At the foot of the Rocky Mountains a horse limped slowly along the narrow track. Its rider was a young girl of about nineteen years of age, must have some aim in life, some dressed in a short riding-habit, with mission." a light gun slung across her should-

Every now and then she peered anxiously around for some sign of human being or habitation. A stranger in a strange land, and separated a worthy one." from her companions some three hours ago, she had not the slightest When I was eighteen years of age I knowledge of her whereabouts.

Suddenly the horse stopped and began to tremble violently. Looking about for the eause she saw, about two hundred yards ahead, the figure of a man kneeling, and farther on a huge grizzly bear with two cubs.

Almost immediately a shot rang out, followed by a second. The huge beast staggered and fell, but rose again with a terrific roar of rage and pain. Before the man had time to reload the bear had discovered her ground at a rapid pace. The man can imagine my excitement when I enemy, and was shuffling over the threw down his weapon and ran for the nearest tree, but his foot catching in a projecting root threw him headlong, and before he could rise the bear was upon him.

Making frantic slashes with a hunting knife the man endeavored to ward the beast off, but a blow from its paw sent the knife whizzing through the air and broke his arm. Lying there helpless, with the bear savagely clawing him, its blood-dripping muzzle but a few inches from his face, the man gave himself up for lost. Closing his eyes he waited rang out in rapid succession, and tin Craik sold his share of the mine. with a roar of agony the bear dropped, and a few yards away stood the girl with a smoking gun in her

The man turned his head and stared curiously at his deliverer. "Guess I owe you a life."

"I think not; the bear was mortally wounded by your shots. I only peppered its eyes."

"Finishing touch, anyway. I should have been all right, only I think I broke a leg when I doubled up over that tree-root. May I ask your name?"

"I am Norah Swinton, and staying at Claxton's Farm. A party of us came out shooting this morning, but I got separated from them and have lost my way."

"My name is Derek Hamburg, a wanderer on the face of the earth." "But you are hurt; let me see what

I can do for you." "Guess I'm in a bad way; left leg and right arm both cracked, besides a few claw wounds. If you could tie me up a little-but it appears to me your friends are looking for you-I can hear the sound of horses.'

"Yes, how lucky; it is Mr. Claxton

ribly anxious. Why, what have we here?" "My guardian angel," answered

Derek. "Shot the bear and saved my life." "Nonsense! I only came in at the

finish; but, Mr. Claxton, he is terribly hurt-an arm and a leg broken." "That's bad! Let me have a look at you. Here, Jim, ride off to the farm and send some men along with a stretcher of some sort."

Jim Claxton immediately rode off, and his father set to work on Derek Hamburg. In a few minutes, with the dexterity of an old hand, he had bound up his wounds and placed the broken limbs in hastily-devised much already, so I must leave you splints.

"You've had a narrow escape, young man, and it will be a few months before you are on your legs shall have to keep an eye on you. I let you run into danger."

"Oh, the danger was nothing, and dad has had too many narrow es-

this escapade." "Aye! I suppose he's had his share my men."

was comfortably housed at Claxton's Farm, where his injuries received was that Derek opened his heart. more careful attention, and Norah Swinton insisted upon assuming the

upon any conversation.

Swinton; I've been lying here hour somewhere around to fill my heart, after hour in a kind of caze, but that's just hungry for love. Can I I've always been conscious of your hope that you feel any affection for Miles Swinton resigned and pale as form fluttering about, and it appears | me?" to me that I've seen the best conception of an angel that ever dazzled the brain of man."

"Hush! You mustn't talk like that, or T shall think we have not subdued the fever after all, and I shall have you delirious again."

"It's a delirium that I should like to keep always. Tell me something

about yourself." I am the only child of Sir Miles staining his hands with the blood of "Oh, there is nothing much to tell. Swinton, of Swinton Manor, Surrey, which, of course you know, is in take his punishment on yourself?" England. Dad and I have been travelling, and we came to visit Mr. Everton whom ded know before he yourself his judge?"

settled in England and was made a baronet. When dad had to go home the same light." on business he left me here for a few months, after which I go to New York."

"And then?"

"I shall stay there for a few weeks, and then home for Christmas. Now you know all about me, it is your turn."

"Well, I'm Derek Hamburg, a millionaire in dollars, and when you've said that I'm just accounted for."

"Guess you're right. I have a mission, but I don't want to lose your sympathy by telling you of it." "Or perhaps gain my sympathy,

for I am sure your ambition must be

"You shall judge. It is just this. had a brother. Jack was ten years my senior, but the bond of friendship between us was as strong as steel bands. I simply worshipped him as the embodiment of everything manly. We were orphans, and he sent me to a good school while he went to Australia to try his luck at the gold-

"He had a partner, a man named Martin Craik, and after varying fortune they struck it rich-so rich that life; and then Jack sent for me. You life?"

made my way up to Ballaroo. found my brother with a bullet marry the girl after." through his lungs, and half an hour afterwards he died in my arms."

"Murdered?" "Well, that's about the size of it. It appears that after Jack and Martin Craik had made their pile they both fell in love with Carrie Cross, the daughter of a rancher in the district. From what I could gather Miss Cross suddenly left the neighborhood, and at the same time Marand from hot words there came blows ago, before I was born. His brother Then they agreed to settle their dis- and another man quarrelled about a pute with revolvers."

"A duel?" "A nice duel it was. The two went into the bush. It was agreed to stand back to back. Each was to walk ten paces, turn round, and fire. My brother took two steps and got shot in the back."

"Oh! Coward!" camped, without even waiting to see body I took an oath never to rest | Oh, he is such a fine fellow, dad; you until I found his murderer. That | will like him when he comes." was twenty years ago, and I am searching yet."

"And when you find him?" "Guess he dies, or I do."

"Would you murder him?"

he never gave my brother, and that's to be dressed in time for dinner." his hand, and I shall have one in manner, Norah went to her room strong spirit, and carry it upon the cessful revolutions of the countries south mine, but he won't see my back for and left Sir Miles alone. an instant."

sailed for South Africa. I have end is in sight. Was it the hand of ing. It will probably only stop opening the Brazilian ports to foreign we have found you; we have been ter- heard of him being seen in Canada, destiny that threw Norah across this when it strikes the side of the bowl. commerce, creating new law couris, and New Zealand, and many places. I man's path?"

shall find him yet." you make them fatherless?" "He killed my brother."

"And perhaps his life is filled with sorrow and remorse."

"Too late. A life for a life." "You will still go on?"

no talk for you, Miss Norah, and I light. ought not to have told you, only I don't like people to form a wrong impression of me. If I have forfeited your regard I am sorry."

"It is not for me to judge your actions, but you have talked too before I do any further mischief."

As the weeks went by, and Derek Hamburg made slow but sure recovery, it became manifest that he and ly shot him down in cold blood." again. As for you, Miss Norah, I Norah Swinton were far more in sympathy with each other than is Sir Miles would never forgive me if usually the case between patient and

They spent the long days together, and although no words of love were capes himself to think anything of spoken between them they were supremely happy in each other's socie- come at last." ty. At last the time came when of fighting; but here comes Jim and Derek was able to get about with the aid of a pair of crutches, and Half an hour later Derek Hamburg Norah was making preparations for her journey to New York. Then it

"I owe you a life, Norah." "I have not claimed the debt." with Spartan fortitude there was no amounts to this. I reckon that you the stroke of six. With the last standing at their head, although ne doubt that his condition was very contain all the sweetness, purity, stroke of the hour we fire, but keep takes rank above the dukedom, being grave, and it was not until some and goodness that can be concentrat- yout hand down until then, for I am earl marshal of England. days later that he was able to enter ed in one being in this world, and watching." there will not be much happiness for "I've a lot to thank you for, Miss me in the future unless I can be murder."

"I-I think you can, Derek." "And you will marry me, Norah?" The girl slowly shook her head.

unless you can assure me that you gazed wonderingly at the scene. vengeance for your brother's death." would you murder my father?" "I loved my brother."

"And I want to love my husband; but do you think I could do so if I knew that he was living in hopes of This is Sir Miles Swinton." a fellow-creature? Why should you brother."

"I made an oath." "By what ri ht do you constitute

"No, and we never shall, Derek. love you very dearly, but I could not live under the daily apprehension of my husband taking a human life." "The man may be dead."

"I hope so; but until you can come to me and say that your quest is over and your hands are clean we can never be anything but friends."

present. Just tender friends-you burg was on the ground. When "Oh, I can't believe that. You and I. I am following you to Eng- found that I had shot him I was fillland just as soon as I can walk, ed with horror. I turned and fled." and then, perhaps-"

"Your vendetta may die in the the truth. I believe you. kindly influence of English home-

So they parted, and six weeks later Norah landed in England, where she was joyfully welcomed by her father. Sir Miles Swinton, the well-known philanthropist, was an aristocraticlooking man still on the sunny side of fifty. He lived a quiet, retired life making a hobby of benevolence, but the one great joy and pride of his life was his daughter Norah, and as he sat listening to her adventures he was happy in the contemplation of her wonderful beauty and buoyant

spirits. "And what of this great adventure shyly raised her lips to his. of yours that you wrote about-

"It's true, dad, just as I told you piness. Sir Miles-shake!" in my letter. We thought he would And as the hands of the two men "I can, indeed," answered Norah. | die, but he's all right now."

life, Norah; he generally wants to by clasping their hands with her "And-and he did want to, dad."

"Good heavens! I thought as much. And you?" "I-I love him very dearly, dad, but I cannot marry him."

"I say, this is serious; tell me all about it."

brother." "Oh! A melodramatic villain.

girl at Ballaroo-"Ballaroo?" "Yes; a mining camp in Australia." "His name, Norah, his name?"

do you know him, dad?" "Derek Hamburg! I-I know the story, Norah. I was in Australia at the time. No, no, you cannot marry "You are right; that's Martin him; of course not. Absurd. And-Craik. He lett Jack there and de- and is he looking for Martin Craik?" "You know the man's name! Yes, if he was alive. Over my brother's he is spending his life in the quest.

> "He-he is coming here?" "Yes; he left New York a week before 1 did. Why, what is the matter, dad? Are you ill?"

"No, I'm all right, Norah; but "Hardly that. I'll give him what you must run away now if you want Rather surprised at her father's drop of undiluted whiskey or other liably one of the conditions in the suc-

What man can escape the reward of will see that the match will instant- ousled from his throne. Expelled with "Carrie Cross? He did so. They sin? That fatal act has dogged my ly move off briskly in the direction Dom John VI., his father, he took refuge were married in England, and then steps all through life, and now the towards which the head was point in Brazil. Dom John, however, after

"Perhaps he has children; would fire in the grate threw fitful shadows by the addition of another drop his eldest son as Prince-Regent. on the walls as Sir Miles sat with from the decanter. In fact, the bowed head in his great armchair. | match may be driven back, forward, The door opened, and a footman, sideways, or given a circular motion,

ed in a visitor. "I will tell Sir Miles you are here, "To the bitter end. But this is said the man, as he switched on the

As the door closed Sir Miles arose, and for a brief second he and his visitor eyed each other in silence.

"Derek Hamburg!" "Martin Craik! Have I found you at last?" "And what would you with me af-

ter all these years?" "They are years that you denied to my brother when you treacherous-

"It is not true; it was an accident. "I am not here to discuss how it happened. My brother told me with his own lips as he lay dying in my arms, and I swore that I would never rest until I had exacted the full penalty for his death. The time has

"Would you murder me?" "No; that is your role. I will give you what Jack never had, and that is a chance for life. See, here is the a duke. revolver with which you did the deed, and left behind in your hurry to escape. I have kept it for this occasion. Take your stand with "No, I guess not; but I wish you your back to the wall over there and your hands down. The clock is on to their creation, the Duke of Norfoik

"I shall not fire; it will simply be

"Jack did not fire either." The two men faced each other: Sir death, Derek Hamburg flushed with reply. triumph. The clock commenced to strike: One-two-three-four-five-

As Derek raised his weapon the "No, Derek, I cannot promise that, door opened and Norah Swinton have given up your ide of seeking "What does this mean? Derek, "Your father! Martin Craik your

father!" "Martin Craik! What do you mean? "Craik or Swinton, he killed my and groaned.

not true." "It is true, Norah, that in Aus- ation from his face and sank into a tralia I was known as Martin Craik, chair.

"Guess we don't see this matter in It is true that I shot Jack Hamburg but it was an accident.'

"I can't believe that," said Derek. "Listen, Norak, and I will tell you briefly of the episode that has filled my life with bitterness. Jack and I quarrelled over your mother. In that lawless camp we agreed to settle our difference with revolvers. The arrangement was back to back, walk ten paces, turn round, and fire. I slipped and fell, my revolver went "Well, let it stay at that for the off, and when I turned Jack Ham-

"Dad, I know you always speak She placed her arms around his

neck and kissed him. "Derek, when I first met you at the foot of the Rocky Mountains I did you a service. You said that you owed me a life."

"That is so." "And now I claim that life-the life of my father."

"Well, Sir Miles's explanation is feasible, and as I can't disprove it I must believe him. I give you his life on one condition." "And that is?"

"That you give me yours." He held out his arms, and Norah, nestling her head on his shoulder,

"Guess, with your consent, sir, in a few months they were made for shooting a bear and saving a man's we'll all forget this unpleasant episode and settle down to a life of hap-

met in reconciliation, Norah, with a tion. In the year which saw the death "Well, I reached Australia, and "Dangerous thing to save a man's happy laugh, cemented the friendship

## TEE-TOTAL MATCHES.

Experiment Shows Sulphur Matches' Antipathy to Alcohol.

It may seem extraordinary, but it "Well, he has sworn a vendetta is nevertheless, strictly true, that so against the man who killed his innocent an artless of domestic use as an ordinary sulphur match may be Go made apparently to exhibit a most marked antipathy to alcohol stimu-"It happened about twenty years lants of various kinds. The ordinary wooden match does not protest by word of mouth, nor does it burst into the indignant flame of protest, when brought in contact with spirits. Under certain circumstances, however, it will act with great prompt-"Hamburg-Derek Hamburg. Why, ness in placing itself as far as it can beyond the reach of the obnoxious stimulant.

The conditions under which match may be made to show its temperance principles are readily obsurface of some pure clear water, of her son Alfonso. contained in a bowl or soup-plate, end of a knitting needle, and drop of the United States. "Nemesis, after twenty years! it upon the tail of the match, we match to which we apply the stimulant. In all cases the match will certainly move away from the whiskey.

## TABLE OF PRECEDENCE.

You Must Keep Your Place in English Society.

The sovereign. The queen consort. The Prince of Wales. The Princess Royal (the Duchess Fife.) The children of the sovereign.

The sovereign's brothers. The sovereign's nephews. Foreign ambassadors. The Archbishop of Canterbury. The Lord High Chancellor. The Archbishop of York. The Prime Minister of England. The Lord Chancellor of Ireland.

The Lord President of the Council. The officers of State if of the rank of The Lord Great Chamberlain.

The earl marshal. The lord steward. The lord chamberlain. After these comes the dukes according

THE PURCHASER.

"James, my lad," said the groceryman to his new clerk, "who bought that mouldy cheese to-day?" "Mrs. Brown, sir," was the youth's

"And the stale loaf we could not sell safer for you to go, my dear. Even a last night?" "Mrs. Brown, sir."

"Where's that lump of rancid butter that the baker refused?" "Mrs. Brown bought it cheap, sir," was the answer.

week since?"

"No, no; only I am going to supper "I cannot believe it. Father, it is at the Browns' to-night," replied the unhappy man, as he wiped the perspira-

# SUCCESSFUL REBELLIONS

COUNTRIES WHICH GAINED THEIR. OBJECT BY REVOLUTION.

Misgovernment, As In the Case of Russia, Surely Brings Disaster.

Of the world's biggest revolutions, two of those which have occurred in Great Britain were successful to the revolutionaries. Both ended disastrously for the rulers who opposed them. In 1649 Charles the First, after being pronounced by Cromwell and his followers. at Westminster Hall as "tyrant, traitor, murderer, and public enemy to the good people of the nation" lost his head on the scaffold before Whitehall.

Nearly forty years later, the misgovernment of James the Second led to a further big revolution, which ended by his abdication and the offer of his throne to William of Orange and Mary.

Many things brought about the deathknell of monarchical absolutism in France. The poverty and sufferings of the masses, the misrule and injustice of the Government, were among the leading causes responsible. After having lived through four years of the terrible revolution which began in 1789, Louis-XVI. met his doom at the hands of the executioner. A less cruel fate, however, was meted out to his successors.

### HESITATION AND INDECISION.

Louis Philippe, as a young man, favored the principles of the great Revoluof Louis XVI. he fled to Austria, and thereafter spent a wandering life, chiefly in England. On the restoration of the Bourbons he settled in Paris, and immediately after the July revolution of 1830 was proclaimed King. The "Citizen King," however, did not give satisfac-

tion for long. Too late, he called upon his advisers. to form a Ministry, for the insurgents were already in Paris. Then he abdicated in favor of his infant grandson. Again he was too late. The Chamber was already invaded by the crowd, and a republic once more proclaimed.

Hesitation and indecision, again, were the causes of the downfall of Napoleon III. He was too late in attempting to save his throne by calling upon his generals to stop the fearful Franco-Prussian war, which he had entered into in the hope of regaining his waning crown in a single hour.

Rebelling against the reactionary and oppressive policy of Isabella II. of Spain, her people rose in 1868 and

DROVE HER FROM HER COUNTRY.

tained. If it be thrown upon the Two years later she abdicated in favor But Maximilian of Mexico slayed in

it will be ready for trial. For the his country and died a hero. Previous sake of definiteness let us call the to becoming Emperor in 1864, he was head of the match that end to which Commander of the Austrian Navy and the red phosphorus mixture has been Governor of Venice, yet no sooner had applied, and the other end we will he occupied the throne of Mexico than here call the tail. If the match lies he was engaged in quelling continual motionless upon the surface of the revolutions. In one of these rebellions, water at or near the center of the headed by Jaurez, he was captured and containing vessel, we take a minute shot. The death of the ruler is invar-

Dom Pedro I. of Brazil was twice The room was in semi-darkness, the again to the other side of the bowl dustries, retired to Portugal, leaving

AMBITION LED TO REVOLUTION.

Personal ambition and the advice of thinking the room unoccupied, usher- in accordance with the portion of the men opposed to government from a place so far off as Lisbon, led the young prince to declare for Brazilian independence. As Dom Pedro I., he was proclaimed and crowned Emperor. Four years later, on the death of his father, he endcavored to occupy as well the throne of Portugal. But, after a reign of only two months, he felt compelled to abdicate in favor of his daughter, Dona Maria de Gloria.

Yet his return to Brazil was not hailed with enthusiastic loyalty. Finding the country in a revolutionary ferment, and vexed with the opposition he everywhere encountered, Dom Pedro voluntarily abdicated and withdrew to Por-

tugal. His successor, Dom Pedro II., was just as unfortunate in ruling his empire. Ascending the throne at the age of fifteen, after Brazil had been governed for nine years by regencies, the crown was no sooner upon his head than trouble began. He reigned, however, for forty years after this-until the revolution of 1889, in fact-when, being imprisoned, and refusing to submit, on the proclamation of the empire as a republic, he and his family were forcibly conveyed to the Alagoas, which thereupon set sail for Europe.

# CAUTIOUS MAN.

Wife (2 a.m.)-"John, are you awake?" Husband-"Yes." Wife-"I think I hear a burglar prowl-

ing about downstairs." Husband-"I thought I heard some one. Suppose you go down and see

what he wants.' Wife-"But why don't you go?" Husband-"Oh, I think it would be burglar isn't at all likely to strike a woman."

DEW AND COLORS. Dew is a great respector of colors. "And the six eggs we could not sell a To prove this take pieces of glass or beard and paint them red, yellow and "Mrs. Brown. Are you ill sir?" asked green, and black. Expose them at James as the groceryman turned green | night and you will find that the yellow will be damp, but that the red and the black will be left perfectly dry.

If you have the water of life you win not need to water life's stock.