she | north of the Burkhat and Paropamlsus | Sharp claws in velvet sheath: "I don't to go with pleasure. They then went found that she had almost succumbed to mountains, and between the Murghab know as I can make you understand just

her conviction, Doctor Maurice dropped find Emily, the housemaid, standing by ghans, nor has the ameer of that country the reasons to 'em. I just put my foot "I feel as if I should never sleep again," the subject, and crying, "Now let us get her bed. The first glance at the girl's for more than a century exercised any down, and that's the end of it." "Oh, declared Mrs. Richmond, her sobs getting out of this gloomy place into the sunshine cared white face completely aroused control over it. The whole region has well," responded Blobson, absent-mind-

> is the matter?" a low awed tone; "but Fanny and I are ingly rich and fertile fields. For fifty tor who lived opposite the roller skating-

> swer us, and we have been knocking at her rich, blooming desert. A few years ago the bill-El Mahdi?" "Because it is the

Directly they had gone, Mrs. Richmond you didn't hear us !" inquired Lucy anxiously.

'perhaps she may be ill."

'Somebody's spirit is passing now.' "

there they stood and waited, trembling the ablest and most conservative of the "Rats!" "See?" he asked. "Yes, and listening intently. followed by Fanny and the cook.

the door; but there was no response, and territory, and even that she demands, not growled Mr. Pisty sadly, "but you know the five frightened women huddled as compensation for her own sacrifices, they had other methods of torture that closertegether for sympathy and support. but because without that portion of the were almost as bad."

us, as she is to deaf.' the handle of the door and opened it a grounds that would justify the most disfew inches; as she did so, a perceptible honest confiscation or a tenant's improveshudder ran through the group.

"may I come in ? Here is a letter for is one to be fairly discussed, and, if agree-They waited for an instant, breathless It is certainly not a claim the moral enorwith anxiety; but still the awful silence mily of which justifies the wholesale

"We must go in; she is evidently ill." other side." It became important to fix "Then I must be the first," replied Mrs. | the southern boundary of this region, Mitchell. "Heaven help us, I fear we which should be the northern boundary

shall see a sad sight." Summoning all her resolution, the old ains-Burkhat and Paropamlsus-form terior of the various parts of the Empire woman pushed the door and entered, fol- very much the shape of a letter Y lying just received, alarmed and discressed me. lowed closely by the four trembling girls. east and west, with the spread toward the I cannot bear to think of your sufferings, She advanced firmly to the bed, drew the west. At the junction of these ranges, curtains aside, and then uttered a cry of and on the south side of the range, is possessions are connected by railroad with though matters over here are far from anguish. There lay Mrs. Richmond situated the fortified town of Herat, which her European system—and the day is not satisfactory. You will probably receive dead, with such an agonised expression from its strategic importance, has long far distant—a highway to some southerly such a dreadful account from the servant; this in the morning, and I shall follow it of terror on her poor face that it filled the been known as the "key to India." Two coast becomes a law of necessity, which

"Come away, children i" said Mrs. and about half way between, on the Murshall be able to catch, I cannot tell you Mitchell. "Draw the curtains; this is no ghab river, is Penjdeh, where the recent sight for young eyes. My poor, poor fight took place between the Russians and mistress !" And then she burst into loud the Afghans. It was natural that Rus-

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

"Wart's" the Matter? The fate of nations and men often turn curious if the destiny of England and ance; I have had my moustache shaved off Egypt was to be materially affected by the presence of two warts on the cheek "Then Mrs. Mitchell or I had better of a Khartoum ship's carpenter. The occurrence of such a contingency seems, however, to be quite within the bounds of possibility. In his address to the Soudanese, Mohamed Ahmed wrote: "Has not God Himself given me the signs of my mission-the two warts on the left cheek which are spoken of in His book?" The cogent reasoning would seem to have "No, my dear; I do not wish it. You had its effect, for the officers of the

follow their example, declaring that my bed which communicates with your tenance is beaming as the full moon. On his right cheek is a wart, and other signs which are written in the books of the law." There is, it is true, a grave discrepancy as to the position of the warts; but it might nevertheless have been better for the peace of the world if Mohamed Ahmed had been born without any

warts at all. Turned to Stone.

Twenty-one years ago the mother Mr. A. D. Newland, of B. C., died, and was buried in the old family graveyard. Desiring to have the body placed in the "Had he been here, she must have given new cemetery, Mr. Newland had it disinterred, when it was found that it had been turned to stone. Those who saw it state that it had changed to a brownish monatache, with "Burnside" whiskers, "your predecessors foolishly departed fear the excitement of her husband's re- hue, was almost life-like in its natural- and of strong English accent. Detect- from the policy of the great Mahmood. ness. The features were good, and even | ive Ressler arrested him at a Penn street | Imitate his example, grant again that "Nevertheless I am thankful he is com- the hair on the face could be plainly hotel. He gave the name of Smythe. which he gave so willingly to cement his a state of feeling on my part to be impos. get Mr. Newland to place the remains in Smythe said that he would lay a wager moral vacuum says : "We ourselves saw At night, when they went up-stairs, she ful was he that the remains would be average criminal, he could escape his pur- couple of times. We don't know will it left it to you; but she must not be op- again tried to induce her friend to let her sought by scientific men that he placed sucre and lead them around the world, and be believed that we sat in a ten-feet-"I will go directly I hear him com. the earth around with heavy manls. The number of friends helped to swell the bet, one in the room but the two of us." It is "In the first place, I am going to ex- ing, if you don't want him to find me case was very heavy, requiring several and Smythe was given ten days' start. no trouble to believe it. The fact that men to handle it.

CORNSTARCH CAKE, -One cupful of what testily. "Don't argue with me, white augar, two eggs, one-half cupful of "Don't you think we had better send softly. "And, when we have finished "Then I will say no more," replied one-half cupful of sweet milk, one tea"What is it that makes a spring," que- one of the girls to ask the Doctor to come there, I want you to come with me for a Lucy sadly—"only I do not like going." spoonful of cream of tartar, one-half teaies a poet. We always supposed the down as early as possible, miss?' she drive by the sea-shore. I have to visit a "Good night," said Mrs. Richmond; epoonful of sods, one cupful and a half of

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But, although Lucy struggled bravely brief reply into a paragraph in the space my boy." F. D.-"Afwaid you can't of sleep that oppressed her by getting up tions. There is a strip of country lying I'm afwaid she can't support me. She awoke suddenly, unrefreshed, with | gheis. Within the entire region travelers an unessy sense of something wrong, to and correspondents say there are no Af- said Popinjay, "I don't stop to explain "Emily, how you startled me! What owing to the devastating raids of the Tur- there is no need of explanation." "I don't know, miss," replied Emily, in any race to inhabit or develop its surpass-"What at? For Heaven's sake, tell me ed the country, stolen its inhabitants, which he had just received from a skater luckly!" El Mahdi!" ex-"Well, miss, we can't get missus to an settlements that were made. It was a claimed the patient; "why do you call door for the last five minutes ; 1 wonder the Russians obtained a foothold at Merv, fall's profit, you know," replied the doc-"But has not Mr. Richmond returned?" Murghaf river, near the northern limit of out. "No, miss, for, see, here is a letter in mans in check, began the resettlement of recently erred in announcing the death of "Let us go to her at once," cried Lucy; gan to be the homes of an agricultural at an hour so late as to make verifi-"Don't go in, dear miss, until Mrs. | ceased, their armies being defeated by by the remains, not necessarily for pub-Mitchell c mes; Fanny has gone to fetch Russian troops, and peace and tranquility | lication, but as a guarantee of good faith. her. Oh, I am afraid !" cried the girl, reign within the borders of the land. A gentleman went into a crowded store bursting into tears. "One of the dogs The ameer of Afghanistan, without even to buy some stockings for his wife. "I howled all the night, and I said to Fanny, having tried to protect the country and want striped ones," he said to the clerk. "Emily, Emily, don't be so supersti- it for more than a century, seeing it re- replied, "they are not much worn now." tious !" said Lucy, a cold horror creeping deemed by Russian conquest, now claims "Are you sure?" "Oh, yes, quite sure. over her; but she went no farther than the Badgheis. In view of the facts in I will demonstrate the fact to you." Then the door of Mrs. Richmend's room, and the case, the Pall Mall Gazette, one of he leaned over the counter and shouted: In a minute Mrs. Mitchell hurried up, under the circumstances, might fairly claim | Dreadful talk : "I am positively op-"We had better knock again," she said, alone has reclaimed Badgheis from anar- said old Mrs. Plety to her husband, after in a terrified whisper; "perhaps she may chy, and she might fairly ask to enjoy the listening to the half-operatic airs of the Lucy knocked loudly on the panels of she only asks for half of the reclaimed in the days of the apostles." "No, "Open the door a little, and speak to district she cannot answer for the good her, Miss Lucy; maybe she doesn't hear behavior of the Turcomans whom she has With a trembling hand, Lucy turned proposal, and it can only be rejected on ments which ever drove Irish peasant or on the Arabian Sea. For generations "Mrs. Richmond," she called in a low highland crofter to despair. Whether Russia has been striving for maritime

voice, strangely unlike her usual one, Russia is right or wrong in her claim, it egress. An immense empire without a ment is impossible, referred to arbitration. | ocean. was unbroken. Lucy looked blankly at homicide of war. The moral enormity, her companions, with her lips quivering. indeed, would probably be found on the ing to carve for herself a pathway of Afghanistan. The two ranges of mount-Russian outpost and stronghold, Merv, sobs, the three servants joining in nyster- | sia should desire that the boundary of Badghels should be as far south as possible, while it was equally essential to Eng-

land that the boundary be removed as far north of the mountains as possible to give her control of the passes that led to Herat, and insured its safety. A joint commission of Russians and Englishmen was appointed last May to settle this boundary line. The Russians claim the boundary of Penjdeh to the south, then crossing the Burkhat mountains at a point about thirty miles north of Herat, and thence west to the Hari Rud river. This would give them control of the Robat pass, and by passing around the Paropamlsus mountriver to Herat if they wished to threaten line shall run from the starting point south on either side pending the negotiations, but the battle at Penjdeh shows that one side or the other falled to abide by the upon keeping Russla out of Afghanistan,

The Detective Won.

as they supposed.

body is ever prepared for-Twins.

sia and England.

So many have asked the question, What is the cause of the difficulty between Russia and Great Britain?" that it umns to a full answer than to crowd a Second Dude-"Aw! I've my weasons, gions in India, and is known as the Bad- " just like you, I'm sure." been for years an uninhabited waste, edly, "that covers the ground, of course; comans, who have made it impossible for years these warlike people have plunder- rink as he placed a \$2 bill in his wallet a place of strategic importance on the tor as he smilingly showed the patient the Badgheis, and, by holding the Turcothe sole influence and power of Russia, be any young man bringing news of a death people. The raids of the Turcomans have cation impracticable must be accompanied without having exercised any control over "We have very few stripes," the clerk English papers, recently said : "Russia, give me plain colors." much more than she has asked for. She posed to having a choir in the church, fruits of her own improvements. But service. "We have no account of choirs to police. That surely is not an unfair

The aim of Russia in Central Asia is not so much to menace or to invade India as to get possession of a coast line single unrestricted connection with the The exit from the Black Sea into the Mediterranean is commanded by Turkish batteries on the Bosphorus. This strivto a free ocean coast works in Russia with the might of a chained-up elementary power. And it increases in intensity in the same degree as the inis made capable of production by ratlroads and Russian trade is looking for markets. As soon as Russia's Asiatic run. This pressure to reach the ocean is the leading motive of all the events that have taken place in Central Asia. It characterizes the direction which the Russian advance must take, and it only needs a single glance at the chart to be convinced that all the expeditions up to this time have been carried out in accordance with a well-laid plan. The territories still dividing Russia in Central Asia from the ocean are Afghanistan and Beloochistan, and through these lands Russia must eventually reach the ocean. This is the aim of Russia in Afghanis-

tan at the present time. As for the should run from a point a few miles south | question of Constantinopie, Russia, in the event of a general war, may endeavor to get possession of the city and command the gateway to the Black Sea herself, or if she secures Turkey for an ally content herself with getting the unrestricted navigation of the straits for her ains they could then follow the Hari-Rud war ships, as was the case in the days of the great Mahmood. It is reported that it. The English insist that this boundary in the recent diplomatic intercourse between St. Petersburg and the Porte the of Penjdeh, nearly due west to the Hari- Sultan is always referred to as the grand-Rad river, about fifty miles north of the son of the great Mahmood, the friend of line proposed by the Russians, which would Russia, whose throne was saved by her, leave all the mountain passes in the hands and hints have been broadly thrown out of the British and oblige Russia, if she that under certain circumstances the Czar had designs on Herat, to pass through would guarantee Turkey a long lease of Persia or take and hold the passes. Two existence in return for favors received. or three weeks ago the two governments Turkey, it is true, bears resentment for agreed not to make any further advances the sufferings caused in the past by Russia, but to this Russia replies in a way that carries a certain amount of conviction. Why did you not stand by the agreement. As England believes that the treaty of "Unkiar Skellessi?" This safety of her Indian possessions depends treaty was a secret compact between Mahmood and the Czar Nicholas, giving she cannot afford to yield to the demands solely to Russia the freedom of the straits as a reward for her service in driving back the Egyptian army which, under Ibrahim Pasha, the warlike son of Mehemet Ali, was threatening Constantinople. A despatch was received to arrest a Russia has been compelled to do all she young man, 28 years old, light hair, sandy has done, the Sultan is told, because

How He Murders the English. In a late edition of O'Donovan Rossa's

paper, that distinguished mental and

the vault proved unavailing, and so fear that if given a fair start, the same as the that prince of Wales visiting Ireland a huge stones on the coffin, and rammed get back to England before they could. A guare room with him for a time with no He travelled from city to city after coming to the prince was not blown up or otherwise America, and registered under many all- killed in that room is ample proof that ases. His friend Byrne had as his assist- Rossa was there and had a good an opporants some of the best detectives in the tunity as any man ever had to kill a butter, one-fourth cupful of cornstarch, country to help run down the criminal, prince. The fact is, Rossa murders the English only with his tongue and pen, and, judging by the sentence quoted from There are two 'hings in this world no- his paper, we must confess he does it 'to the queen's taste."