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the hard times, Helen Gould is suspending some of her pe charities. The hard times don't seem to have affected Madame Gould. She he thinking of taking on a new one.

slightly blemished, has become a pro-Well up toward the head of the list that Chicago father who deserted his wife as soon as he learned that she had become the mother of twins, and merer came back.

We rather like this observation from the Washington Post: "The Smiths. Joneses and Browns are the butt of bales of cotton waste, defied the efforts many jokes, but you neven find their of the Fire Department to extinguish It for seventy-eight days, and on the throwing anarchists.

More than a hundred millions were ment for about fifty thousand new pleasure automobiles by Americans last year. Some of those who intended to buy an automobile this year have changed their minds since the panic.

Prof. J. W. Burgess says that the German army is "a school of manners which transforms the rudest peasant into something like a gentleman." On the other hand, judging by certain of ficers, it transforms the gentleman into something like the rudest peasant.

Higher education for women has been justified in the eyes of habitants of one New England town. Some college girls at home for a vaestion entered a spelling-bee, and two of them spelled down their mates and all the "nativea." This will set at rest in one community the suspicion that college students are deficient in the rudiments.

The recent burning of the town hall

and other buildings in Guayaquil, Ecuador, with a view to check the progress of the bubonic plague, suggests that many a structure in another place invites annihilation for similar purposes There are "tuberculosis blocks" in New York City, tenements so saturated with the disease that an occupant is almost certain to be stricken. In Paris the municipal council has just discovered that several hundred dwellings in the working-class districts are dangerous for the same reason. There are notogious "cancer houses" in Lincolnshire. England; there is at least one "plague tenement" in Bombay, India; and it is corded that Amber, the ancient capital of the Indian state of Jaipur, had to be dispeopled and deserted because was so completely infected with lepmy. To all such dwellings of death the Guayaquil treatment should be apd. Any municipality could better d to pay the cost of replacing ease ridden buildings than to let it tand and take perpetual toll of lives

years ago Congress formally de | digestive tract. Sulphuric acid, then, that war existed between the States of America and the king- fect when it enters through the skin Emain. With that act fate | instead of through the mouth. Living he page upon a new chapter in | membranes act differently with regard of the American people, to comount from dead ones, and the clear after ten years, | same membranes which behave slike little alse is clear, with regard to some substances behave to-day has one very differently from one another with he r

and foreboding of the anti-imperialist. The future looks neither so bright as it did to the one, nor so dark as it did to the other. If our mood could be encompassed in a phrase it would prob-

ably best be described as a somewhat

uninspiring belief in the inevitability of

our present development. At times this

is brightly colored by a sense of the

new prestige of the nation before the

world, but this is not so new and keen

as it might be, for consciousness of our

greatness has never been altogether

denied us. At times we grow restive

under a knowledge of new and irksome

responsibilities and obligations. But

this does not last long either, since we

are a full blooded people, self-confident,

and not normally anxious. The chap-

ter, therefore, thus far is, in the main,

plain prose. Whether it has a meaning

more poignant than we suspect is for

the future to disclose. We know that

the chapter is but begun. That the

American imagination has not caught

fire at the events of the Spanish war

and its really splendid results is, per-

haps, explainable from the fact that our

is still something imperially insolent in

America's easy and confident entry

upon the stage of world politics-as

though the country had bided its time

in cool assurance of welcome and com-

plete success as a protagonist in that

great drama, an assurance not unfitting

in the latest born of history, the beir

of all the ages. However, a decade has

not been long enough to crystallize a

foreign policy founded upon our new

status and our new relations. That

public opinion which arises out of a

general recognition of needs and ten-

dencies is not yet formed with regard

to our situation in the far east, our

ultimate duty to the Filipinos, our re-

lations with China and Japan. At this

time it may be said to be in a state of

solution, but a comparatively slight

shock would precipitate it. That we

are awake to the l'acific and its prob-

lems is much. That we realize more

fully each year the significance of the

Panama Canal, that South America

rises more fully over the horizon of our

national consciousness, that we are be-

ginning to think in terms of world rela-

tions all this means that we are in a

new epoch, and that we are pledging

ourselves to its issues as consciously,

perhaps, as nations ever do. Our den-

ger is that we shall enter and grudge

payment. To help rule the world is to

pay a great price not only in material

treasure but in the precious coin of na-

tional character. The reflex of worldly

ambition and external success upon

ourselves is the main question. But

the genius of the race must deal with

that as it must in the generations to

principle of the second second second

The statement that radium loses ac-

tivity on heating has been tested by

Dr. H. W. Schmidt, who finds that at

1300 degrees C. its effects are exactly

The making of false gems and the

doctoring of others which are real, but

fession, so widespread that in some

countries the workers of entire towns

do nothing else, says Popular Mechan

ics, which goes on to explain how ru-

bles and pink topps are manufactured.

ice 8 to 10 feet thick, a fire in a five-

story building in Troy, N. Y., filled with

last day took a combined forec of fit

teen streams of water to quench the

Plans have often been made, says

Cassier's Magazine, to develop the pow-

er of the tides, but in most cases these

have failed of commercial success. Now

however, a project is well advanced to

harness the power of the tides on the

ed land on either side of Back Bay, in

Portland, where it is anticipated a ti-

of developing at least 25,000 horse-pow-

cars, lights and engines in the city.

er, or enough to run all the electric

The third report of the gas-engine re

search committee of the Institution of

Mechanical Engineers in London re

cords some experiments which are re-

garded as showing that the highest

economy is obtained with comparative-

ly low maximum temperature. The

implication is that gas engines should

be subjected not only to lower pres-

sures, but to lower temperatures. Thus,

it is said, many difficulties that arise

in large engines where charges of rich

gas are used might be avoided, and

the maximum pressure kept down to

quite reasonable limits. If construct-

ed to work only with moderate pres-

sures and temperatures, the whole of

the working parts might be very much

Osmosis is the passage of a liquid,

or a gas, through a membrane. Some-

times medicines are administered in

this way. But how far we are from

understanding the details of this sub-

ject as related to the human body is

indicated by some recent experiments

tempts to introduce lithium salts into

the system by absorption through the

skin have failed, and yet the same

salts make their way readily through

the mucous membrane. When the feet

ric, or sulphuric, acid, an alkaline re-

But citric acid refuses to act the same

way, although both of these acids have

a similar effect when taken through the

has quite a different physiological ef-

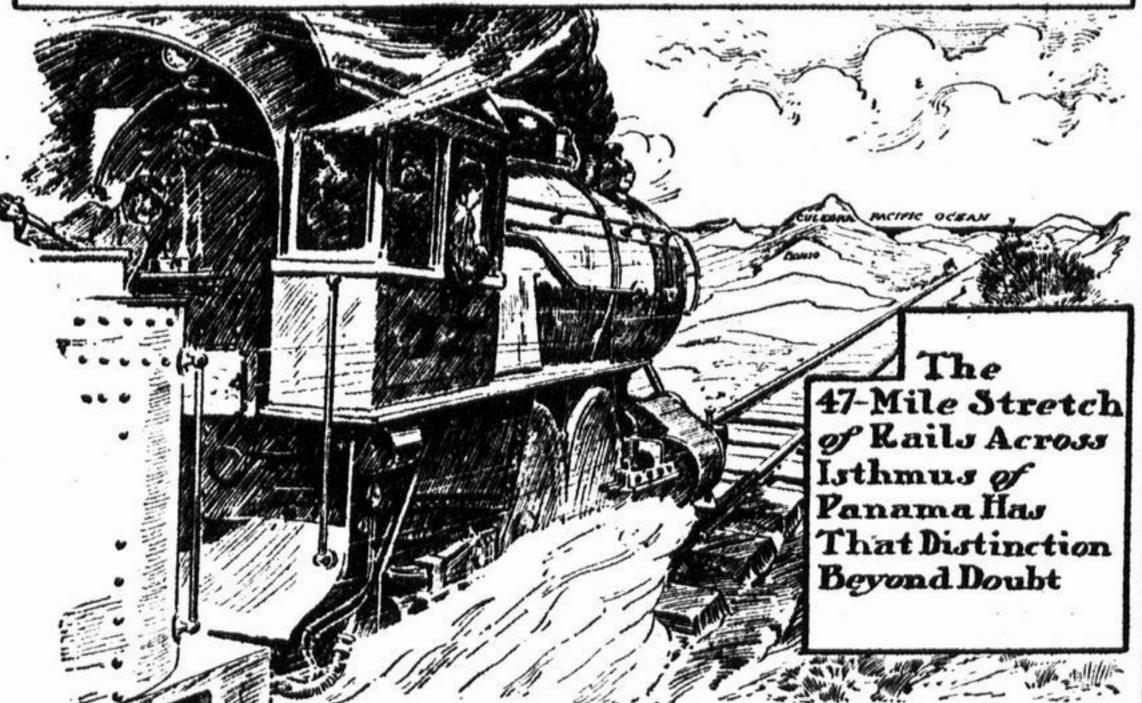
are soaked in a solution of hydrochio-

of Prof. Louis Kahlenberg. All

Surrounded by an immense wall of

as at ordinary temperature.

Little Railroad in the World



The busiest little railroad in the world is the Panama railroad. Having a run of 47 miles-this being the length of the road-it does more business than some roads whose line is ten times the length.

The history of the construction of this road is too well known to bear a repetition. Through almost impenetrable jungle, infested by polsonous reptiles and insects of all sorts, and compelled to inhale a noxious at mosphere produced by swampy conditions, the engineers plodded their way and mapped out the course for the bed of a road which they didn't know was destined to become the busiest little railroad in the world. It is a familiar saying that for every cross tie laid upon the bed of this road a human life was sacrificed.

Now this road is changing its entire route and road bed with the exception of a few miles. This is due to the fact of it being on the wrong side of the canal and would have to cross it many times when water is turned into it were its present route to remain. Then again many bridges would have to be built upon a soil whose solidity is not adapted to bridge building of a substantial nature. Lastly, the present road bed is on land which must be excavated for the canal.

While the difficulties in building the new road may not be as great as in the old road construction, yet many

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thrusting his powerful fingers through

his crizzled locks and addressing any-

one in the group, enjoying a cheerful

midday meal by the warmth of the

engine house are of the Hawthorn

mills, who might have leisure from his

own bread and cheese to listen, "I do

proprietorship in the office and

stalled there as office boy."

concerns for the last month-that is,

ever since Rube, his only child, the

Benjamin of his old age, had been in-

"Fine lad," continued the old man,

speaking aloud to himself, as he walked

along toward his job, "sharp as they

make 'em, and that good at books and

Zick thrust his hands into his pock-

ets, impelled by a wave of usefulness,

of exaltation. They sank down into

emptiness: the old man pulled them

out as though they had been bitten.

In one moment all the joy, the confi-

dence, left his face. It was overcast,

troubled. On Saturday night be had

placed what he called his 'lowance

He turned out the pocket. There was

no hole in the lining. He had put the

money into his left-hand pocket. He

remembered particularly, because once

before, about are weeks ago, it had

been missing, and he had not been able

to recollect (that time) the actual fact

pocket-and it was not there now.

dal power plant will be located capable | money for the coming week in his

"No," decided old Zick Godfrey,

miles of it are being built upon huge piles through the marshy and dense Jungle. Some idea of the difficulties encountered on the new route may be drawn from the fact that the largest railroad embankment in the world is on the new route and will have to be crossed by this road. It is near Gatun City and crosses a valley for a distance of more than a mile.

The volume of business on this road taxes its carrying capacity to its fullest extent. Its passenger trains are always crowded and many are the times when there is mere standing room. On the passenger line all second class cars are attached behind while the first class ones are in front near the locomotive. A policeman rides all of these trains because of the composite nationalities of the patrons.

In the freight line there is an immensity of traffic. The right of way by night over the rail is almost entirely given up to this branch of traffic. Ships coming into port on the Pacific side having cargo for the Atlantic leave it at the former port and go on their way. This is then transported by this busy little ratiroad to the Atlantic side and reloaded into ships that take it to its destination. The same operation takes place on the Atlantic side for the Pacific ports. Thus the necessity may be seen in this feature for a canal.—Williamport (Pa.)

up and about again; he remembered "You and I have been together all these

turned thanks from that day to this "Lass," he plended aloud, and that he had understood. Slowly, dis- furned for a moment and raised tinctly, he had promised to be mother eyes to the blue wedge of sky showing through the office window, as if Saille Now, as the wheels revolved about were just behind it. "I did me best, lass; don't grieve, don't take on; just not hold with new-fangled notions and methodically, as the beits ran swiftly think I was an old fool, and not good new-fangled ways. Not me! Why," over the pulleys, he was appealing, in enough for the job you left me. It is raising his large head, with the white his mind, to that wife who had left me who is to binne. Me! Not him your little lad, that I saw you sewing est brow, "I am always hearing tell of "Lass," the old man murmured, em bits of things for the last time you

> Mr. Hawthorn waited. He caught s word here and there of the low, whispering voice. He could hear that Zick was accusing himself. At first feared that the shock had been too much for the old man, that it had un hinged him, but when it seemed to him that Zick was acquiring comfort from his monologue, he waited

The master came round, touched his workman on the shoulder.

"My frien!" he said, and the two stood side by side while the master stoke persuasively, "let us say that it was a sudden temptation. Perhaps, since it was the first step aside, it will be the last. I have made up my mind to give Rube another chance. I shall let him stay on. No one knows, so it will be easy for him. I shall have him in here all by myself, and I shall tell him that, as his father can trust him to be honest for the future, I can."

Again there was silence in the plain hare room, with the japanned boxes, instead of pictures, ranged on shelves round the wall, and a great drawing of machinery over the fireplace. The sun suddenly streamed through the dings window; Zick watched the particles of dust as they danced to and fro, The idea comforted Zick, quieted up and down, a slanting wedge of gold-

There was war in the old man's heart. The flercest, the bottest of all to human battles was being waged there. where he could catch glimpses of the The fight was not only between princisky through the dust-covered window. | ple and love, it was between duty and

Godfrey remembered his empty pocksaw the colored patch growing larger et. He remembered that it was the secand larger, the gray disappearing. It ond occasion on which his lowance had seemed to him that that was how Sallie | been missing: he remembered that was speaking to him, was reassuring | Amelia Ann had declared that a penny or two had lately gone three or four times out of the mug where the house-It was hardly an hour later that one keeping money reposed. Zick had not seen Rube steal from the mug, from his pocket. He could say he had seen nothing. But did he, in his heart of hearts, believe that Rube had taken it-nay, more, in his heart of hearts was he not | quet of globe trotters the other evening.

> Mr. Hawthorn waited, a new prise, a new perplexity gradually over-

"Can you trust Rube?" Mr. Hawthorn asked.

"Sallie, lass," he implored, "don't left him with me for our bit here. But what could I do? I couldn't lie, and I wouldn't say aught but what I have SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY

Deposits in the postal savings banks of Japan now exceed \$45,000,000. Manchuria already receives 1,000 cable messages a day from Japan. The

doubling of the cables is probable. John Burns is said to have the best working library of any member of the English House of Parliament.

Ink for rubber stamps is made of maline dye mixed with glycerin. The dyes can be obtained at druggists'

Belgium is now importing yearly -Yonkers Statesman. about \$1,500,000 worth of automobiles, motor-cycles and bleycles. The imports have quadrupled in four years.

In the last eight years the three great iron countries have produced 310,300,000 tons of pig iron, of which over half has come out of the United States.

In the Slavonic section of the New York public library there are 8,527 volumes and a very large proportion of the Russian readers select books of social and governmental subjects.

There are now not far from 60,000 London Tit-Bits. miles of railroad under block signal operation, nearly 10,000 miles of which have been added within a year and a half. All of this mileage is distributed among eighty-four different systems,

Emigration to Canada from the United States in January and February increased 61 per cent, while foreign emigrants arriving at Canadian ports decreased 36 per cent. Over 1,000 American settlers reached Saskatchewan on March 19.

Mrs, Kate Douglas Wiggin has been nominated as an honorary steward of the anniversary dinner of the Royal Literary Fund in London, Lord Tennyson is the president of the society. Rud yard Kipling, who will preside at the dinner, has asked Mrs. Wiggin to re spond to a toast.

An Eskimo will devour greedily twenty pounds of meat a day. A ftussian Tartar will eat in twenty four hours forty pounds. Captain Cochrane mentions a Tartar who consumed in that time the bind quarters of a large ox, twenty pounds of fat and a proportionate quantity of melted butter for drink. Three of his tribe-the Yakuti-think nothing of polishing off a reindeer at a meal.—New York Press.

President Fouse, of the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company, cails at teption in his annual address to the vast extent of the life insurance business in this country, by comparing it with the banking business. The 6.544 national and 11,852 8thte, private and savings banks and trust companies have an aggregate capital and surplus of \$3,000,000,000, and deposits of \$13,-000,000,000. Ninety-three insurance companies have admitted assets of over \$3,080,080,000 and insurance in force amounting to \$14,000,000,000

There is a possibility that the Episcopal church will soon have three brothers as members of the bishopric. The Right Reverend Dr. William Paret, bishop of Maryland, cause of advancing years and falling strength, has asked his diocese to gleet a condiutor and has called a special convention to choose the priest to be elevated to the episcopate. Several clergymen have been mentioned for the honor, among them being the Rev. Dr. Arthur B. Klusolving, rector of St. Paul's church, Baltimore, who is said to stand a good chance of election. One of Dr. Klosolving's brothers is hishop of Texas and another is the head of the diocese of Southern Brazil

judge made arithmetic a test of mental | Yea: but be tied it in a double knot, so soundness. But if this test had been it couldn't come untied again.-Philaapplied to certain great men they delphia Record. would been declared imbectles. Dean Stanley, for one, would have been set down as hopeless had he been judged by his incapacity to do a sum in simple addition or multiplication. Had Keble, writer of famous hynnus, depended upon his arithmetic Oxford would not ong have known him. When bursar he found, to his horror, that certain acounts came out hearly \$10,000 to the ad In vain did the learned and plous men of the college go over the figures Not until an expert imminoned was it discovered that Ke ble, in custing up a column, had addat the date of the year to the college's

"I know where \$3,000,000 in cash Hes operated," said a New York lawyer This cast sum lies concealed in the intide rest pocket of the 30,000 automoready to be paid out in a fine, if he should be arrested for speeding. Fines, though, don't appear to stop speeding, be continued. "Perhaps the rich automobilist regards them much as the Suazian wood thief did. The thief was ar-You are brought up on the charge of stealing wood. This charge has been Only don't do it again.' 'Nonsense," retorted the thief. 'Let us not have any false sentimentality here. steal my wood, I pay my fine, and there's an end of it."

## South American Inna.

A traveler who recently returned to Philadelphia was narrating some of his experiences in South America at a bun-South America and had found the inns' or hotels in most sections very poor. So bad were they in Peru, he said, that one American, who had been thrown in to fail pending some dispute over his papers and after his release had sought the hotel of the town, returned the next day to the jall and begged that he might be taken in.

was in the window of a restaurant in Buenos Aires, which read: "American cafe-champagne and fried potatoes." | above a whisper."-Illustrated Bits. -Philadelphia Record.

Race horses and watches should go in a brewery. for all they are worth.



"I understand the new magazine has a high standard." "Indeed it has. It went up yesterday."-Atlanta Constitu-

Redd-What kind of a machine have you got now? Greene-A runabout; it will run about a block, and then stop.

Authoress-I'm very happy in my married life. I find my husband such a belp. Friend-Indeed! Does he

cook, or write?-Fliegende Blactter. "Maude was afraid the girls wouldn't notice her engagement ring." "Did they?" "Did they! Six of them recognized it at once."-Cleveland Plain

Dealer. "I hear yer frien' Tamson's marriet again." "Aye, so be is. He's been a dear frien' tue me. He's cost me three weddin' presents an' twa wreaths."-

"Is your husband voracious in his appetite, madam?" "I can't say as he is, doctor. He'll eat anythink and everythink as long as there's anythink to eat."-Baltimore American.

He-If you refuse me I shall go out and hang myself to the lamp-post in front of your house. She - Now, George, you know father said he wouldn't have you hanging around here. - Life.

"Ever seen Congress in session?" "No," replied l'armer Coboss, "but I know how it looks. I her a hired man who kin git as busy doing nothin' as anything on earth."-Washington Her-

Mr. Newlywed-But, my love, why are you weeping? Mrs. Newlywed-Oh, John! John! I just peeped into the kitchen and saw that cook has on her traveling gown. - Harper's Weekly.

"I want a man to do odd jobs about the house, run on errands, one that never answers back and is always ready to do my bidding." "You're looking for a husbatel, ma am, not a man."-The Jewish Ledger.

III Tragerdy -Yes, we opened in Oahkosh. Lowe Comerdy-And what did your audience think of your "Hamlet?" Ill Tragerdy -Wey-er-he went out before I had a chance to ask him. -Philadelphia Press.

"Cheer up, old man," said the consoling friend. "You know love laughs at locksmitted." "Yes, I know," replied the delected lover "But her father nin't a locksmith; be's a botlermaker." -Detroit Free Press. He-So your father thought I want-

ed to marry you for your money. What did you say? She-1 persuaded him that you didn't, and then be said if that was the case you didn't have any sense. The Jewish Ledger.

"Willie, did you put your nickel in the contribution box in Sunday school to-day?" "No, mamma! I ast Eddy Lake, the preacher's son, if I couldn't keep it an' spend it for candy, an' be gave me permission."-- Denver News,

"Young man," said the pompous individual, "I did not always have this carriage. When I first started in life I had to walk." "You were lucky." chuckled the youth. "When I first started in life I couldn't walk."-The

Nell-He doesn't know anything about the little niceties of paying attention to a girl. Belle-Why, I saw In a recent trial a San Francisco him typing your showstring. Nell-

> "What you want is a stenographer who is rapid and absolutely accurate." "Well," auswered Mr. Bliggins, "rapidity is all right, but as to accuracywell, I don't want to be held down strictly to my own ideas of grammar." -Washington Star.

Miss Cutting-1 see by the paper sembly ball last night. Miss McHluff-Yes: I expected to be there, but was prevented - Miss Cutting -The idea! hope the dearkeeper wasn't rough with you, dear. - Catholic Standard and

Tommy-Do you believe it is fortunate to be the seventh son? Mickey-Naw! I'm the seventh son. Tommy-But the fortune tellers say the seventh son has all kinds of luck handed down to him. Mickey-Huh! All I have handed down to the is me six brothers' old clothes.-Chicago News.

First Gentleman (entering the apartment of second gentleman) -About a year ago you challenged me to fight a duel. Second Gentleman (sternly)-I did, sir. First Gentleman-And I told you that I had just got married. and I did not care to risk my life (haughtily)-I remember, sir. First Gentleman (bitterly)-Well, my feelings have changed; any time you want to fight, let me know.—Human Life.

## Explosive Force of Water. Water, looked upon as the tamest of

liquids, is as great an explosive as dynamite under certain conditions. In one day water breaks up more earth and rock than all the gunpowder, gun cotton and dynamite in the world do in a year. These explosives can be controlled by human agency, but water does not hold itself accountable to man. It runs into the ground, freezes, expands and splits the soil into little pieces. Finding a crack in a lunge rock. It repeats the same process, forcing it asunder. If frozen in the pores of a tree it often explodes with a report like a gunshot and the force of a dynamite bomb.—Popular Mechanics.

## In Guarded Tones.

Richun-Money talks, you know. Poorun-Yes, I know; but when it converses with me it never speaks

If there is one thing a garrulou man detests more than another it a talkative woman. Sometimes there is trouble brewli

locks still curling about the open, hon- him.

folks running about from this place to drops of sweat that were not due to and me sat side by side before the fire that. A change here, another to-mor- the exertions of his body standing out Think, lass, as how my fingers was all row. It has always been good enough in beads about his brow, "I have done thumbs with Rube's little clothes when for me to work for one master. I came my best; you know I have done my he was too small to do for himself! It to Hawtborn's mills as a boy, and I best; and if you are up there with the bas been the same with learning him have been here ever since. And Rube," angels you must know more. You will proper. It has been me that had nothwith a smile that softened the rugged know what I can't understand-you ing but thumbs at learning him proper. features until they were as tender as will know where the money has gone; It wasn't your little lad that you died a woman's, "will do the same, I'll be you will know-though I can't see who for at all: it was nobbut me!" bound." He had felt a measure of else could have taken it-that Rube had naught to do with it, or you would



LAW AGAIN

of his placing it there. The old man's eyes grew dim. He. music and them crowns."

who was as punctual as the clock, forgot the hour, the place awaiting him. He was visited by a terrible suspicion, which, though he would have given all he possessed to dismiss it as absurd, as impossible, would stay with him,

would clamor to be taken into account

Standing there in the middle of the

mill yard, with the roar of the chinery about him, with the great chimner belching out clouds of smoke, with the sharp cry of the foremen's voices as they issued orders, and the clanging of the gate bell that heralded a team or a wagon demanding admittance, Zick carefully went over each minute of the last twenty-four hours. On Saturday no one but he and Rube had been in the little house in the long row of mill cottages, for Amelia Ann. his wife's cousin, who "did" for him ever since he was a widower, had taken a night of to see "East Lynne" at the Theater Royal. On Sunday, to ders, had been missing from the office be sure, he had gone to church in the morning, but the same lady had been in possession of the kitchen, cooking of a doubt that Rube was the thief. the Sunday dinner, and if she had action quickly takes place internally. meant to rob him, she would have gan by standing on his forehead; when started long ago. All the rest of the Mr. Hawthorn ceased it was pouring day he, Zick, had been at home. Rube down his face. had been the only other person in the

> His thoughts went back to his wife. Sallie had not been exactly young when he married her, but she had for him a sweeter face than any other woman. He remembered her feebleness, which had only just permitted her to pull his arm down to their new-born habe; ered how he had looked for-

house. Rube-

that terrible call in the darkness of the years, and you ask me that?" night, when Amelia Ann had rushed But the old man was beyond listenin to him, telling him to come at once. | ing to a reproach or a justification. He had gone almost as she spoke. He "Sallie's little lad," be muttered. He was only just in time. As he looked at | put up his arm before his eyes; a hard her, be understood that Sallie was sob broke from him. He had forgotten leaving him. She was past moving, his master, the office. The case lay past speaking. Her eyes had implored | not between Rube and Mr. Hawthorn, him. He had understood. He had re- but between Zick and his Sailie.

as well as father to their child. him, as the great cranks rose and fell



never bide comfortable among that

him: There was, there must be, some solution entirely exonerating Rube that

his poor brain could not grasp. He moved aside a step or two, Before him was a little wedg of blue, a father's great affection. He looked up as often as he dared. He

Stamps, it appeared, small postal or-

for the last month, and an investigation had established beyond a shadow spreading his face. As Zick listened the perspiration be-

"No," he cried out, as he heard the first words. "My little lad, Sallie's son, rob his master! Not he!" But before the story was ended he

was reduced to silence. When the last

master, his eyes imploring, his line "You'll none have the law again

"Elek I" oried out Mr. Hawthorn. of money in her own name.

Godfrey flung up his arms. 'Lord help me, I can't" he cried out. take on. Bide comfortable up there He is your lad, I know, and you only

said, and tell the truth."-The Sketch. word was said, Godfrey looked at his

The only woman who has a right to take advantage of leap year privileges and propose, is the woman who has lots

He had skirted the entire const

The most curious sign he had seen

Some people seem to make a specialty of thinking second-hand thoughts.