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How 四. 功. V. Palmer Took the Man's-Name, John Strange Winter.

M. A. P. says:- Henrietta Eliza Vaughan Palmer (John Strange Winter) was born at York in 1856, h?r father, formerly an officer in the Royal Artiflery, being rector of St. Margaret's. According to herself, she was a "bad child," but probably she only suffered from a superabundance of animal spirits. She began writing at an early age, and was only eighteen when she had a story accepted by a York newspaper. True, it was never paid for, but the young writer did not mind that, Then she contributed to The Family Herald and London Society under the pseudonym of "Violet Whyte." John Strange Winter is the name of one of the characters in "Cavalry

Life," her first book.

John Strange Winter. When her publishers were bringing it out they insisted on her adopting a man's name, shrewdly arguing that a military book known to bewritten by a weman would stand little chance of success, and so "Violet Whyte" disappeared and "John Strange Winter" took her place. The criticisms on her books make amusing reading, insisting as they do on the author's "manliness." Even Ruskin was deceived, and a little disappointed when he discovered the truth. This is what he said in the course of a charming letter to her: "I had not the least thought of your being a woman (I ought to have had, for really women do everything now that's best, and they know more about soldiers than soldiers know of themselves.) But it had never come into my head, and I'm a little sorry that the good soldier I had fancied is lost to me, for I have many delightful women friends, but no cavalry officers . . " Mrs. Stannard treasures a now withered bouquet which Ruskin once sent to her.

GOLD AND MARBLE.

lome Remarkable Caves in New South Wales, Australia-Exploration Is Now Systematic.

About seventeen miles from Goulburn, the metropolis of the southern portion of New South Wales, is the somewhat picturesque township of Bungonia, pleasantly situated on the three others-the Yaequa, Spring Pond, and Terrara-within a short ing the district one of an exceptiontent, and in the masses of limestone Silverware are the most appropriate to present as tokens of tion have been explored. love or esteem. Our stock of

Systematic Exploration. Handsome Watches, Diamonds and Practically, the work of exploration was not systematically com- her father's house when they learned menced until within the last few who had been the donor, years, owing to the dangerous charmeans of a windless and rope, the timely end. water-worn and polished appearance of the sides of the shaft bearing evidence to the chasm having been periodically at no distant date the scene of an immente subterranean waterfall. Proceeding along one of two passages a couple of large chambers are traversed, after which, passing a distance of 200 feet, two more chambers, filled with beautiful stalactites, are entered. Beyond here the cave opens out into what may termed an immense natural tunnel st least 300 feet in length, and, places, 100 feet in height, and

feet in width. Contracts given for delivery at any The side walls are vertical, and the roof semi-circular, the whole, on acpoint on the Grand Trunk. (Northern count of the smooth and true surfaces everywhere presented, bearing the appearance of having been chiseled out by man. At this point the HARDWOOD LUMBER WANTED led out by man. At this point the Basswood, Elm and Birch (cut to work of exploration has ceased for the present. The second passage, running from the bottom of the shaft, although not very extensive, contains some interesting stalag-All kinds of Logs wanted at mitic basin-like growths, Our Mills at Lindsay and Fenelon have formed in a series of terraces on the lower portions of the walls and floor, and, as would appear to be very frequently the case, each row of basins is filled with pure water, which, dripping into the next series, and so on till it reaches the lower depths, presents a pretty sight.

Another Great Cave.

Another cave formation in the same neighborhood has also been partially explored. It is entered through an opening in the face of the rock, about 200 feet above the base, the entrance, from twenty to forty feet in height, and averaging ten feet in width, extending a distance of nearing a rough, craggy chasm and wat- dogs. She commenced with a Scot- together, and made them an offer of place for news from Fez, on the er extend easterly nearly 1,200 feet, tish Terrier named Winnie, then she a composition of so much in the foreign page, with the plain headthe roof being at a height of from had a St. Bernard, next an Irish pound. It wiped out its old debt by ing, "The Moorish Revolt. Sultan's thirty feet to one hundred feet, Here Terrier, followed by an Airedale call- giving new bonds for £2,700,000, on Army Routed." The new journalare to be seen myriads of stalactites, ed Bogie, and a black-and-tan Ter- which it paid 1 per cent. interest. ism would have filled a column with of all shapes, several being over ten rier, Nellie. The latter went to Amfeet in length. For a distance of crica with her mistress, and made we know far more, such as Greece from The Times' own correspondent, 900 feet there are a series of dreps her appearance at the Broadway theof from four to five feet each, until atre, New York. As Nellie made Greek bond is worth £31 to £44, time, and arrived in Tangier on a descent of sixty feet necessitates her stage debut wearing the Yale cola descent of sixty feet necessitates her stage debut wearing the bond, "series D." is worth but £26. through without change of horse, course joins here. Stalactites are ception. The duet and the dog dance still observable on all sides. The in The Circus Girl, between Miss height of this portion varies from Terriss and Mr. Seymour Hicks, are forty to one hundred feet, and the said to have been suggested to them width to forty feet. Descending an- by their Fox Terriers. Miss Fanny other drop of twenty feet, and trav- | Brough had a very clever dog named eling in a northerly direction 600 Tadger, and also a cat called "Jimfeet, with a continual downward my," the latter escorting her misslope, the most spacious and beauti- tress down the street and meeting winter tweeds or any that were in ful chamber of the series is seen. The height is not less than 130 feet, with a width of sixty feet. The arched roof of the cave is of smooth blue limestone, with veins of white marble running through in every direction. There are numerous very remarkable bunches of stalactites, and a large fossil, resembling a porcupine, is visible at a distance of 150 feet. Beautiful Water Basins.

A beautiful stream of water passes through the cave, forming on the floor basins of all shapes and sizes. Between two and three thousand feet farther on small caves are reached. giving evidence of great bodies of water having passed through. About three miles from the Bungonia caves and six miles from Marulan, are the Terrara caves. The mouth of the cave or entrance is a well-shaped opening, large enough to admit of two Men's D. B. Suits in grey freize persons entering together. From here the passage descends at a steep Men's B. D. Reefers in grey freize incline to the first cave, of comparatively small size, from which a further descent leads to a lofty cham-Boy's D. B. Reefers from \$2.25 to ber, made up of immense jagged low, and containing a few specimens sleeplessness, anemia, faint and dizzy All our men's ready made: clothing of a discolored drapery-like stalac- spells and the numerous troubles which Boys' D. B. Reefers from \$2.25 to tite formation. From this chamber an ascent of eight feet is made over to be sold this month at reduced prices. Give us a call before purchas- a growth of stalagmite, resembling a canopy, when a passage, bearing north about thirty feet in height by three feet in width, is entered. The Anyone desiring a fur coat, cap, walls of this passage are buttresscaperine, anything in this line will save money by giving us their order, shaped, crystallized, and covered with a pretty coral-like formation. as we are giving good satisfaction

Didn't Lose His Head. Port Darwin. He hadn't strength to the eye. to go farther, but he managed to They build up the system, renew lost climb a pole and cut the wire. Then vitality, improve the appetite, make rich, he made himself as comfortable as red blood and dispel that weak, tired, possible and waited. The telegraph listless, no-ambition feeling. repairers were sent along the line, and they came to the wanderer in time to save his life,

THEIR PETS Many of the Best Known People in Britain Find Their Chief Belaxation

in Their Society.

The love of animals is so strongly pronounced in this country that it bank of a wide creek, which, with Weekly. The late Queen Victoria of it or not. Jerdon, an English ness for dogs was notorious. The distance of each other, assist in mak- Queen had more than fifty dogs, and these winged robbers on the lookout ally fertile character. Many parts of the Royal kennels to be exercised. dows, rummage workbaskets and carthe district are aufferous, and some Three dogs were her special personal ty off gloves and hanhkerchiefs. They day will be found richly productive. attendants-"Roy," a black and tan even open tied packages and examine The Marulan country, in which Bun- collie: "Spot," a fox terrier; and their contents. According to anothgonia is situated, has long been re- "Marco," a small brown Pomeran- er observer, they have been known garded as one of the future centres ian. When the Queen was a little to extract nails. A pleasure party of the gold mining industry in the girl she owned a dog named 'Pero." assembled in the garden were startlstate. In some places the limestone Walking one day at Malvern with ed by seeing a bloody knife fall in formations are of considerable ex- the Duchess of Kent and her gover- their midst. A raven had stolen ness, Princess Victoria ran on with from the kitchen and dropped rock, at some points yielding marble her dog, and entered into conversaequal to any imported from Italy, tion with a girl. The Princess that obtained from the vicinity of thinking her dog was tired, asked the Marulan township being unsurpassed child to carry it, which she did for a of Fine Diamonds, Watches and in beauty and quality are several while. The Duchess, on coming up, thanked the little girl for the trouble she had taken and presented her with half a crown. The coin was framed, and hung up in the parlor of

> Queen Alexandria is particularacter of the undertaking, visitors be- ly fond of animals. Her dogs, ining content with entering the mouth cluding some magnificent Borzois, of what may be regarded as the prin- have frequently been exhibited. Her cipal cave system, peering into the Majesty has lately been showing Seamurky darkness beyond. The en- bright, Japanese, and Game Bantrance chamber, the reof of which is tams, which take many prizes. King about 80 feet above the ground, is Edward is a great lover of dogs. His known as the belfry, from its coni-cal shape. From here a shaft, some favorite, much lamented by his Ma-150 feet in depth, is descended by jesty when the dog came to an un-

> > A few years ago Mr. Alfred Rothschild had a young lion cub as a pet. It was growing well, was as docile and affectionate as such a beast could be, when, from some inexplicable cause, it gradually drooped and died. The distinguished novelist, Mr. Rider Haggard, had a peculiar pet in his study in shape of a large brown and white Lady Duff Gordon made a pet of a large green snake, which would come at a call, drink milk from the hand, coil itself round hat waist, and go to sleep. The Hon. Mrs. Arthur Cadogan is another snake lover, some recent portraits of that lady showing her fondling a big serpent. Charles Dickens had great delight in animal pets. A little white cat, called Williamina, showed much devotion to her master. She selected a corner of his study in which to deposit her kittens, bringing them from the kitchen in her mouth, by one, after the manner of her kind, they were removed, but trought back so persistently they were allowed to remain. kittens made themselves at home, playing round the writing-table, swarming up the curtains, and often being stroked by the novelist.

Bernhardt's Pets. The celebrated actress, Madame Sarah Bernhardt, has many pets. Amongst others she has had numer ous snakes, an opossum, and a number of dogs, including Collies, St. Bernards, and Fox Terriers. dame Bernhardt is not fond of Bulldogs, nor of very small dogs. Madame Patti always has a number of British investors £3,500,000. Nearly other morning had a great "scoop" pets, especially of parrots and other the whole of these debts are due to story of the disastrous defeat of the

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The magpie has long been notorlous for Stealing things, but he saint compared with some Asiatic is only natural to find that many of birds. The ravens which abound in our best known public characters de Indian cities steal by wholesale and rive much relaxation from the so- take anything they can lay their of their pets, says Lloyd's beaks on, whether they can make use was devoted to animals. Her fond- writer, says that in some places every house is surrounded by a flock of every day they were taken out of for booty. They fly in at the winamong the merrymakers.

Australian Satin Birds. The Australian satin birds are more discriminating and take only objects suitable for the establishment of their nests. Among their specialtiew ate gaudy parrot feathers shells, bright pebbles and whitened bones. The feathers are for the interior of the nest, while the other objects are arranged about its entrance. The natives are so well acquainted with this habit that when an amulet or a pipe is missed it is sought and generally found in

nest of the satin bird.

Another notable collector is the arbor bird, which inhabits parts of the interior of Australia which the foot of man seldom treads. This bird builds long arbors of twigs thatched with grass and secured them against being blown away by weighting them with stones built in at regular intervals both in the walls and in the roof. These dwellings are decorated with shells and white bones, a heap of which is also deposited at each end. These arbors are shelters and for resting only, not breeding nests, and the shells and bones (must be for ornament) can serve an aesthetic purpose only. The birds are grain feeders, and their shelters are often remote from ponds or streams, so that the collection of shells entails a good

BRITAIN THE CREDITOR.

All Governments Have to Fall Back on John Bull for Meney.

There is not a country in the world which has not had to borrow money from these isles, says Pearson's Weekly, and there are few governments which have not had to fall back upon John Bull when they've been in Queer street. Guatemala has borrowed a large amount of British capital. How do matters stand today? The bonds for £100 are worth somewhere about £23 only, and there has been no payment of interest since June, 1899. Even then, only a Faltry 2 per cent. was paid, and half of that was not in cash. Honduras is a far worse debtor. The bonds which have a face value of £100 are dear at £5. All this owing to the fact that Honduras spends far more than it earns.

Colombia's Debts.

British creditors. This particular Emperor of Morocco by the Preten-Miss Ellaline Terriss has had many republic, in 1897, called its creditors der, and printed it in the usual Greece owes her very existence to ing. The correspondent in question John Bull. Then the money she is Mr. Walter B. Harris, the wellsomewhere about two and a half throughout kept The Times excep- of the pleasure in life is secured by all of which is gone hopelessly. The gress of this Moroccan trouble, and fatter loan was one of £6,800,000, who has had more than one interand was guaranteed by Britain. Even France and Russia.

If France and Russia decide to renounce their liability, poor old John will have to go bail for the full amount. Very likely this loan will never be repaid, Greece's old taskmaster is another unfortunate debtor. In 1881 the Ottoman Gov- Morocco in 1896. He married a ernment, being unable to meet its liabilities, was obliged to call together its creditors in order to enter into an arrangement with them. John Bull must have a sum of about £4,000,000 owing to him by Turkey. This sum is the balance still owing of a loan of £5,000,000 made to fight Russia. Egypt owes a loan obtained so recently as 1897. In John Bull's account of his expenditure there is a heading "Special Services: Egyptian Government grant It may be of interest now to note healthy, prosperous country of the 1838; (b) of May 13, 1887; and (c) Egypt has other debts than monetary debts to pay off ..

Origin of Hobson's Choice. Mr. Harper tells us all there is to 482,661 and £218,855 respectively. be told about Thomas Hobson, the Under the second, gold was coined in famous carrier between London and four denominations to the value of Cambridge, who died in 1631. It 240,083,967, and the silver pieces Stationery, etc. was from him that the proverb of "Hobson's choice," arose meaning, 280,326 (an issue of sixpences also of course, a choice which is no taking place to the nominal value of choice. "The saying arose from the £939,819, under a subsequent separlivery stable business carried on by ate proclamation of Nov. 28, 1887.) Hobson at Cambridge, in addition to Under the third, gold was coined in his carrying trade. He is, indeed, four denominations to the value of said to have been the first who £55,511,695, the silver pieces struck made a business of letting out sad- for issue amounting in nominal val- Kent-st. in South Australia, after wandering It has a wonderful effect on a woman's die horses. His practice, invariably ue to £11,175,299. In 1860 bronze in South Austrana, and wanted the system, makes pains and aches vanish, about for four days, came upon the about for four days, came upon the telegraph line between Adelaide and brings color to the pale cheek and sparkle to be taken out the copper there had been coined a brings color to the pale cheek and sparkle to be taken out the copper there had been coined a strength to be taken out the copper there had been coined a strength to be taken out the copper there had been coined a strength to be taken out the copper there had been coined a strength to be taken out the copper there had been coined a strength to be taken out the copper there had been coined a strength to be taken out the copper there had been coined as the copper the coppe was his unfailing formula, when the Cambridge students, eager to pick farthings had been coined under a and choose, would have selected their proclamation of June 13, 1842, givown fancy in horseflesh. Every cus- ing a total amount of £221,916 in tomer was served alike, without fa-For."-London Telegraph,

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A GREAT "SCOOP."

Even Yet Old Journalism Has Its Points of Superiority. The old journalism has its points

of superiority over the new, says Colombia, strictly speaking, owes The London Star. The Times the view with the Emperor himself. Mr. Harris was reputed, just a year ago, to have been attacked and robbed by Arabs in the interior of Morocco, but that story fortunately proved to be unfounded. He has written several books on Merocco and West- to you much pleasure and the satern Asia, and accompanied Sir Ar- isfaction that goes only with highthur Nicholson's Special Embassy to class instruments. daughter of the fourth Earl of Mexborough, whose second daughter married the Prince Lowenstein Werthein, who disappeared so mysteriously three years ago, and was afterwards reported to have fallen while fighting as an adventurer intending purchasers of PIANOS,

in aid." Under this is an amount the coinage carried out in the lengof 2798,802. This is because John thened reign of Queen Victoria. There lent Egypt something better than were three distinct coinages bearing mere money. He lent her men with the Queen's effigy executed under the brains, who have made her into a proclamation (a) of July 5 and 18, sort that pay off their debts in full. Jan. 80, 1893. Under the first, gold was coined in two denominations to the value of £195,528,073the silver and copper coinages amounting in nominal value to £21, amounted in nominal value to 26,-

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