

mearly all large city retail stores to arrested and badly scared by threat of meck thievery, says the head detect- prosecution and imprisonment, but Ive in one of the largest dry goods es | whose plea of kleptomania has been tablishments. By the systematic prosscution of thieves the losses do not amount to one third of what they did three years ago.

"Every large retail department store in New York and Chicago has its reguburly organized staff of detectives whose duty it is to detect dishonesty in almost every form inside the store, while many establishments have a force of detectives who watch for thieven who may seek to rob the establishment's delivery wagons when out on their tours. Part of this force are men and they come in contact. part women. The employment of womin this capacity is absolutely neceseary, for women can do excellent work mid be seen in the crowd at a bar main sale or at a counter where an un menally large number of women were congregated, the suspicions of any woman shoplifter in the crowd would be immediately aroused and she would trans-



for her activities elsewhere, where no man was directly in evidence. Agreeting a Thick.

"When a detective notes the theft of any article she follows the thief from where the offender is ar the female detective, he one of the male detectives of or seleswomen, who are uncommonly cowing the identity of the men or amen, detectives; or by some policemear the store to whom the female dactive would appeal. The arrest of a shoplifter never is made inside the if it can be avoided, and for two mong one being the probability of a being created, which is to be sided, while the illrelihood of the against the shoplifter 'sticking' it comes up in court is much goods in their possession outof the building.

best detectives are those who montrusive in manner and appear as to attract attention is the last desired in that work. Then they strict orders not to remain at one too long. They are to keep mov-

about in a careless way. ne of the chief deterrents to shopin the New York department in the fact that it is known by minute that vigorous and dethed steps are now taken to prosemen when arrested, and a long at Sing Sing or Auburn prison is g probability.

domaniacs,' you will find detectives who hold wide t opinions on the subject. princed that many women because they cannot resist on to obtain something for riamly many women steal tich they have no us see well off financially that

The general public has little idea of | would make a chronic thief of her by | Struthairly kept up a continuous fight the well-organized plans in operation in reason of the fact that she has been

accepted for the reason that it has

been her first offense.

"In watching suspicions persons and detecting thieves, secret signals and ing kiss. words are employed that to the unsuspicious person, or even to the shopstore detectives, floorwalkers and sales ally sprinkled the fo'ca'le quarters. He men and saleswomen. Primarily, persons against whom there seems to be reason for suspicion are quickly 'wised up' by the store employe with whom

"Of course, many shoplifters study to disarm suspicion both by their general appearance and manner of address. They exhibit no pervousness. For instance, if a male detective | keep a keen watch of all that in going on pear them, and, peasessing plenty of nerve and self-confidence, perform the theft at the most opportune moment, taking care to make no false

Many shoppers carry suit cases, as do handreds of honest shoppers, and on taking their place at a counter leave the suit case partly open at their feet, so that articles may be quietly dropped therein when the salesperson is not looking. A small purchase being made it is openly placed in the suit case and the shoplifter moves away. Other shoplifters carry a folded newspaper in one hand, and while the saleswoman's attention is diverted, slip some article between its folds.

"When suspicion is directed agains shopper by a salesperson, the fact in quietly conveyed to one of the de tectives, who approaches seemingly as if wishing to look at some object with the intention of purchasing it. When it is shown the detective makes some objection to it, whereupon the salesperson moves a few feet away, apparently for the purpose of showing another article of the kind wanted. This given the opportunity to speak a few words of explanation.

"Signals are sometimes given salespersons by detectives when they have reason to be suspicious of a shopper who is being waited upon at the time. Again, words of seemingly no importance are used by the salespersons to inform a detective or floorwalker that a shopper has been detected in the | fields

"When possible the shoplifter is led ed by the female detective, the floorwalker and the male detective waiting ly made up

just outside the door. If the shoplifter objects, which she seldom does, knowing that the game is up, the police department is notified by telephone, and a city detective sent to the store, when the thief is placed under arrest, taken out of the place as quietly as possible and removed to a police station, where she is searched by the police matron, and a charge of theft made against good deal more of a job than it is now her. The experienced shoplifter usually they used to carry a great pane of seeks to make as little disturbance as glass in a sort of frame, which was possible when caught, relying upon put on the wagon with the glass in it. quieter methods of getting out of her At its destination this frame or supdilemma. BRINGS PINCHING BUGS.

with Irrepressible Peats. Bombay pinching bugs invaded an Eveless Eden when they climbed aboard the British freight steamship Strathairly at Bombay on July 12, says the New York Herald. To use the words of the Strathairly's second officer, Mr. Kelso, it was a pinch all the way over, and the ship came into this port yesterday literally on a plach as well. The pinching bugs of Bombay have a habit of biting hard, and for almost 60 days the sailors on the against the little pests.

Visitors to the Strathairly came off the ship with one or more of the bugs in the window frame. There again clinging to their clothes. If the visitor is raised on blocks until the strapdid not watch out for them the bugs would by easy stages reach the face of their victim and then the pinch-

Robert van Fossholler, a Transvaal sailor on board the ship, thought be lifters, have no particular meaning, but | had a remedy for the bug plague in a which are well understood between the liquid concortion with which he liberdrove out the bugs and the other men of the crew as well. Then Bazin, a Freuchman, the ship's chef, produced | kfil any bug alive. It blew great monsoons the day after the powder had been aprinkled over the ahlp, and as a result every particle of food not down In the stores was made uncless.

Captain Herne, Mr. Duncan, chief of ficer, and the second saw no humor in the situation of the kissing-pinching bug plague, and in this view they were backed up by the crew. Then the Suez canal was passed through, and the bugs continued to multiply. There was a council of war, and it was deelded to ask for advice at Algiera. In Algiers the commandante, or whatever that official's title was, came abourd and investigated and departed with a dozen samples of the Bombay bug clinging to his robes.

At quarantine Dr. Doty disinfected the steamer according to the rules got erning ships arriving from far eastern ports. Everything in the way of microbes and germs aboard was officially disposed of except the kissing bugs. They remained as stowaways, and continued with the Strathnirty to the Bush docks, where they promenaded ashore in pairs and quartets, and visited the offices on the piers.

Shower of Fish in Australia. In a communication to the Royal Society of Queensland, Donglas Ogliby records the occurrence of a shower of fishes which fell in Brisbane during a severe hallstorm on Oct. 7 last.

They were identified as the species known as the trout gudgeon (krefftlus adspersus). Such showers of small fish are not unknown in other parts of the world. Sometimes after a heavy rain they are found swimming about in the pools formed on the surface of the

The explanation is that the waters of a pond or lake have been drawn up ing some of the smaller fry with them. The latter, of course, promptly descend

HANDS ACROSS THE FALLS.



COSTLY SORT OF MATTERSS.

Kind Used on a Plate Glass Wagon -Ways of Handling Plates. Probably about as costly a sort of mattress as any is one that is made not to sleep on but to spread on the long, broad table or platform of the wagons built for carrying plate glass.

These mattresses, which are made of curled hair, are very thin, scarcely thicker than a comfortable, and must be made with the greatest cure to insure perfect uniformity of thickness. A lump anywhere would be likely to break the plate of glass resting upon it, and there would be still greater danger if the weight of two plates of glass was rested on the lump at once.

A mattress for a plate-glass wagon costs according to size from \$60 to \$75. in use the corners of small plates carried on it cut into the ticking covering, and sooner or later it has to be made over. Simply to make over such a mattress costs from \$20 to \$25.

On the table topped and mattress covered glasswagons the biggest plates are carried with confidence and safety. The table is built to remain absolutely rigid, and the thin but uniform mat tress protects the plate from jar.

Before plate-glass store fronts had come into common use, when the hardling of a big plate was counted as a port was worked carefully across the sidewalk to the store front, where the glass was dislodged from it to be set and altogether the setting of a great British Steamble Weary of Battle plate of glass was then quite an under

Now, with the setting of such plates a common daily occurrence, and with own skilled in the handling of them they simply carry a big plate out, lay It on their mattress-covered, table-topped wagon and carry it to where it is to go, and there slide it off, to rest it for a moment on blocks on the side walk, and then they pick it up and carry it to the window front

Then they run under the lower edge of the glass tifting straps, by which men standing inside the window as well as men standing outside can life on it when the glass is put into place can be withdrawn, and then the blocks are taken out and the glass secured it place; all this being done with great care, but still with comparative easand quickness, and with certainty, and in these times great panes of glass are thus moved and set on all but the wipdient days .- New York Sun.

A TRAIL OF BLESSINGS

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Gaston Payette was born to oratory but fate made him a plasterer. Th work of his hands was acceptable; bu unless he was entirely without an and ence he was certain to waste at lens half his time delivering lectures, puntnated by spatters of melat plaste: dropped from the forgotten tool in his

"Bah!" he sputtered on one occasion striking his favorite attitude and reck lessly flourishing his trowel. Some personne ees hall de talme talk lak lin: 'Me, cef I hown dis lot, me, ould plant som' shrob, som' free, som for plant som' t'inga bon dia retair biccouse we healy rent been.

"Rah! Rah-b-h-h! That era to tini bonly of beenself! But w'r for, 17 am hask you, ma frien', mos' som'beel to hall de taime lak drese hog. des perg. dose pork, w'at con der hon!

"Now, kindly tole me som ting, man Who ees plant does happle, des pench, dose gr-r-r-rape, dose feeg, dose lekery-nut w'erchoff you ees heat dosfruit? Who ees plant dose bush w'ere off you ees smell dose flower? Who evplant dose berg green tree wa'at ma! for you dose shade, dose lumbaire for heeld som' house, dose woods for bury hon top dose kitchen store? Were you he now, madame, eef ever had ees say dose pineap', dose rosberree; to smel: dose flower, to seet how top

we're you be to-day. I hask! "Ma moddaire, he ees no beeld lak two honder taime. Ma poor moddafre till he ees hardly know w'ere to look he ees gone, eef he ees stop dere honic leefe wile, she ees plant som't ings.

"She ees dead for tirty year, ma moddaire: but madame, hall hevaire hon top of Meechigan, hon top of Can adam, too; halso hon France, maybe plant by ma good moddaire. She ees leave biffore her one heeg trail sweet flower, or maybe som' sour plum or cran-ap.

"Madame, I tole you som't ing. Ecet. ees de spirit lak dat, ma frien', dat dose pipples hof America should much more to possess."

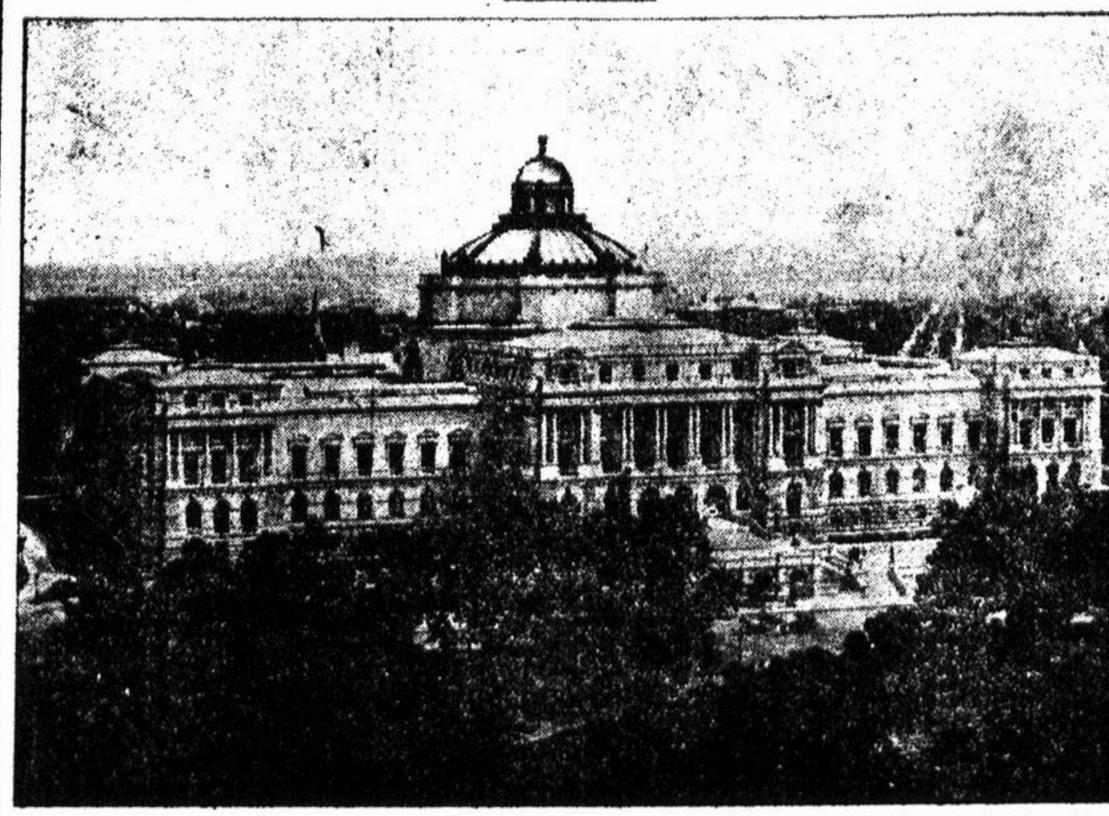
# Queer Names.

"We Chinese," said the law student, bel, Jenny or Matilda, but Cloudy Moon. Celestial Happiness, Spring Peach or Casket of Perfumes

"Our boys get less delicious names. Boys are made for work and wisdom rather than for dancing and pleasure. and their names show this, as Practical Industry, Ancestral Rnowledge, Complete Virtue, Ancestral Pley, Dis-

creet Valor. "To our slaves we give still another set of names. Yes, those dear, pathetic little slaves of ours, some girls, some boys, who do a hundred various little

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. WHICH IS TOO SMALL FOR ITS NEEDS.



The magnificent library of Congress at the National Capital, which is one of the finest structures in the world and which was planned to be big enough to last for ninety-eight years, is already too small for its needs. spondence in the Chicago Record-Herald, it has been a estimated that the suggested oppropriation will provide found necessary to enlarge the structure, and Congress | additional accommodation for 5,000,000 volumes.

is being asked for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for this purpose. If this sum is granted and the necessary additions built, the Library of Congress will be the larges; structure of its kind in the world. The building is 473 feet long and 340 feet deep, and cost 86,000,000. It According to William E. Curtis, in his special corre- t has a neantiful situation adjacent to the Capitol. It is

### THE FUTURE.

A border-land of hopes and dreams And mists as fathomless as night: A world of suns, whose radiant beams O'erwheim the present light.

A rosy dawn that never wages, For with to-morrow comes to-day, Whose morrow still a morrow makes, Unscarchable for aye!

A name that is for e'er a name To those who seek to win and wear A bright and beauteous oriflamme Of all that is most fair.

A golden hope that shall not fail To lift us from the common dust; For, seeing not behind the vell, We still look up and trust.

So we may trust -for all the past Was once a future, lightly trod-And trusting, reach the goal at last-Our Heaven and our God! -Saturday Evening Post.

MACHINE THE THE CHIEF STREET

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When Mrs. Hardiman received her ainter's letter telling her all about Kath leep's unfortunate affair, her matchmaking lustinets were up in arms. Of course, as Constance had said, Kathleen was a mere child in years, only 17. But girls of 17 sometimes developed very grown up feelings!

She did not answer her sister's letter at once; to her thinking, busts judgment was one of the cardinal sins. And she walted to think matters over thoroughly before committing herself.

However, at the end of the week ber first impression remained unvaried, and she sat down and penned the follow-

"Pine Grove, Fla., May 17. turning things over in my mind since the receipt of your letter, and while the outlook does seem a bit discouraging. I am sure it cannot be altoget .er

"Why not let me have Kathleen for a couple of months? The country is simply magnificent this time of the year, and although, naturally, it will be rather lonely compared to gay New Orleans, still the contrast may do wonders toward bringing the dear girl out of herself. I don't believe anyone could brood in a garden spot like this.

"By the way, an old friend of mine is coming down from Chicago to spend did soung fellow of 25, is to meet her here for a week's visit. They are extremely exclusive people, and, although not at all wealthy, will doubtless shortly inherit a considerable fortune from the boy's god-father. I think it is He is a cranky old fellow (80-odd), who until he marries and settles down

in new ones-if only temporarily. "Mimi you, not a word of this to sped by.

Kathleen. "Let me hear from you. As ever,

Three days later Mrs. Hardiman held her sister's reply in her hand. Kath leen would be delighted to come. was the very thing, of all others. Six or eight weeks among the Florida pines would certainly be the salvation of her. The girl seemed to be on the verge of Had she realized the depths of her feelings, her mother wrote, she would have thought twice before taking the step she did. now that the break was over, it was lucky for all concerned. And the only thing left to do was to put disappointinterests and happiness.

Patricia Hardiman could not press a smile. She recalled Constance's own headstrong youth; her runaway mar- the brief separation couldn't make any riage to a dashing young officer of the Conferedacy in defiance of family and er still relentless?" convention. And Kathleen was many times her mother's child. She meant to do all in her power to win the girl than I do myself." fures have names like Not For Me. I away from her attachment, if in truth it was as unfortunate as Constance had I was about to become very wealthy?"

a great believer in matrimony, but she wanted, above everything tise, to see her suddenly, the right ones mated. And she wanted to be the one to bring it about, roo! It was an afternoon of June, pale

and sweet with orange blossoms. Rows upon rows of the waxen-leaved trees usale a garden grove down below the rose lawn. Mrs. Hardiman came out of the ter-

oak chair, looked up with a question-"My niece will be here on the 6:20

down opposite, "and that horrid old out." Billy is laid up again with his everlasting 'rheumatix.' Do you think Claude the reins he thrust into her bands, and will be here in time to-" Mrs. Hardiman stole a parrow glance

keen, expressive eyes, and firm but smiling mouth. Surely Claude Ogden was a man worth nothing. She felt instinctively that not many women would resist a type like this. The light of inspiration kindled swiftly in her brain. "My niece is arriving on that 6:20

train, Mr. Ogden. Do you think you "Oh, yes," he said, "I think I can manage them fairly well," There had been nothing discovered in the nature of horseflesh that Claude Ogdea could

"How lovely! Then I am much re-Hered. I was just rehearing my misfortunes to your mother when you turned up, and I was getting desper-

He pulled out his watch. "Fre just "n hour to make it." h

eald: "I suppose I'd better be getting out of this toggery." He turned and



PLATING THE CHIVALBOUR.

ferent thoughts. He was tall, square good to look apon-indeed, from the crown of his crisp black hair to the soles of his russet boots.

The train was, as usual, late. But the extra half hour gave Claude Ogden a little more time in which to regain his equilibrium. It had been such a in just this sort of situation that the prospect of playing the chivalrous to a strange young lady queered him. He fell to pondering while the minutes

The passengers stepped out on the platform. There were two or three drummers, an old lady in black, and finally-

Surely there was something oddly familiar about the cut of the brown taflor-made gown, the gracefully draped vell that cascaded about her dainty shoulders, the military carriage of the slender young figure.

"Claude!" "Kathleen!"

"But I thought you were on board the Silver Star, en route to Australia!" she exclaimed, when she found breath

"That was all bosh, Kathleen. ment behind and a brave face to the never had any notion of putting the front. Kathleen would realize some ocean between us. After the way we day that she was acting for her best were broken up I thought I'd just hang around until you were of age."

"To-day," she interrupted, softly. "I knew if you cared as I did-do, change in your feelings. Is your moth-

"Poor mamma! She firmly believes that she knows my own mind better

"And suppose I were to tell you that "It would make no difference what

"That means " He bent down to

"Yes." She met his eyes, flushing carmine.

Somewhat to the girl's surprise, he deliberately turned the horses' heads and drove back the other way. "Claude! You're going wrong."

"No. I am not. Providence had a great hig hand in dumping as down race, firotrishing a stip of yellow paper there together like this. And we haven't any right to I'v in the face of Provi-Old Mrs. Ogden, sented on a twisted | dence, you know. I was told that long ago, when I was a mere kid."

"What he this funny little place" "It's the county courthouse. Hold train," the other announced, sinking the reins a second. I've got to get

Bowtlebered, unresisting, Kathleen took sat waiting.

Soon he returned, slipping a bit of into the strong, brown face, with its | folded paper lute his purket as be etimbed into the trap. "I think Mr. Holcombe lives to that

> pointing with his whip as the horses "Hat when are we going home? Aunt

little green house over there" he said,

"Just an even as the prescher gets could manage the bays this afternoon?" I through with us. I'm't you think I'me Grove will be an ideal spot to spend our benies meen in?"

"Hon't you?" be relievated, bending down. Their eves met. Kathleen thought, perhaps, it would. - New Orleans Times Democrat

Passing of African teams.

For two centuries there has been little let or hindrance to the slaughter of animal life in Southern Africa. But new game laws exist, and with their enforcement it is expected that the smeply of game can be kept up and that some of the old hunting grounds may be

restocked. Lious are offit plentiful over large areas, and even in the mining districts of Rhodesia. Elephants are becoming scarce, being particularly extinct south of the Zambest, except on the cost coast and in a few parts of Rhodesia. They are now strictly gotested, to save them from "atinction.

The rhimseres is rare, except in the Portuguese country south of the Zambest. The hippopotantus is to be found only in Orange river, the streams of Zululand, and in the Portuguese rivers One of the remarkable natives is King Khama. The headquatters of his tribe is Serowe, a town of 20,000. Here and in all his dominions he has about ished European liquors, and their introduction or use is followed by severe punishment. He has suppressed witchcraft, and so encouraged education that most of his people can read.

The Mashenaland plateau is beginning to fill an with European farmers. With its perfect climate and fertile land, it grows every kind of crops of the temperate zone, and the farmers are already looking forward to raising enough to supply the whole of Rhodesia Thus throughout the "Dark Confinent" In whatever direction there are erfdences of a rapidly-growing civilization. -Indianapolis News.

Rents in City of Mexico.

"The prices that are asked for reptal of houses in the City of Mexico are something amusling to Americans,"

said George T. Lessing, of St. Louis. "I expected to remain there the bet ter part of the year and thought I'd get a house and send for my family. With this idea I went forth in search of a domicile, but was staggered at a two-story dwelling the agents wanted from \$150 to \$200 a month, and from that up to \$2,400 a month for

those of more pretentious architecture. "It is true that these figures are in Mexican money, which is just half the with this allowance the rents are far in excess of those charged in the cities of the United States. In many other respects living in Mexico is very reasonable."-Baltimore American.

A Nonentity. "Beg pardon, but are you a waiter?"

"Private detective?"

"Not a guest?"

"What are you, then?" "Oh, I'm only the manual is giving the party."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Every woman has an idea it should be a pleasure for a man to work for money for her to spend.