A Cat's Paw

Or, The Maid of the Mill

CHAPTER XXXIII.

Though as yet but a few weeks old at the trade, Gerard Ainslie, I fear, had already contracted a vice which appears more or less the result of in the end. all continuous literary labor-namely, an ignoble tendency to become chary of material, to use many words for course, have seized on any one favor of the new opening offered by do most of that. No. those indislow him under the guns of the forts.

Russian advices, is strong out along
Mr. Barrington-Belgrave. Under any pensable situations were what filled count that might be pointed out.

Russian advices, is strong out along the proprietor of the principal to freights.

Barley—Is steady at 44c for No. 2, circumstances, he would stick to the him with misgiving and dismay. ed with a sigh, startling in its situ- ments of the present day.

He recalled the expression of Mr. Barrington-Belgrave's large, closeshaven, beetle-browed face, while insisting on this particular essential. He remembered the solemnity, not entirely owing to brandy-and-water, of this enthusiast while he warned hisglaring, was preferable to commonplace; he recollected the examples adduced as stimulants to the attention of a British audience, and his heart sank within him while he pondered. But, as I said before, he had always learned some of the tricks of the at a time, never suffering her to leave late sadly worn and pale, was surtrade; and it occurred to him, after brief consideration, that he might reason why the artists who illustrated a voice in the passage. make a tale of mystery and horror. on which he was then engaged for the Holborn Gazette, answer the double court-dress with feathers and a fan,- him, entered the room. purpose of a thrilling romance and a the duke himself wearing loose trous- That gentleman saluted Mr. Bel-

dreary would say, is very like an- body in the book of inferior station | Our dramatic author broke the silother fellow's hero; and, after all, to a baronet, except the duke's dis-ence first. ring the changes on them how you honest steward, and he was to die "Why, Dolly!" said he, "I had no cept in dress, amongst the puppets ume, tortured by remorse, though again." that make up the interest of imagin- worth half a million of money.

eating dandies that I can name in of the Catholic Church presiding over taught him to paint, sent him to plot developed itself, to be the car-Rowena instead of Rebecca, though ed assassination of this cardinal in before the end of the third volume; by that unnatural child, whose hand clivities for spur and spear, pur- ricide, by the young lady formerly chased his commission, and shipped disguised as a peasant, with whom him off to serve under the Great father and son are both in love, but Duke in the uniform of an Irish dra- who, preferring the younger admirer, through every one of the characters very successfully by torchlight. whe attended the tournament at It is not to be supposed that such Ashby-de-la-Zouch. There is the dramatic extravagancies were the off-Black Knight, strong, good-tempered, spring of Gerard's unassisted brain. and not burdened with wisdom; On the contrary, he received almost Front-de-Boeuf, strong, bad-tempered, daily visits from Mr. Barrington-Beland totally devoid of scruple. Have grave, who displayed a touching inwe not seen the one with bare neck terest in the work, pruning dialogues, and glazed hat, the other in high offering suggestions, and consuming a boots and broad black belt, whenever good many "brandies-and-sodas" the the nautical drama sets Jack Hearty while. The torchlight scene, indeed, the blue-jacket, in opposition to Paul was born chiefly of effects produced Perilous, the pirate? Bois Guilbert- by that imaginative stimulant. In and so far ... Templar's title re- less than a fortnight the drama was mains et ally appropriate has of pronounced ready for perusal, and late become a lawyer, but the sort of Mr. Barrington-Belgrave having prelawyer who keeps prussic acid in his viously treated the author to an inkstand, and a "six-shooter" in his other heavy breakfast, led him off in blue bag. Is not Bracy the Lovelace triumph to the stage-manager's resi- ed. of "Clarissa Harlowe," and the Sir dence, for inspection and possible ap-Charles Coldstream of "Lady Clutter- proval, or, as he happily expressed them. buck"? Parson Adams was no heav- it, "on sale or return."

Versatile. those inculcated by the Church Cate- doubling of her salary. What the your salvation.

that, however fascinating she may making his acquaintance, and lastly, make her wicked witches, the right grave doubts whether the play under moral is always skilfully worked out discussion, though denoting genius,

If Gerard Ainslie had ever read Miss Braddon's novels, he would, of resources of the Accordion. the expression of few ideas, and to found untouched, and turned it into brightened. He knew the manager, an original play of his own composi- and this sounded a little more hopeso as to cover the greatest possible tion; but there is little time for ful. Not only did he take an interest amount of surface. Tale-writing, ev- study at the diggings, and he found in the production of Pope Clement on en for such, a paper as the Holborn himself cast on the meagre resources Gerard's account, but he was also Gazette, was a pursuit less likely to of his intellect instead. So he sat persuaded that the character of the encourage than exhaust fertility of down, and proceeded to convert his brigand was specially adapted to half-written story into a melodrama his own talents; and he had, indeed, ther sat down to his deal writing- in three acts, with three situations in offered several suggestions during the table with an overwhelming sense of each act, the whole to be played over composition of the piece, with a view the difficulties he had before him. Ger- in less than two hours and a quarter. of electrifying a London audience by ard was far too wise, however, to Obviously, the dialogue need distress his rendering of that part. Gerard, think of abandoning his late career in him but little. Interjections would watching his friend's countenance, favor of the new opening offered by do most of that. No. those indistook courage, and offered humbly

duced a regular salary. Bread and tinue; he intended to lay the scene "or, let me see pages. Yes, pages period of suspense over the Far East push forward the supplies, which are choese were hard enough to get. He of his drama early in the seventeenresolved not to leave go of the one th century. This became a matter of while he made a grasp at the other; trifling importance when he reflected say? You know," he added, looking portant war operations, says a Lon- Yalu. For seventy miles the river so be began to pender how that same that he need but change the dresses at the actor for corroboration, "I don correspondent. It is significant is 500 fathoms wide, and at Yongbeating-out process; so essential to of his characters, and make them the making up of his weekly task, speak the few words they had to say might be brought to bear on the con- in rather more high-flown language. well, in boys' dresses, both of them." has been followed by pessimistic fore- shooters can harass the Japanese adstruction of a melodrama-gorgeous. It is always supposed that the later of course, in decoration; characteris- we go back into history, the less tic, if possible, in dialogue and cos- we find the tone of ordinary conver- get them in. tume: but above all, as he remember- sation differing from our advertise-

ers, and a frock coat, in the breast grave with his usual courtesy: then of which he studiously concealed his stood transfixed, and gaping, in One fellow's here, as Lord Dun- right hand. There was to be no- speechless surprise.

ative literature, whether for the lib- It would be superfluous to go into "Gerard!" but in a tone of astonishrary or the stage. You will find in the plot of Gerard's novel, but it ment that spoke volumes. "Ivanhoe." for instance-and I name seemed improbable enough to furnish that romance because everybody has him with the necessary "situations" read it, and with equal interest-you for his play, so down he sat to those Egerment, who liked to be busy, had will find, I say, in "Ivanhoe," the labors of curtailment, alteration, and taken upon himself the superior manregular stock characters necessary for disguise, with which such original efthe construction of every narrative forts of the intellect are produced. and every plot. If you look for any- It was to be called by the high- otherwise impeding its efficiency in its way without discovery. But if it to reduce Admiral Togo's naval thing beyond these, you will have sounding title of Pope Clement; or, every possible way; and Dolly was reached the vicinity of Vladivostock strength below that of Admiral Makconsiderable difficulty in hitting on the Cardinal's Collapse, and the not a man to lose such a chance First, there is Wilfred himself, the startling enough to satisfy the re- was wonderful how quickly Mr. Bow- with Admiral Makaroff's ships, be part of current speculative report. hero, pure and simple, type of uirements of Mr. Barrington-Belgrave strength, courage, address, rectitude, himself. Of these perhaps the least modesty, and good looks. Would be remarkable were the Pope's discovery not have been Sir Gawain at the of the cardinal on his knees to a round table. Sir Charles Grandison young lady, disguised as a peasant, in the last century, and more fire- who had come to confess; the head

all the novels of the present? Dickens a council table, under which was has got him a situation as an usher concealed on all-fours an Italian briat a Yorkshire school; Thackeray gand, who proved afterwards, as the Charter-House, and married him to dinal's own son; lastly, the attempthe took him out of that scrape too the gloomy recesses of the Vatican, while Lever, remembering certain pro- is seized, when on the verge of pargoon. We might pursue the parallel of course, seeks and finds him here

ier a bruiser, and scarcely more re- The Accordion Theatre stood in the spectable a priest, than the Clerk immediate neighborhood of Sevenof Topmanhurst. Gurth and Wamba dials. It is needless to observe that have worn the powder and plush of Mr. Bowles, on whom devolved all every livery in vogue since the first the responsibility and nine-tenths of French revolution. Cedric of Rother- the trouble connected with that place wood has come down to farm his of amusement, lived as far off as posown estate of less than a hundred sible from the scene of his labors. Afacres; and Athelstane the Unready ter a long walk, terminating in the ans been so often before the foot- remote regions of Clapham Rise, lights at the shortest notice, and in Gerard Ainslie found himself waiting such various guise, that he deserves in the front parlor of a neat little rather to be called Vertumnus the two-storied house, trying not to hear what was said by Messrs. Bowles and

With regard to the ladies, for Belgrave in the next room about his many centuries we have been limited own composition. It was di cult, to two classes of heroines-the dark- however, to avoid distinguishing the eyed and affectionate, the blue-eyed low tones of the actor's voice, ob- may be worse than none at all. and coy. Rowena and Rebecca must viously urging "extenuating circum- The man who can smile at a small The Japanese now control the whole be quite tired of dressing over and stances," in reply to the manager's trouble will subdue a great one. | Corean bank of the Yalu River, and over again for their parts; and if higher notes, rising with a noble The man who is looking for a are in especially strong force at Wiju. for nothing else, we owe Miss Brad- scorn into such expressions as these: chance to be grateful is never with- On Sunday forty foreign correspond- pondent, Major Gaedke, writing on means of support." don a mine of gratitude that she has "Impracticable! Impossible! Hangs out one. introduced us at last to a more ori- fire! Drags like a dredging-net! With an uneducated heart there can kio. It is expected that they will go ginal style-to a young person with Don't tell me; I can see that without never be more than a half educated north with the headquarters staff. a good deal of red in her hair, and a reading it! Look what a business head. refreshing contempt for many of our we made of the last. Devilish nearly It is one thing to work up your long-cherished superstitions, including lost us Kate Carmine; -cost me the sentiments and another to work out

devil did you bring him to me for? However, 'the Boss' will be here at the half-hour. I'll lay the blame on him. See him? Well, I don't mind. Devilish gentlemanlike fellow, of These poor, broken-down chaps always are. Ask him to step

So Gerard stepped in, and found himself face to face with a thin, quiet, well-bred man, who expressed in a tone as different as possible from that which he had heard through the folding-doors, first regret, at having chism, though it must be admitted kept him waiting, next, pleasure in would be adapted, without considerable alteration, to the company and

> he Mr. Barrington-Belgrave's that might be pointed out. "You must give us two more wo-

her name? Yes, Violante. You'll Arthur is imminent. There was but little modification have to kill her. She's no use if you The generally anticipated attack did head of the Liao-Tung Gulf. needed in this respect, for the readers don't kill her. Miss Carmine is the not occur on Saturday night, alof the Holborn Gazette would have only die-er out this season. I don't though a telegram received from been ill-satisfied without flowery think-I do not think, we could per- Grand Duke Cyril reports that the The Russian naval plan for retrievphrases, and long magniloquent peri-suade Miss Carmine to take a part enemy's ships were sighted on the ing the reverses at Port Arthur and ods, just as they thought but little of without a die in it. Then about Mrs. horizon. It is presumed that the Chemulpo has been communicated to any domestic story in which the prin- Golightly. There is nothing for Mrs. Japanese were warned of the extra one of the Embassies through official cipal personages were not of exalted Golightly. No! She would never precautions which had been taken to channels having accesss to the highest pupil that extravagance, however can be now properly of orded condescend to play the Pope. I fear guard against a surprise, Vice-Admir- naval authorities at St. Petersburg. Gerard was now preparing afforded it's impossible. I'm really afraid we al Makaroff's torpedo flotilla patroll- The plan is explained as follows:them a duke, who kept in close con- must give it up, or at any rate put ed the open sea, while the warships, Russia recognizes that Japan now

indeed not a great many going about Gerard's face, which had grown of the house, which was perhaps the prised to see it flush at the sound of

her on wood for the vignettes depict- Next moment the door opened, and ed her under all emergencies in a "the Boss," as Mr. Bowles called

will, there is but little variety, ex- about the middle of the second vol- idea that I should ever see you

To which the other only answered

It is needless to observe, Gerard's play was accepted forthwith. Mr. finding the money, of course, but part of Violante should be kept for anose fleet in those waters. Miss Carmine, failing the American star, whose advent still seemed unalone, and see the performance from too strong.

come with me and see the Cup run out by Gen. Kouropatkin. for. I never was so pleased in my A correspondent with the Russian ports have yet entered the Gulf of

(To be continued.)

SENTENCE SERMONS.

Selfishness is the heart of sin. The fussy are never effective. Obedience is better than oblation. Character is crystallized conduct.

Mercies multiply as we measure Only manufactured doubts are ad-

for the spoils.

take our defeats. Giving happiness is the only secret tice if necessary. of getting it.

There is no delight for those who turn back from duty. An unbridled tongue goes with an unburdened brain.

than imaginary sins.

measuredeby his life for men. You can hardly expect to get fire through Mukden en route to Harbin. out of a cold storage religion. A principle hung up on the wall

Appeared Within Range of Search-Lights at Port Arthur.

apparently bound for Port Arthur.

A despatch from St. Petersburg

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says that the members of the naval general staff believe that Admiral Makaroff, perceiving the Japanese squadron, re Pekin road. The place has many na- river. turned to Port Arthur, his idea being to try to induce Admiral Togo to fol- Gen. Kuroki's army, according to

FEARS NEXT BLOW.

will do better. Can you put in a is almost at an end, and that the dragged by coolies, requiring eight couple of pages, with something to next few days will bring news of im- days' march from Chong-Ju to the can't keep Lydia Goddard and little that the aggressive talk from Rus- ampho it is ice-laden and barred by Jessie White idle; and they draw sian sources in the past few weeks islands. whence the Russian sharp-"Nothing easier!" answered Gerard, bodings in military circles in St. vance. wondering in his heart how he should Petersburg. The writer learns that The Russians have entrenched themgrave fears are entertained at Russi- selves heavily near Hai-Cheng, to "Then there's Violante. Aint' that an headquarters that the fall of Port block the progress of the Japanese in

the position both in a naval and mili- er Vice-Admiral Togo.

had been acted upon it would have combat, but it will have served a agement of the Accoridion Theatre; required extraordinary good luck to valuable end if it is able to cripple a enable the Russian fleet to get far on sufficient number of Japanese ships of the Russian squadron there, expecting aroff. "situations" he trusted would prove helping an old friend at a pinch. It the arrival, would, in conjunction The foregoing information is not

NEW-CHWANG IS SAFE.

certain. The two young ladies who The best informed military circles affected young gentlemen's dresses at St. Petersburg no longer anticimust take whatever parts they were pate a Japanese landing at the head in a despatch from Wei-Hai-Wei, offered, and be thankful. Lastly, if of the Liao-Tung Gulf. They believe says that the results of a week's Mrs. Golightly did not choose to the Japanese have missed their op- cruise in the Times' despatch boat play Pope Clement she might let it portunity, the Russians being now leads him to believe that the Ja-

To Mr. Berrington-Belgrave's ex- ese will try flanking movements from ceeding admiration, the real manager Takushan, west of Antung, at the and the inexperienced playright walk- head of the Gulf of Corea, in conneced out arm-in-arm, the former ob- tion with their advance on the Yalu serving, as he jumped into the Han- River, but the authorities at St. Petsom-cab, waiting at the door, "Good- ersburg make no display of nervousbye, old man; I've got your address ness, manifesting the utmost confiwritten down here. I wish you could dence in the plan of campaign marked free egress, certain advantages. It trenchments, however, are not

life. We'll meet to-morrow. Take outposts, writing from Antung, on the Peckili, though it must be allowed line of defence care of yourself." Then, through the Yalu River, under date of March 19, that the persistent endeavers to a dist little trap-door overhead. "Nine describes the fearful state of the close Port Arthur suggest that the Elms! As hard as you can go. You've roads and the journey from Feng- fleet is required for operations at a just twenty minutes to do it in. Huan-Cheng to Antung, which, he greater distance from the present says, is impassible for vehicles.

the inhabitants of which on account except Vladivostock. of the scarcity, cannot afford timber for fires and use straw instead. The Chinese avoided the high roads, pre- gest that a scarcity of provisions ferring the mountain fastnesses. and forage was probably the chief Revenge is sweetest when renounc- Milk, butter, and eggs- are almost reason for the Russian retreat from

Chwang has inspired boundless confi- thing edible dence. The Commander-in-Chief or- A despatch to the London Daily dered 10,000 reserves to reinforce this Mail from Seoul tends to show that Nothing spoils the life like living position, in view of the expected Ja- the Japanese will not suffer from panese attack, while an additional the leanness of the country. It says Our victories depend on how we force of 15,000 men is ready to con- that the commissariat of the northcentrate upon this place at short no- ern army is marked by the same its operations from the first. Thou-

RUSSIAN WOUNDED.

through Ping-Yang last week. A despatch to the London Express from Tien-Tsin says it is reported Sins of the imagination are more from Mukden that two trains, containing a large number of Russians, A man's love for God may be who were wounded in an engagement on the Yalu River, have passed

IN SUPREME CONTROL.

ents arrived at Chinampho from To- a train, while nearing Harbin, Man- "Shure, and can't he, sir ?" said to \$3.75, rough to common at \$1.50

NEW ARMY CORPS.

Reports reached London on Sunday eight cars. The railroad apparently on the third floor?"

vance into Manchuria.

that there is renewed activity in Co-

ed, being landed at the present time.

The point of disembarkation is not

to reinforce the army which has tak-

en peaceable possession of the Yalu

and is preparing for an aggressive ad-

A STRONG POSITION.

tural advantages for defence.

RUSSIA'S NAVAL PLAN.

an calculations, the Baltic fleet may

THE JAPANESE FLEET.

The London Times correspondent

sian torpedo boats, which still have

fleet base, which is, of course, within

WHY RUSSIANS RETREATED.

Corea. The Russians have appar-

thoroughness that has distinguished

sands of provision carts went north

A despatch to the London Times

sian plan.

JAPS WITHDRAW,

A despatch received at London from rea, a second army, recently mobiliz-Chefoo says that 17 battleships and cruisers, 20 steamers and 12 torpedo boat destroyers have passed Chefoo given, but the troops undoubtedly are

says Admiral Makaroff telegraphs that an attempt to surprise Port Arthur was foiled Saturday night. A number of Japanese vessels suddenly appeared within range of the searchlights, but they withdrew after recon-

of Port Arthur.

send it to Vladivostock while Admir- thur. In that event the Baltic fleet, is stated from a doubtful source and 101c to 11c per pound. to the Yalu. It is known that the tempt the perilous task of engaging advance to Wiju surprised the Rus- the market had a further drop tovicinity of Port Arthur was free of the large Japanese fleet in the hope sians, who were compelled to abanday. Sales are reported at 16c per Japanese ships for the past week, and of disabling some of the Japanese opportunity for this move by the ships, and thus reducing the Japan-Russian admiral has not been lack- ese effective. According to the Russi-

It is suspected, however, that if it suffer annihilation in such an unequal

The opinion now is that the Japan- arrangements for a new landing of

The correspondent depicts Antung easy striking distance Vall points in military as a miserable collection of hovels, in the present theatre of hostilities country between Feng-Huan-Cheng and Antung is sparsely settled. The from Tokio says that reports sug-

Gen. Kouropatkin's visit to New- ently stripped the country of every-

MORE JAPANESE SAIL. convoyed by a warship.

SIX TRAINS DAILY.

churia, March 19, said :-

The correspondent added that the

JAPANESE NAVAL LOSSES. Official returns of the Japanese casualties in the various attacks on market is about steady at 92c to Port Arthur show the losses were 93c for No. 2 red and white middle 23 killed and 91 wounded, 40 of freights or east. Goose is quiet at whom recovered. It is expected 87c for No. 2 east. Spring is that Vladivostock will be free of ice steady at 88c for No. 3 east. Man-

JAPS ADVANCE TO THE YALU. for No. 2 northern, and 94c, for No. Information has been received at 3 northern at Georgian Bay ports, Tokio that Japanese transports with and 6c more grinding in transit. stores have entered the estuary of Flour .- Private cable advices reering the movement. If this be true, the Russian forts crected on the other side of the river must be ineffec-While the first line of defence tive.

against the Japanese advance from The Seoul correspondent of the Kok-Corea is a strong position, selected umin telegraphs, on what he says is by Gen. Kouropatkin near Feng-Hu- reliable authority, that the Japanese ang-Cheng, it is believed the Russians lines have advanced to the Yalu, thus intend to hold out so long as pos- proving that there is no considerable sible at Antung, which commands the Russian force on the left bank of the

TO SIEGE THE FISHERIES. to freights

the road between Anju and Wiju, its fisheries on Saghalien Island has 42c for No. 3 extra, and 49c for advance being severely impeded by been informed that the Japanese are No. 3 west or east. Holborn Gazette so long as it pro- His own story was of the present men's parts," suggested Mr. Bowles; There can be little doubt that the bad roads, which made it difficult to preparing to make a descent on the Buckwhent-Is steady at 51c for island so soon as the ice shall per- No. 2 middle freights and 50c high mit. The inhabitants have petitioned freights west. that the Vladivostock squadron come

THE MELANCHOLY CZAR. A despatch to the London Daily west. American No. 2 yellow is Mail from Geneva says that the Czar quoted at 551c, No. 3 yellow at on Wednesday received two officers who are going to the front to represent Switzerland. His Majesty seemed very nervous and melancholy. He case they succeed in landing at the discussed the repulse of the Cossacks at Chong-Ju, and said: "Do not be too severe in your criticisms. Remember everything becomes difficult so far from a base."

JAPS SWIM THE YALU. Tokio despatches to London news- No. 2 west or east. Choice milling papers assert that Corea is free of and seed peas are quoted at 68c Russians, all of them having crossed to 70c outside. the Yalu River. They are said to finement (and this just outside of it off to another season. Excuse me; with full steam up, remained outside has preponderating naval strength in (Chosan). Their retreat amazed the Far East, and will attempt to re- the Japanese. Some Japanese her own right, of whom there are Mr. Barrington-Belgrave, watching It is admitted in St. Petersburg verse it by two distinct moves. First, acouts, it is stated, swarm the Yalu grades coming forward, and the naval circles that the situation is so urgent efforts will be made to have a near Kiu-Lien-Cheng, and then folbad that Admiral Togo's next and su- naval concentration at Fort Arthur, lowed the river northward. They tations are unchanged. preme attempt to block the harbor the Baltic, Red Sea and Vladivostock found a splendid defensive post, may be successful. The Russian dil- fleets joining Vice-Admirat Makarofi's which, it is believed, the Russians emna in that event would be the command if possible, and thus giving will utilize to the best advantage. gravest, and the practical value of the combined fleets preponderance ov- According to a Shanghai telegram the Japanese advance guard reports tary sense would be reduced almost | Second, it is foreseen that it will that the Russian defences on the be difficult and probably impossible Yalu are very much scattered and The only chance of saving the Rus- to effect this concentration, as Admir- are still incomplete, making it diffisian fleet, if the possibility of seal- al Togo may intercept the Baltic cult; for any one body to help aning Port Arthur be admitted, is to fleet before its arrival at Port Ar- other in case of a strong attack. It steady at 11c per pound for twins

> The only news concerning the Jap- holding out for 17c. He says in effect that the fleet is 90c. divided into seven squadrons. Four | Poultry-Trade is quiet and prices of them are watching Port Arthur, are nominal and unchanged. Prices the fifth is patrolling the Corean are unchanged at 15c to 16c for coast, and the sixth and seventh are choice chickens, 9c to 11c for scaldcruising between Vladivostock and ed stock, 7c to 8c for old fowls, and

The threatened rising of the Tong- Maple Syrup-Receipts of impure les's difficulties melted into air. The much superior in strength to the Jap- but comes from creditable official haks in Northern Corea, has it is stocks have been plentiful but little sources as being the determined Rus- stated, induced Mr. Jordan, the syrup has yet come in. That selling British Minister, to ask the Corean now is quoted at \$1 per gallon. Government to send troops to protect the British miners in that part and quotations

of the country.

RUSSIANS NOT PREPARED. It is not believed that the Russian troops between Antung and extra cl panese fleet is engaged in covering Chiutienchang (abd north of Antung) comp main Russian force, and c the troops recently mobilized. A close olockade of Port Arthur is not maintained, presumably owing to information regarding the condition of will not be decisive runner of larger opera the channel. Moreover, sudden fogs are apt to occur at this time of the

is certain that no Japanese trans- completed, and if the Japanese ceed in forcing their way past

sians have ordered that the Chinese troops at Lia and in that neighborhood be stamped with the Russian mark. The bearers of unmarked arms will be an treated as brigands.

JAPANESE SPIES. A despatch to the London Times amounted to 50 cars, and included from Chefoo says that the Russians 10 cars of stook from Chicago. captured two Japanese spies at There were 930 cuttie on the market New-Chwang last Tuesday. They 309 sheep and lambs, \$06 hogs and had plans of the new fortifications.

PUTTING IT MILDLY.

A traveller tells of a trip on a here. Few were offering and prices jaunting-car in Ireland where he were a little firmer, some cattle behad as a fellow passenger an ugly- ing sold as high as \$5 per cwt. looking man whom he was not sorry Quotations are 10c to 15c higher. to leave behind at an inn.

Journal from Tokio states that 11 driver as we proceeded on our way, about steady at \$3.50 to \$4. Japanese transports have left Na- 'Faith, yer honor, and he's as Butchers' Cattle-There is a congasaki and Sasebo for Corea with quare as he looks. He's a villain, tinued demand for good cattle and 10,000 infantry of the Guards, He's done fifteen years for laving his trade was fairly active to-day. bridge material and provisions, and woife without visible manes of sup- Prices generally were about steady

thuria, March 19, said:

"Only six trains daily pass east eyes. "He did, though. And, be- Milch Cows—There were no really

offensive about the middle of this The Ruling Prices in Live Stock and Breadstuffs.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, April 12.-Wheat-The itoha is steady at \$1.021 for No. 1 hard, \$1.01 for No. 1 northern, 97c

the Yalu, and that troops are land-ceived here to-day would not allow ing at various points on the Corean exporters to pay over \$3.50 for shore. Presumably gunboats are cov- cars of 90 per cent, patents in their bags middle freights. Choice brands are quoted 15c to 20c higher. Manitoba flour is steady. Cars of Hungarian patents are quoted at \$5.30, second patents \$5, and strong bakers' at \$4.90, sacks included, on the track Toronto.

Millfeed-Is firm at \$17.50 to \$18 for cars of shorts and \$16.50 to \$17 for bran in bulk middle freights west or east. Manitoba millfeed is steady at \$21 for cars of shorts and \$20 for bran, sacks included, Toron-

Rye-Is steady at 59c to 60c for

No 2 west or east. Corn-Canada mixed is quoted at 39c and vellow at 40c f.o.b. cars 541c, and No. 3 mixed at 531c in car lots on the track Toronto.

Oats-Are dull and unchanged at 32c for No. 1 white and 311c for No. 2 white east. No. 2 white are quoted at 314c middle freights. Rolled Oats-Are steady at \$4.50 for cars of bags and \$4.75 for barrels on the track Toronto, and 25c more for broken lots here, and 40c

more for broken lots outside. Peas-Are steady at 65c to 66c for

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter-There is plenty of all market continues easy in tone. Quo-Creamery, prints 20c 22c

Dairy, lb. rolls, choice 15c 16c do large rolls14c 16c do tubs, good to choice...15c 16c do medium13c 14c Cheese-The demand here is fairly active, and the market is quoted

al Togo is busy convoying transports which is comparatively small, will at- that the rapidity of the Japanese Eggs-Receipts continue large and

anese fleet is a questionable state- Potatoes-Are offering freely. Cars ment by a Japanese sailor at Scoul, on the track here are quoted at 75c who served with Admiral Togo's per bag. Potatoes out of store are fleet in the attacks on Port Arthur. quoted by local dealers at 85c to

13c to 14c for turkey gobblers.

Dressed Hog \$6.25 per cwt for F Seeds-Local d

were well maintained. show lietle

215 calves. Export Cattle-The Caire on market shows a little stiffening and there is a better demand for cattle Extra choice are quoted at \$4.70 to "That was a queer-looking fellow, \$5; choice at \$4.40 to \$4.60, and A despatch to the Paris Petit Pat," I remarked to the waggish others at \$4 to \$4.25. Cows are

and quotations show little change. "Oh, get out, Pat! A man can't Everything was sold fairly early in get fifteen years' penal servitude for the day. Picked lots are quoted at The Berlin Tageblatt's war corres- 'leaving his wife without visible \$4.60 to \$4.70, good cattle at \$4.-25 to \$4.40, fair to good at \$3.50

on the railroad to Manchuria, and dad ! isn't it leaving yer woife good cows offering, although there only four thence to Harbin, but 'without visible manes of support' is a demand for cattle of this kind. these consist of as many as thirty- when ye throw her out of a window The range of prices offering is firm at \$30 to \$60 each.

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