DIPLOMACY.

tion Jame Finally Obtained the Line Jane's eyes beamed with anticion sa she looked at the two sofa liows lying side by side on ter-table in her friend's sitting room. They had just been finished, and were good to look upon, with their little puffed squares of gay silks. One Miss Jane knew she was to have, a delayed birthday present; which one she did ast know, but at any rate, she reflected, both were very pretty. Aune Green was to receive the other, for Anne's skliful nursing had been in great demand in this home the preceding win-

It was impossible for Miss Jane to page through the citting room withou pausing a moment to survey the lows. In one the light and dark pulls alternated. In the other were not arranged in order, and seemed as if Miss Jane's ever dwelt more persistently and wistfully on it. When, at dusk, Miss Jane prepared so home, the question had to be

Both women stood at the table as looked first at the gay pillows, then at each other.

"I know Anne'd like this odd best," said Miss Jane, indicating the alternated one, and trying to put doleful note into her hearty voice.

The hostess turned sharply. "But you like it best, you shall have Jane," she said, feeling that Miss Jane' generosity prevented her from stating

hard work, Emma!"

"But 'tain't any harder'n running dollars each. about all day tending a cranky woman," Emma declared. "If you want the entirely to the men to whom the boats had the collapsed look of an umbrella have it, I say. Didn't I make those tended to them; but it is a matter of a cyclone. After each day's practice I by his firm. pillows?" "Yes, Emma."

"Yes."

one, Jane. Here, it's yours."

Miss Jane gently deposited the piland faced her hostess.

"But, Emma-I-don't you see-I-Anne's been an awful good friend to me-I'd rather have her have this-I-give this to Anne!" The hostess's eyes flashed dauger-

ously; then she spoke. "Why?" she de manded, barshly. Miss Jane lifted the neglected pil-

low, blushing as she did so. "'Cause-I want-this!" she stammered, weakly but bravely.

BURGLARY AS A FINE ART.

No Longer Practiced, Bank Operators Being Generally Tramps.

Not many years ago the bank burglar was looked up to by other crimihals with something like reverence. He | be made an all-night march, and in the was regarded, in fact, as the true aristecrat of crime, and was pointed at with furtive admiration upon the streets when at liberty and in penal in- tempting to fight, fled, disappearing in stitutions when occasionally deprived the railey, and leaving Custer with life of his freedom. Newsdays almost ev- tie bopes of capturing any of them. ery burglary that occurs in the United | The general was at the top of a steep States is performed by common tramps | bluff, below which the Indians had reor hoboes. This situation is what the treated. The company had with them racing men would describe as a start- a small howitzer, carried on the back ling reversal of form, and it shows to of a large mule. Custer ordered that what depth a once exaited profession this gun should be loaded while still may fall when it passes out of the fon the animal, and fired down the side hands of those associated with its high- of the bluff, where the greatest number est flights. Indeed, as compared with sof the enemy has disappeared. For the exploits of the old-timers, or "tool some reason or other the mule was disthe burgiaries of recent days or nights | ing. and went crashing down the bluff -might be described as petty larceny. Into the undergrowth far below. for it is a rare occurrence that more than \$2,000 or \$3,000 has been involved in felouious expeditions during the last ing the woods beneath. After a time

In former times, when the bands or Indians and one chief, known to be ganized by "the big fellows" went after the contents of a banking institution, pressed his surprise to this chief, and they took pains beforehand to know that large amounts of money and securities were housed in the vaults they | not afraid to fight men armed with had marked for violation, and they lows and arrows, or with spears and rarely came away without bringing tomahawks; and I love the battle with with them booty worthy of their enter- your soldiers armed with guns. You trice. The records of thefts by "yegg- | know I have not often been beaten. I men," the bank vault and safe burglars have heard the roar of big guns, and for the rest of the day.-Pearson's of to-day, show that they have taken have not been afraid. But, general," Weekly. desperate chances of being shot or imprisoned for long terms to blow open safes containing amounts as small as

Few of the old-time burglars are ever seen nowadays. Some are dead, many have retired to quiet and unoffending occupations, and here and there but not often-is one who can't resist the habit of breaking into the penitentiary. Such, for instance, was the case of Dunlap, of the once celebrated burglar partnership of Scott and Dunlap, who participated in the Northampton bank robbery. Scott died in prison, and a wealthy New York woman spent her time and money in a persistent effort to secure Dunlap's release, in which pursuit she ultimately succeeded. It was thought that the convict, given a chance to earn a respectable living, might take advantage of it, and it seemed for a little time that he had determined to do so. But a number of burglaries in Western cities not far from Chicago were executed with such skill that they were obviously the work of a high-class eriminal, and suspicton soon centered upon Duniap. He is now completing a term in the Joliet penitentiary.--Kansas City Star.

Natural Query. "I was run over by Dr. Smith's

That's so? Hurt much?" "Some; but the doctor patched me up right on the spot." "Where was the spot?"-Houston

Solitary Confinement.

Solitary confinement is calculated. foctors state, to produce melancholle. micidal mania and loss of reason. Nine contain of absolutely solltary confineant are almost certain to result in the Limin rule of the convict.

d and tried, won and tied-

HONORED IN THE NAME.

On the lower Mississippi a pan which catches the eye frequently, painted in big letters on the sides of steamboats, on the signs of ship-brokers or cotton-factors, and in many other places is "Rees." It is a name about which clings many of the best traditions of the river. In the years before the Civil War, Capt. James Rees was one of the best known and most pros-

perous of the river steamboat men. His big boat-yard at Pittsburg was known from source to sea along Western waters. During his long life he built more than four hundred sternand side-wheel vessels to run on them. and going outside of America, built the first steamboats for the Volga stage of life, that there have really other rivers of Europe and Asia.

But the deed for which he is best remembered and which made his name the Civil War. Hundreds of steamboats were destroyed in that struggle. few which came through it fit for use. Captains and owners alike were penni- a look at a pretty girl, or any other

At this crisis Captain Rees wrote to all his old associates on the found which of them were unable obtain a new start in business, and for a stern-wheel or side-wheel steamboat the fact that she, too, preferred this suited to the Red River trade-then the richest trade on the river.

"Oh, no!" Miss Jane answered at | He delivered these boats to the own once, perhaps a trifle hastily. "Give ers, with fuel and provisions aboard. Anne the nicest-I mean-the-this says the Louisville Courier-Journal one momentous result-the bicycle skinone because well, you know nursing's and ready to start at once for freight, ned my leg and leaped up into the The cost averaged about seventy five air and came down on top of me.

alternated one, Jane, you're going to were given. Indefinite credit was ex. that had had a misunderstanding with tradition that every boat was soon paid arrived at home with my skin hanging for out of the profitable trade into "I can give 'em where I like, can't | which it entered. And to-day, as one between the overhanging trees of handkerchiefs steeped in Fund's ex-"Then I'll give you the alternated Tchula Lake, or the Rees Lee rounding tract and was ready for more advento at the Cairo levee, it is a token that fures next day. It was always a surthe men of the Mississippi still bear prise to me that I had so much skin low extended to her on the table again, in memory the doer of the generous | and it held out so well. There was

TOO MUCH FOR THE CHIEF.

He Couldn't Stund Having a Mule Fired at Him.

The Indian, stolid as he looks, possenses a sense of humor which sometimes displays itself at unexpected times. The Rev. Egerton R. Young gives an example of this in "Stories from Indian Wigwams," The tale was told to the author by General Custer himself only a short time before Gen eral Custer was killed.

Custer, following a band of hostil Indiana, drove them up to a region of mountains and ravines. At one time morning came upon a group of unauspecting red men. The enemy was taken completely off guard, and without at

Meanwhile, troops had descended the other side of the bluff, and were searchthey came back with a large number of very warlike and cunning. Custer exask. I him how he came to be captured.

"General," said the red man, "I am

here came a bit of a twinkle in his eve "when you fired a whole mule at me, I said. 'It is time to surrender!""

He and his men had been in hiding in the underbrush at just the spo where the howitzer and the mule crashed through.

HARK TWAIN ON A HIGH WHEEL

Humorist Recalls His Fondaces at

for a Nine-Foot Bleycle.

Susy's next date is Nov. 29, 1885, the eve of my fiftieth birthday, says Mark Twain in his autobiography in the North American Review. It seems a good while ago. I must have been rather young for my age then, for I was trying to tame an old-fashloned bleycle nine feet high. It is to almost unbelievable, at my present fleets for the Danube, and craft for been people willing to trust themselves upon a dizzy and unstable altitude like that, and that I was one of them. Twitchell and I took lessons every day most popular occurred at the close of He succeeded, and became a master of the art of riding that wild vehicle, but I had no gift in that direction and was and as the life of a river boat was never able to stay on mine long enough then usually only five years, there were to get any satisfactory view of the planet. Every time I tried to stea less, and the river trade was stagnant, kind of scenery, that single moment of inattention gave the blcycle the chance it had been waiting for, and I went over the front of it and struck the ground on my head or my back before I had time to realize that something was bappening.

I didn't always go over the front way; I had other ways and practiced them all. But no matter which way Sometimes its wires were so sprung The matter of repayment was left by this violent performance that it in ribbons from my knees down. I plastered the ribbons on where they sees the Rees Pritchard posing its way belonged and bound them there with

always plenty, and I soon came to understand that the supply was going to remain sufficient for all my needs. It turned out that I had nine skins, in layers, one on top of the other, like the leaves of a book, and some of the doctors said it was quite remarkable.

I was full of enthusiasm over this insane annusement. My teacher was a young German from the bicycle factory, a gentle, kindly, patient creature with a pathetically grave face. He never smiled; he never made a remark; he always gathered me tenderly up when I plunged off and helped me on again without a word. When he had been teaching me twice a day for three weeks I introduced a new gymnastic-one that he had never seen before-and so at last a compliment was wrung from him, a thing which I had been risking my life for days to achieve. He gathered me up and said mournfully: "Mr. Clemena you can fall off a bicycle in more different ways than any person I ever

His Attempt Was Vold.

They had been having a discussion concerning the necessity or otherwise of purchasing a new ailk dress in order to be on a level with the De Moneys chase on the ground of extravagance men," as they are technically known, lodged by the concussion, lost its foot. and want of funds, and his wife was "Dinner reads, my dear?" he asked

In his most conciliatory manner. Her face had been like a stale thunderstorm ever since the disagreement, and Banks wanted to change it. "Yes," answered Mrs. B. shortly.

"Must try again," sald Banks to himself. Then sloud: "Ah, I'm glad of that, my love. I have what the poets would call 'an aching void,' Sarah." "You often suffer from headache, she returned in a cutting tone.

Banks drew his chair up to the table with unnecessary noise and refrained from further attempts at conciliation

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