In some of the public hospitals Japanese paper handke chiefs, are now used, with much satisfaction for drying wounds. It is a curious fact that wasps' nests often

take fire, as it is supposed, by the chemical action of the wax upon the material of which the nest is composed. Many of the fires of unknown origin in haystacks and farm buildings may thus be accounted for. A citizen of Kansas has in his possession the ballot he cast in voting for General Grant,

in 1868. It was printed on silk, and after it had been kept on the file, as the law required, in the office of the clerk, he obtained it, and will hand it down to his children as an heirloom. A man put a large spider on a floating

chip in a pond. After walking all about the sides of the chip the spider began to cast a web for the shore. He threw it as far as possible in the air and with the wind. It caught on some blades of grass. Then turning himself about, the spider began to haul the chip toward shore.

The Cheniere, as well as Grand Isle in the Gulf of Mexico, was once a sugar plantation but the force of constant winds, blowing from one point of the compass, has several times caused the rollers to sweep across it for several days, and this, after a time, made the saccharine juice more salt than sweet. Tre people are obliged either to use the wood drifted in upon the waves or bring it in luggers from a distance. As the salt in the drift wood rusts the cooking stoves there are none in use on the island. But if the meals are cooked upon an iron frame in a great, wide-mouthed fire place they lose none of their savoriness thereby.

The Journal of Chemistry relates that a celebrated Parisian belle who made a profuse use of cosmetics from the soles of her feet to the roots of her hair, took a medicated bath, and on emerging from it was horrifiedto find herself as black as an Ethioptan. The transformation was complete; not a vestige of the "supreme Caucasian race" was left. Her physician was sent for in alarm. On arrival he laughed immoderately, and said: "Madame, you are not ill, you are a chemical product. You are no longer a woman, but a sulphice. It is not now a question of medical treatment but of simple chemical reaction. I shall subject you to a bath of sulphuric acid diluted with water. The acid will have the honor of combining with you; it will take up the sulphur, the metal will produce a sulphate, and we shall find as a precipitate a very pretty woman.' The doctor went through with his reaction, and the belle was restored to her usual color.

## A Boy's Hunt for Office.

Soon after President Cleveland took possession of the White House a little chap am such a blundering fool, I should spoil about twelve years of age, named Howard everything; and she'd never forgive me if I Fairfax Lee, obtained an audience, and doubted her; and, though she doesn't love earnestly pleade I for an appointment in one | me," the poor lad went on, unconscious that of the deparements, to assist in supporting he was betraying his own secret, "she his mother and several brothers and sisters. | would hate me then; and I couldn't bear The little fellow pressed his claim in such a | that! But it breaks my heart to hear Meg manly, straightforward way that the Presi- and the other girls talking of her as they do dent's interest was excited, and he resolved, | -and, oh, Mrs. Lane, she likes you - Dolly, if the case proved, on examination to be a I mean - and I know, if you'd give her a worthy one, to assist the young office-seeker. bit of advice; she'd listen to reason; she Howard is very small for his age, but is re. has no one to tell her or to warn her! And markably bright and intelligent, and ex. then I'm frightened about old Adam. If presses his ideas of men and things in lan- he should get to hear anything, there would guage that would do cre lit to a person many be murder and no mistake, for he worships years his senior. He lives beyond the city Dolly; and if he thought any harm had limits, in the vicinity of Brightwood, and is come to her through the Captian, he'd as the eldest of four or five children. The soon shoot him as look at him. President spoke to Secretary Manning about | "Well," said the widow, with a slight providing a place in the Treasury Depart- shiver, caused by Tom's energetic speech, mouth, being seen about with Captain ment for the boy, but when the latter made "I'll make a little excuse and come up to Braithwaite? Its not only that he has a his appearance before the Secretary he was the forge this evening; and then, If I can pronounced too small to be of any material get Dolly by herself, I'll put her on her who is on the point of being married —" value to the public service. Thereupon guard. Howard repaired to the White House, and, "And you'll be very careful what you her head, which had been drooping, and with tears in his eyes, told the President say?' urged Tom. "Dolly is so proud, stamping one little foot passionately on the the result of his interview with Sccretary and - and '-with a gulp-" I dare say she Manning. Some one suggested to the little is a bit fond of the Captain-leastways, he's fellow that he would probably be more handsome enough and soft-spoken enough successful with Secretary Lamar. Off he to turn a lassie's head.' went to the Interior Department, where he found the Secretary surrounded by a room- | good woman answered, nodding wisely. ful of politicians and office seekers. He And Tom having thus far accomplished his finally got an opportueity to state his case errand successfully, was fain, with many time you meet him, and see if he will dare greatly absorbed in his speculations, or he "I mean," said I, "that you only have to the kind hearted Secretary, who at once expressions of gratitude, to take his leave. became interested in his story and promised to help him. Day after day the youthful striking six as widow Lane put up the shutapplicant haunted the corridors of the In- ters of her front parlor, called by courtesy less assured, and she was beginning to trem- holidays at Braithwaite Hall, Harry had I shall make this bank some trouble.' terior Department and watched his chance a shop, with unusual punctuality; and to steal an interview with the Secretary then, equipping herself in her bonnet and when the vigilant colored messenger was not shawl, she turned the key in the street-door, ingly and in genuine alarm. looking. Finally the boy was taken sick, and set her face towards Adam Jarvis's and the Secretary missed his visits to his forge. In her hand she carried a lock office. One afternoon last week the Secre- which needed some repairing, and which ing her with, oh, such misery in her bright been quartered in Ireland for some time, so "Is this your writing?' I asked, productary, upon it quiry, found where the little would serve as a pretext for her visit to the blue eyes, such a pained look on her white it happened that the cousins had not met ing the check Mr. Hirtz had given to me. fellow lived and called to see him. Find- blacksmith's. ing that the case was realiy a deserving one, Fortune however favoured her in an un- a low cry, eluded her grasp, and without a visit to some of her father's relatives when down the paper before him. he informed the boy's mother that her son expected manner, for half way down the casting so much as a glance behind her, Harry had been on furlough. should have an appointment as soon as he straggling street she saw, tripping along turned and fled down the narrow pathway

## Never Too Late To Learn.

ger in the Pension Office.

to play on musical instruments. speak the Greek language.

Plutarch, when between seventy and eighty, commenced the study of Latin.

one hundred and fifteen, wrote the memoirs charms, the widow thought as she stopped heavily upon him.

until he was past fifty.

in his youth, but commenced the study of | sun set. them when he was between fifty and sixty

antiquarian and lawyer. F. anklin did not fully commence bis philosophical pursuits till he had reached his fiftieth year. Dryden, in his sixty-eighth for wishing for her company.

year, commenced the translation of the Iliad, his most pleasing production. Boccacolo was thirty-five years of age

when he commenced his studies in light literature, yet he became one of the grandest masters of the Tuscan dialect, Dante and Petrarch being the other two.

We could go on and cite thousands of examples of mea who commenced a new study, either for livelihood or amusement, at an acvanced age. But every one familiar with the biography of distinguished men will recollect individual cases enough to convince them that none but the sick and indolent will ever say," I am too old to learn.

## Escape of an English Ship.

The captain of the Duke of Devonshire. which arrived at Sydney on the 9th ult, reports having experienced for five hours the roughest weather he ever met with in the Gulf of Aden. Two steamers were observed to founder at the time, but no assistance could be rendered, as they expected their own steamer to go down every moment. the Government to take troops out to India, Dr Edwards, surgeon of the ship, gives a there due thrilling account of the passage through the cyclone. He says that on the 31 of June, name ?" Dolly questioned interestedly. whilst going through the channel, the admiraculous.

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By the Gate. BY JAMES BERRY BENSEL.

Right over my shoulder I saw the moon. The this half-pircle was floating there like a golden strand of my darling's hair L. the rose scented, star-lit alrof June; And, gazing upward, I breathed a prayer.

" Fold her about with happiness, Lord -My bright-haired, brown-eyed, beautiful maid And make me more meet for her love," I prayed While the moon like a bit of golden cord There in the heavens above me stayed.

And that little prayer of my heart - Ah, me ! I think God heard it and gave her the best, The happines; wrapt in immortal rest; She el eps in her beauty so quietly With p acid palms clasped on her pulseless breast

Now as I stand here and look at the sky A lone bird chirps in the tree by t'e gate, While I in my solitude pray and wait; And the night-wind passes me gently by As the full moon rises up round and late.

Go, wind of the night, unto those who weep! Bear them, I pray you, the message I send; Say that the sorrow-touched heart of a friend Speaks as he stands where the shadows are deep Here by the gate where the tree-branches bend.

One by one fade out the lights in the town As we have seen lights in our lives grow dim ; Soft on the air floats the sound of a hymn,

Then I turn away from the gate once more, Away from the brook as is flows and falls, From the bird that hi tes in the tree and call's faint farewell, when I open the door And meet the silence that stands in these halls.

By the Author of "THE FLOWER GIRL," "LOVELY LADY LYNHURST," &c., &c.

CHAPTER II. - (CONTINUED.) "Then it is more serious than I thought,"

the old woman said slowly. "Some one

should speak to the chird.' "Yes, yes," burst out Tom eagerly; "that's what I come to see you about.

"Leave me to go my own gait, lad," the The old clock in St. Jude's tower was

was able to be about. The good news towards her, pretty Dolly Jarvis herself. quickly restored Howard's health, and a She wore a crimson kilted skirt, and ina black scarf with a woven border of gold tentioned "warning." crossed on her bosom, with one end thrown coquettishly over her left shoulder, while, in place of the old straw hat, her head was Socrates, at an extreme old age, learned covered with a closely-fitting bood-to match the skirt-and from which the wavy Cato, at eighty years of age, learned to chestnut hair peeped out, forming little tendrils on her smooth fair brow. A very gr ceful quaint liitle figure she looked, making a strange contrast to the other village girls with their unkempt tresses, slovenly Percy. Doctor Johnson applied himself to the dresses, and generally dirty and untidy ap-Dutch la guage but a few years before his pearance. It was hardly to be wondered at if other young men besides the rustic Ludovico Moenaldsco, at the great age of swains were not indifferent to pretty Dolly's

to apeak to the girl. Ogilby, the translator of Homer and Vir- 'Its a nice evening for a walk,' she said gil, was unsequainted with Latin and Greek | plesently, "and, if you're not boung on any particular errand, it's with you I'd like to Sir Henry Spelman neglected the sciences | go, just as far as Oliver's Mount to see the

If Dolly had not just then been thinking years of age, Afterthis he became a learned of something else, she would have laughed wickelly at the idea of the boxom widow's sadden turn for sentimentality, and have guessed it was a viel to hide her real reason

"Oh, no, I was only going for a stroll myself! she answered, so readily however that the old woman, who had surmised from her "smart" appearance that she was up to mischief, so to speak, decided that ! her suspicions were unfounded.

So the two turned together - a queerly as sorted couple-and began slowly to ascend the winding path leading to the acclivity

called Gliver's Mount. "It's many vears since I dragged my old bones up here," declared the widow, as she dropped panting on to a bench placed halfway up the steep ascent for the accommedation of wayfarers; "but, when I was a girl, I used often to climb this path, for it was poor Jim's favourite walk, and few were the evenings we didn't watch the sunset in the air, does it? You want me to settle you will follow my counsel. There is Ger-

those, my counting days. "You've lived in the village nearly all your life, then !" Dolly said, a little absently, for she was wondering whether a group of equestrains she saw in the distance below was the party from the Hall.

"Ay, ay - 1 was born here. There've been Langtons - that was my maiden name The Duke of Devenshire was chartered by | - here, year in, year out, since Cromwell's but the order was countermanded at the those days even as they do now, though I've last moment. It was fortunate, as with heard my father say there had been Braithsuch a number of men on board the hatches waites at the Hall long even before that,

"What did they do to get such a bad

blown away. The escape was regarded as care whether they broke their hearts or not, life - Joe Smith perhaps. It would be best that, though Geraldine was not quite the or what lies they told, or what promises so, an easy solution of all his difficulties; style of girl he would have chosen, she Sir Michael Hicks-Beach says frankly selver. There wasn't a girl in the country- his lip at the thought.

ed his own wife to death because he fell in sir," the Captain said, a little sulkily, love with and wanted to marry another! and killing any one who tried to prevent

their wrong-doing. was listening with wide-open eyes expressive of surprise and incredulity.

"They couldn't all have been so bad, had exhausted her category of the sins of cousin; there the matter ends." the Braithwaites. "There's Sir Ralph ; now; I never heard that he robbed any one, or, in fact, did any harm at all, and I'm sure Captain Braithwaite is --- ' But here Dolly paused, coloring deeply

as she met Mrs. Lane's scrutinising gaze. "Oh, Sir Ralph has grown steady with age !" she said, finding that Dolly made no attempt to finish the sentence. 'I dare say ! he was wild enough in his youth; and, as for the Captain, what's bred in the bone is And the snowball flowers drop their petals down, sure to come out in the flesh, and the less and the dew drips over the lilies brim.

"Ill tell you what it is!' Dolly cried, with sudden passionate indignation. "I hate people who are so mysterious, and hint at all kinds of horrid things, but will say your cousin at once." nothing plainly. Captain Braithwaite is a gentleman at least, and I for one don't heed the village-gossip.

"Hoighty-toighty; but you needn't be so fiery about him, its little you know about him or his, my lass :" the widow rejoined drily. "Though, now I come to think of it, I may be wrong, for I've heard that, like the rest of his kind, he sometimes passes an idle hour with you. Take care, Dolly - remember, 'tis hard to play with fire without getting burned.

"Oh, I see! So that is why you wanted to see the sunset from Oliver's Monnt-to have a chance of giving me a lecture,' the girl laughed bitterly. The widow's words had wounded her cruelly, perhaps all the more because of a vague doubt and unrest that had begun to harrow her own soul. "I suppose you are like the others,you think that Captain Braithwaite is sim ply amusing himself with me."

As she spoke she drew herself up with a the dignity of a queen her eyes flashing and her bosom heaving with emotion. Thewidow regarded her now with unfeigned sur-

"What else should he be doing, child: she asked a little impatiently. Then, more gently, as she saw the tears standing in the girl's bright eyes, and laying her hand on her arm-"My dear, I knew your mother! -she is gone now - let me speak to you in her stead. I don't say you've meant to do wrong; but, my girl, can't you see that you're putting your name in every one's reputation for being fast, but he's a man

"It's false!" interrupted the girl raising "No; it is true,' the widow rejoined firmly. "I thought you knew what everyone

else in the village knows. Captain Braithwaite is to be married to his cousin, Miss warmer feeling for her than cousinly regard, ry. Geraldine Mainwaring, in the spring. If it was different with the girl. Even in those, "'What do you mean, said he," 'by send you don't believe it, ask him yourself, next early days when her father was either too ing such word to me ? to contradict it.

ble violently.

girl-who had risen also, and was confront. al years her senior. Harry's regiment had did not draw one cent on Saturday.' scared face !- towards her; but Dolly, with for several years, Geraldine having been on . Mr. Henderson was amazed as I laid which they had ascended so short a time be- tain Braithwaite, deprived of his cousin's forgery. fore, I aving the worthy dame literally presence, and finding the time hang heavily " Now it was my turn to be amazed. day or two ago he was appointed a messen- stead of the rusty velveteen bodice, she had dumbfounded at the result of her well-in- on his hands at the Hall, had made the I had paid a forged check of that size I

## CHAPTER III.

"There must be no more trifling, Harry; either you make up your mind to marry childish simplicity, quaint artistic tastes, could hardly tell them apart. The only dif-Geraldine at an early date, or I wash my and native manner. He had not dreamed ference was that it was not written in the hands of you and your dabts. The estate is | that she would attach any serious importance | ink Mr. Henderson usually wrote with. We heavily burdened enough already-it will to the honeyed speeches which fell to natural sent down to Mr. Hirtz's office, but it was can endure, however, borders on the phenombear no more Besides, it is not fair to ly from his lips when he was talking to a closed, and his clerk did not know where he

sins of his younger and best-loved son too him desist from his harmless flutation, as he amount and my resignation was demanded.

freedom.' "Well, one can't live on the air !" Harry | careless seifish fashion. declared irritably, following his father's To his mother, in a sudden fit of confidence | Hirtz. I recognized him before he did me. glance. "And it costs something to keep one day, Captain Braithwaite bemoaned the up the family dignity if one is in a crack tangled mesh in which his affairs were in-

Braithwaits knew his father's pride of race was a weak point with him; but the old his father.

gentleman was not to be thus molified.

question for you to decide.' Harry fidgeted uneasily. In his mind's is worth thinking about. eye at that moment was a graceful little fig. | And, being an astute woman, Lady Braithure in a crimson kilted petticoat, with soft | waite said no more, certain that her words lustrous eyes that sought his own in perfect | would be more likely to bring forth fruit if trest. For a minute his good angel predom- they were left to take root of their own acinsted, for a minute he bitterly regretted cord. And Captain Braithwaite did think tine. They served the Braithwaites in his selfish conduct, and would fain have of it; and, not being quite heartless, and undone the work of the last few weeks. It experience having taught him the advisabilhad been the maddest folly, and he had ity of being off with the old love before he ry, no risk, and you will be \$1,000 better with the hair turned to ward and resting cut through, and as often would be repairnever intended to seriously engage the girl's was on with the new, he thought he would could not have been kept closed, and the and a scapegrace wild set they were, though affect ons - as for marriage, such an idea as break off his acquaintanceship with Dolly steamer must have inevitably foundered, generous and open-handed, to give em that between himself and Dolly Jarvis was Jarvis before the arrival of his cousin, to money, and left that n'ght.' too ridiculous to be entertained! Yet those avoid any complication that might otherhours passed in the company of the village wise arise; or, at any rate, he would delibelle had not been without their charm, cately hint to the blacksmith's daughter "Well, you see, they were what they Was it his fault, if, car. ied away by the ex- upon what footing they must meet in the vance of morning brought signs of atmost called Royalists - they took the side of the citement of the moment, he had spoken future. So he had planned the interview pheric changes, the weather became squally Kieg when the man Cromwell wanted to words which should never have passed his in the pine wood now more than a week and unsettled, and therea rose with marvel got the crown from him; and no wonder, leps, if his manner to her had been such as ago; and, in a moment of weakness, he lous quich ness, huge waves rearing them- for he was not of much account, I've heard to mislead her? Well, well, it was over had, instead of loosening his chains, but selves perpendicularly, and breaking in a tell-and they drank and fought and gam- now; he supposed he must marry Gerald- riveted them more tightly. mass in mid air. For nearly two hours no bled and cheated and made love to all the ine, since his people would have it so, and Since then he had bitterly regretted his man en board could move for fear of being pretty girls they came across; they didn't Doily would wed one in her own station of conduct, for he had come to the conclusion

a Braithwaite. There was one Sir Henry through his mental struggle, knowing full mind. She would probably hear of his en-Braithwaite, who actually ran away with | well how it would end, how it must end. his neighbour's wife, and another who stary - "I suppose I've no choice in the matter,

"I'm glad you've sufficient sense to see it lady; and they thought nothing of robbing in that light, 'Sir Ralph rejoined, taking things from his point of view and be reasoncare to suppress all signs of the satisfaction he felt at his son's decision, which he knew The widow was drawing pretty freely would only gall the young man. "Geraldupon her imagination, noticing all the ine is warm-hearted and true to the backwhile, with secret satisfaction, that Dolly bone, and, with her money, she might do better than wed a graceless ne'er-do-well."

she said softly, when her companion paused, have consented to make the bargain you de- had fallen. But presently, when they pullmore for want of breath than because she sire. You pay my debts, and I marry my ed up after a brisk canter along a wide-"Not quite," Sir Ralph returned, still spoke.

good-humouredly. "Whilst we are about it, we may as well fix the wedding-day." "Oh, hang it all, I'll leave that to you !" the Captain cried, dismayed at the other's know I am a poor match for you; but we promptitude, and chafing to end the inter-

"This is August," announced Sir Ralph calmly; "suppose we fix the first of Febru. | you happy." ary for your marriage-that is, if Geraldine is agreeable and oes not consider it too soon after my brother in-'aw s death?' Harry groaned, but made no audible reply. "It is settled then," his father went on

composedly. "You had better speak to As Captain Braithwaite left his father's presence, he encountered the subject of their late conversation, ready equipped for

"Oh, Harry," exclaimed the girl, with a if I was to tell you that the son of one of Finally when, at the end of the seventh little pout of the ripe red lips. "I've been the largest dry goods merchants in New month, she had almost abandoned hope, she waiting for you at least five minutes. "What a sad trial of patience.

cousine!" he rejoined gaily. Since it had to be done, he would put his ate to the test, wi hout further delay, he decided, as he swung Geraldine into the saddle, and then himself mounted the chestnut cob the groom was holding for him. Not that he had much doubt as to what Miss Mainwaring's answer would be when he out the momentous question to her, he thought, a little ruefully. Her preference until lately Harry had proved himself one of the most devoted of the heiress's worsentences which might mean so little or so

Mr. Mainwaring had been killed in a railthe world, an orphan and the possessor of a

tound the journey across the Atlantic too \$3,000 to your credit." been the object of her passionate attach-"My dear child!" cried the widow pity. ment. With her elder cousin Pe cy she was but Mr. Hirtz drew out \$15,000shy and reserved, which might perhaps be

It was during the long summer that Cap. he said. 'It certainly does. But it is a tracted in prison. acquaintance of pretty Dolly Jarvis. Ac- | could count my chances of holding my posicustomed as he was to the society of fashion- tion with a cipher. We took the check to able belles, he had all the more readily the cashier and examined it together, and fallen a victim to the bow and spear of the then we compared it with his other signaunsophisticated rustic beauty, with her tures. It was so nearly like them that we pretty girl. He had forgotten that what had gone, but believed he had left for New Sir Ralph Braithwaite spoke without was merely a pastime to him might be at - York. He had made his escape. This temper; perhaps he remembered his own tended with danger to Dolly-still less did strengthened Mr. Henderson's statement, youthful peccadilloes too well to visit the any thought of Geraldine ever arise to make and after a few days we made good the

called it in his own mind. "Oh, Percy knows how to take care of | And then one day there had come the un- | was some mystery about the matter, and I himself !" the young man said, with an im- | welcome knowledge that his difficulties were | had the check lithographed for my own use patient shrug of his shoulders. "And I becoming so great that he must do something A month later Mr. Henderson surprised the must say it is a little hard on me, at my to extricate himself, that he must rouse business community by failing, and after the age, to expect me to settle down into a ben- himself from the easy dolce far niente state settlement with his creditors he came out a edict. One naturally desires to see a little of existence into which he had been drift- bankrupt. I determined to ferret out the of life while one is blessed with youth and ing, if he would avoid ruin and disgrace; mystery, and for considerable time I searchand with that knowledge came another. ed the country for any news of Mr. Hirtz, "I think you have seen a little of life, as | Dolly Jarvis loved him with all the intens. | but all to no avail. Finally I came to New you call it," the old baronet replied, laying ity of her simple childish heart, loved him York and secured employment in the bank high, around and over which the wind his hand significantly on a pile of unpaid with all the purity and depth of a first love, where I am now. bills that lay on the escritoire beside him. | whilst he -well, he loved her after his own |

regiment and belongs to an ancient family | volved, and received from her the warmest | ally, recognizing me, turned and tried to es-This was a sop in the pan, for Captain inability to help him except by giving him and held him fast. He made no struggle, ly grasp a gun and pursue his enemy 200 or the same advice that he received later from | but sat down.

"Why don't you marry, my boy, she "Ah, um! What is this!" he question- had said-"some one with money, of course? ed, turning up a blue document from amid. That would be the easiest and most pleasant the heap beside him; then, after reading way out of your difficulties. You can hardaloud a list of expensive wines that had ly expect your father to do any more for "That does not look much like living on really I don't see how it is to end, unless, with your creditors. I tell you I cannot af- aldine coming on a visit next week. You ford to do so; but I will stretch a point to used to be very fond of each other, and she oblige you-conditionally. It is a simple has a nice little fortune-enough for you both to live on comfortably; at any rate, it

rue the day she made the acquaintance of been patiently watching his son as he went put all thought of Dolly Jarvis out of his one that has no turn in it.

gagement to his cousin soon enough; and then, if he chanced to see her, he could explain all to her. She would be a little sorry at first, of course; but then she would see able. In his own heart however he questioned Dolly's "reasonableness," having an uncomfortable recollection of the scene in

the pine-wood. Geraldine Mainwaring noticed her cousin's abstraction, and regarded him a little curi-"Thank you !" Harry cried, rising hasti- ously from time to time, though she made no "Don't try me too much, father. I effort to break the silence into which they spreading common, Captain Braithwaite

"Geraldine," he said suddenly, without any preamble, "do you think you could ever care for me enough to be my wife? I have in a manner grown up together, andand if you will entrust yourself to me no effort shall be wanting on my part to make

(TO BE CONTINUED )

HOW BANKS ARE SWINDLED.

The Trick by which a Bankrupt Merchant Stole Fifteen Thousand Follard.

the public knows nothing about it. Why, plied by three, by four, by six. on both, and escaped arrest and publicity, was sharp and brief. you would hardly believe it; but it is so. His father made good the amount. Almost every week some one manages to defraud us some way, and it is only once in six months we ever report the case to the authorities.

"Some years ago," continued the cashier, was the paying teller of a bank in a large Western city. Among our customers was a with a light heart and beaming countenance wholesale merchant named Henderson, who | She feels crushed and confused, weighed for him had been sufficiently marked, and did a very large business with our bank. He down by a strange, almost agonizing sense was in the habit of drawing large sums to of apprehension and despair. meet his bills, which were heavy, and all A maniacin number Thirty-eight is knocking interest, "Are you a university man?" shipers, for, although he did not actually these passed through my hands. Among furiously at the wall. any one he had hitherto met, and he had been man named Hirtz, who had lately come to to denounce me. Here is a man with a sack content to hover around her, to pay her that city from the East. He was a com- of rats that he is bringing to devour me. those little nameless attentions so natural mission broker, and sold Mr. Henderson a Coward, coward that you are !" Henderson's check on our bank. One day oxysms much. And, truth to tell, there was a Mr. Hirtz brought to the bank a check for A horrible fear takes possession of the great deal that was lovable and worthy of \$15.000. It was the largest check he had prisoner's mind.

esteem in Geraldine Mainwaring. Her ever presented. I hesitated a moment about features were regular, her hair dark as the paying it. I examined the writing careful-raven's wing, her complexion that of a bruly. It was evidently Mr Henderson's signette, her brown eyes large and piercing, nature, and there was no question about the yet she just fell short of being a beauty. bearer being Mr. Hirtz. I asked the bookfinancier, and had wedded pretty fragile had to his credit. He had \$18,000 So I Grace Braithwaite, Sir Ralph's only sister, paid it. Mr. Hirtz took thirty \$500 bills, treated the officials to send her to exile, to when quite a girl. She had died when Gerand left the building with the money care-Siberian mines, to sentence her to pena aldine was fifteen. Since then Geraldine fully concerled in his inside vest pocket. had been at a Continental boarding-school. This was on Saturday, just before bank closed. Monday aft rncon Mr. Henderson way accident a few months before, and then sent a check for \$6,000 to the bank. I sent Geraldine had found herself thrown upon back word that his account was not large enough to cover that amount. In a few minutes Mr. Henderson appeared at the If Harry Braithwaite entertained no bank himself. He was evidently very ang-

"It is false !' repeated poor Dolly, clasp- long to spare the time to visit his daughter, | " That is not so,' said he : 'I have \$18. ing her hands together; but her tone was and she had been accustom d to spend her | 000 here, and if those figures are not correct " 'You did have \$18,000 last Saturday,

" ' Mr. Hirtz did nothing of the sort,' in-She stood up, and would have drawn the accounted for by the fact of his b-ing sever- terrupted the merchant hotly. 'Mr. Hirtz

"That certainly does look like my check

I told our President that I thought there

"About a year ago, while I was sitting in my private office, I was surprised to see Mr.

" ' How do you do Mr. Hirtz ?' I said. "The man blushed, stammered, and finsympathy; but she could only declare her cape, but I caught him by the coat collar

" What are you going to do ! he asked. " 'Have you sent to the penitentiary.'

whole thing." " 'What good will that do me?'

" Who did then ?" " 'Mr. Henderson. " ' Mr. Henderson?

asked.

which proved that he had told the truth. is that given off by their bodies. Mr. Henderson was dead and Hirtz was a bankrupt, and as he really didn't mean to do wrong I let him go. Henderson had beaten of Germany, Mme. Christine Nilsson has the bank out of that much money, just like consented to sing for the first time in Berlin. robbing it. I have no doubt other similar The opening performance will take place on crimes have been committed, but I never October 12, the operaselected being "Faust," heard of them."

A report of a base ball game says: "Larthey made, so long as they amused them- and yet, with strange inconsistency, he bit would make him a most desirable wife. kins knocked Fulton, the new pitcher, all item to the long list of his philanthropic to sing to it all night for 365 days, say five And, on this day, as they cantered down over the field." This must have been an deeds by abating fifty per cent of the renst hours at a time. £820 for a few minutes that he favors granting the right of suffrage side, gentle or simple, who hadn't cause to "Well?" queried Sir Ralph, who had the avenue of chestnuts, on account of severe storms singing is her usual price. One night of

Number Thirty-nine. The main point in Russia's judicial pro The case of "Thirty nine," a woman who life. had fallen under the suspicion of the Government, is cited in "Russia Under the Tzars," in illustration of this state of affairs :

swered in the negative.

length, "you will have to reflect. Take ried, and his wife, after bearing him thirteen number Thirty-Nine back to her cell children, is still well and happy. warder.' She went back to her cell, rejoicing at

having come so well out of the ordeal, and that the police had so little against her. She was full of hope as to the future. ease ; she could not complain that the even tenor of her thoughts was disturbed by too able scandal trial she has lived in the same a second and third. An entire month "Banks are constantly being imposed up- elapsed, and still nothing was said about on," said the cashier of a large bank, " and another examination. The month multi-

York had presented two forged checks to was called before the procurator to undergo this bank within the past month, got money still another questioning. The examination

> "Yes, I have reflected." "Have you anything to add to your previous depositions?"

"Have you reflected?"

"Nothing "Indeed! Go back to your cell, then." This time she does not return to her cell

love her, she had been as nearly his ideal as Mr. Henderson's business associates was a "Wretched traitress that you have been

great many goods, for which he received Mr. | The poor lunatic is in one of her par-

"Dreadful! dreadful!" she cries. Shall! one day become like her ?" The months come and go; they multiply themselves into years. The captive Mr. Mainwaring had been an American keeper how much money Mr. Henderson for air, movement, liberty, has grown inundergoing a terrible crisis. Her yearning Siberian mines, to sentence her to pena

> The procurator has several times visited Have you anything to add to your disposition?" has be n his invariable question.

"Very well ; I must still leave you to your In the meantime the bloom of health has quite vanished from the prisoner's cheeks. Her complexion has assumed that yellowgreen tint peculiar to the young who linger long in captivity. Her movements are slow, indolent automatic. She can remain half an hour in the same position with her eyes flexed on the same object, as if she were teresting clipping from an old country buried in deep thought. Her brain has paper :become torpid; she passes the greater part of

her time in heavy drowsiness, mental and What will become of poor Thirty-nine? There are many alternatives for her. proket handkerchief, or poison herself.

strength of character, and vigor of constitujudges, out of consideration for her tender age and long imprisonment, may let her end her days in Siberia.

# Endurance of the Esquimaux.

The amount of cold these northern nomads enal. I have seen the little babies, two and three years old, play, perfectly naked, for hours at a time, on the reindeer robes of the bed in the igioo, the temperature as I have said, being constantly below freezing; and in the fall I have seen them naked, playing and splashing in a pond of water, long reedles of ice ferming on the quiet placer. I once saw an Equimau baby boy taken from its mother's hood, and naked, made to stand on the snow until she found its reindeer skin clothing from the sledge, a fairly strong wind, sufficient to drift the loose snow along with it blowing at the time, the thermometer minus 38°, the only protection it had being a sledge loaded about three feet poured. Its exposure thus was a good minute, and to appreciate this one must take a watch in his hand and see that length of time drag by, a time that a not unconscientious but sensational writer might readily jot down as five or ten minutes.

And I have known a naked man surprised asleep in his igloo by a polar bear, hasti-300 yards in the snow, the thermometer

15 to 20 o below zero, and slay him. " If you will let me go I will confess the in water on the runners of their sledges with has been said that, if a dam or house be the open palms of the hands until it freezes once injured by the hand of man, the colony into solid ice, the thermometer being from at once disappear. But that this is fallaci-"You won thelp justice any by convict- zero to 80 below, when I have known it to ous is proved by the following: Twentybeen supplied to his son, he added drily. you. He has paid your debts so often that ing me, he replied. I didn't forge that be done. I have seen an E-quimau traveller two miles from Marquette, Michigan, on throw himself on the snow and rest comfort. | the Carp River, a beaver colony began the ably for half an hour, the thermometer 71 o erection of a new dam. Though the embelow zero, or 103° below freezing, and pro- bankment of a railway ran ne-rly parallel bably doing some light work with ungloved | with the stream, the trains passed backward "Yes. I was a poor broker in that town hands. The Kinneptoo Esquimau, who sel- and forward daily they seemed in no way when I first met Henderson. He gave me dom build even the small fires of the disturbed, and worked steadily on until the a good many orders, and finally asked me native stone lamp in their igloos during the water had risen a foot or more. The track how I would like to make \$1,000. I told very coldest weather of winter, are probably master, observing that this endangered the the hardiest of all these boreal tribes in with- line - for the embankment had been utilized " 'All right,' said he. 'You present my standing low temperatures, and sit around as a wing of the dam-ordered the water check for \$15,000 at the bank, draw the in their cold, cheerless snow houses with on- drawn off. But the following day the beamoney, bring it to me, and I will give you ly their undergarments on (the E quimaux | vers had repaired the damage done them, \$1,000. Then you go to Europe for six has two suits of reindeer skins, the outer and the water was at its former height. months. There will be no trouble, no wor- with the hair turned outward, and the inner Again and again and again was the dam against the body), their arms withdrawn ed. All in all, it was cut and repaired some "'I did as he suggested, gave him the from their sleeves and resting on their bare fifteen or twenty times ere the beavers bodies across their breasts chatting all the were sufficiently discouraged to abandon " What did you do with the man ?" we while pleasantly about various matters, the their attempts. thermometer often being below zero; in "Nothing. He had papers in his pocket | act, the only warmth the snow house has

> At the special invitation of the Emperor on which occasion all the members of the imperial family will be present.

which destroyed their crops.

## PEOPLE.

Signer Luigi Canepa a composer whose three previous works have had some success in Italy, is writing an opera with the title "In Carnevale," which represents an episode of Florentine history in the time of the Medici.

Florence, the actor, got into a street car the other day. He says : "The seats were all full. A lady had her little boy in the seat along side of her. She told him to get up, and let the old gentleman, meaning me, sit down. I came home feeling my 54

A book called "Wieland and Reinhold," which has just appeared in Germany, contains the following extraordinary estimate of one of the greatest German musicians by one of the greatest German poets 'n 1793 Wieland wrote to Reinhold: "I shuld be pleased if your visit could occur on a day when the operetta 'Der Baum der Diana' ceedings is frequently not to weigh a will be given, the music of which is said to prisoner's guilt, and fix upon the consequent be extraordirarily sweet and charmingpenalty, but merely to keep him in durance | whereas, on the other hand, Mezurt's 'Figaro' vile. If he is safely in custody, the law which was to add to the pleasures of out shows no further interest as to his case. It celebration day before yesterday, is the most can wait, and he, unfortunately, must. disagreeable thing I have ever heard in my

William M. Evarts fell in love with his wife when she was sixteen, and he a green boy at college. She was the daughter of She was accused of being in communication | Treasurer Wardner, of Vermont, and was as . with conspirators, and of having been a pretty as young Evarts was homely. They member of a secret society hostile to the became eng ged at her home in Verment, existing Government. These charges she at and Evarts went away to New York, promonce denied. She was then accused of other | ising to come back when he had made enough offences, and many searching questions were to warrant his marrying At twenty-five he put touching her supposed connection with had made a name for himself as a lawyer, the revolutionary movement. All were an- and was a member of one of the chief New York law firms, one making, it is said, a to-"Very well," said the precurator, at tal of \$60,000 a year. At this time he mar-

Occe in a while the question is heard: "What has become of Mrs. Tilton?" The little woman who was a few years ago the most widely known American woman in the She was then allowed to reflect at her Morse, on Pacific street, in Brooklyn, in way. The home of Mrs. Tilton with her mother is one of taste, refinement and elegance. Many of the pictures that were made famous by the repeated yarns in the courtroom, of how Theodore, in his nightshirt, used to go around the hosue rehagging them at all hours of the night, are to be seen on the walls of her present brown-store home.

A good story was told about Mr. Henry Irving at a reception of Harvard alumni at Buffato. When the English actor visited Boston, President and Mrs. Eliot were among the spectators at his first performance; and in order to do henor to the stranger, he was invited out to Harvard, shown all the college "ions" and finally entertained at a luncheen to which a select party of distinguished ones were bidden. "By the way, Mr. Irving," said the president, with a praise-worthy desire to open "No, sir," was the actor's answer ; then, as if he felt that the reply might be taken as in some way implying disrespect to the college and colleges in general, he added, "but my business manager here is."

In a new volume by Mr. Read, the veteran reporter, a chapter on "hearing and mishearing gives some amusing illustrations of the mistakes sometimes made by r porters owing to imperfect hearing, caused not infrequently by the imperfect articulation of the speakers they were reporting. Thus "overtax" was once written down for "over set;" "Watching from the Roman eye" for "Watching from their home on high;" "a good Sunday coat" for "a goose and a goat : and the "Count as of Ayr" for "county surveyor." A speaker in parliament once said, "What do the Turks want? To be a nation." This was printed "To be in Asia." "Attenders of clubs," in one of Mr. Bright's speeches, was transformed into 'vendors of gloves' The latter part of the statement that "all reforms in this country have been brought about by pressure," was reported "brought about by Prussia." "Pew rates are the greatest enemies of the Church" was converted into "curates are the greatest enemies of the Church.

Event Names for Children. A correspondent sends the following in-

In the quarter following the battle of the "Alma," five hundred and nineteen children. males as well as females, received "Alma. as a Christian name. Balaklava, Inkerman and Sebastopol also speedily gave their by some shock, her vital energy should be names to English infants, and one "Siege awakened, she may strangle herself with a Sebastopol" was registered. The acquisition of the Island in the Mediterranean during the year 1878 was the means of introducing Cyprus into English personal nomenclature: If, however, by reason of abnormal and to pass to a later date still, a laborer's boy, born at Sawstone, Cambridgeshire, in tion, she survive until the day of trial, her | September, 1882, was named "Tel-el-Kebir." Political events as well as military, find their reflection in names. "Charter 'is a recorded appellation recalling the popular movement of 1848, and "Reform" is also an existing denomination. In a birth register of 1882 appears as the personal designation of a certain Mrs. Thorpe, who became a mother at that time, the startling name "Leviathan." The good lady, it is stated, was born or named at the time of the launching of Brunel's monster steamship, which was at first so called, though it has since been known as the Great Eastern. A little girl, daughter of a hoop-maker, born early in the last named year at Rye, in Sussex, received the name 'Jumbo," presumably in commemoration of the regretted departure of the Zoological

favorite from Regent Park to America. The correspondent adds: Whist on the subject of names, what do you think of the ollowing, which I well remember appeared for a considerable time in the monthly Army list, some years since, "William Wellington

### Waterloo Humbly?" Persistence of the Beaver.

The quickness with which a colony discovers a wholesale attempt against their peace is astorishing; yet if their numbers are undisturbed, or dim nished but gradually, even the presence of civilization will not drive them from their haunts. To day beaver are returning to streams in Michigan long ago abandoned by their rece, simply because they find themselves unmolested, the demand for beaver peltry being slight, and the prices paid out of all propor-These E-quimanx rub slushy snow, dipped | tion to the labor entailed in trapping. It

## What It Would Cost.

It is fearful to think what an enormous ex pense it would be for Patti to bring up a child. She would have to sing it to sleep every night for about three years, and at the regular rates this would amount to £1,000,000. Then if she should have to sing one or two extra verses to it each night, the amount would rise to £1,500,000, providing that the child was always in good health. Allowing Verdi, the composer, has added another the usual third for sickness, she would have sickness would therefore cost £48,000.