STERES OF A STRICKEN COURTRY.

If I were king-ab, love, if I were king-What tributary nations would I bring To stoop before your scepter and to

Allegiance to your lips and eyes and Beneath your feet what treasures would The stars should be your pearls upon o

string. The world a ruby for your finger ring. And you should have the sun and moon to wear

If I were king. Let these wild dreams and wilder word take wing. Deep in the woods I hear a shepherd slag A simple ballad to a sylvan air,

I could not give you any goodiler thing If I were king. -Justin Huntley McCarthy.

Of love that ever finds your face more

THE LOST LAND

David Royant was sitting out on the terrace, sitting out with a partner who had laughingly declined to dance. The fragrant scent of hothouse flowers hung in the air, and the strains of the famous El Dorado waitz floated ou from the ballroom.

He was a tall, detremined-looking man; he had a strong chin and good honest brown eyes. His was the face of a man who had fought a hard battle and conquered.

The woman-the woman who didn't want to dance-was a slight creature with a pair of haunting gray eyes and a cloud of fair, exquisitely sliky hair. There was a something indescribably attractive and alluring to her whole personality. "The El Dorado," murmured Vanessa, listening to the music. She gave a slight, delicate laugh, then she turned to her companion.

"Do you think there is an El Dorado -- such a country?" she asked meditatively, "or is it a fairy tale, like the

Her sigh was infinitely pathetic. It was difficult to realize for the moment that an eminently successful woman to work hard I should have a future our youth." was asking the wistful question, a before me-a great future. Of course, woman whose art had made her fa- I was excited-flattered. Then, later mous, and who played the violin as on, when the big man's opinion was city walls of El Dorado." none other could or would.

· Curious, too, that she should ques- it seemed natural that I should accept tion David Royant on the subject. If the great offer made me by a liberal



2 MAD PREFERRED PAME AND AMBITIOR

found the land of El Dorado this man had, for Royant was a millionaire, and more than a millionaire, a man who had built up a miraculous fortune, as ft were, in the twinkling of an eye, He had stumbled on a gold mine by pure accident, 🛰 .

"Oh, no, I believe in El Dorado. Of course, there is such a land-there nust be," he continued, "otherwise all the poets and dreamers have been mad all the singers, all the musicians, And it would be rather a pity to be Biere that, wouldn't tt?"

This was not the first time he had met Vancous Lessing by any means, cut they were friends now of long standing; but the woman interested atm. For all her fame, for all her magnificent success, and her curious and indefinite beauty, her face was not the face of a happy woman. The eyes were hungry eyes.

"Bome people"-Vanema spoke slow ly and very softly-"some people hold that El Dorado is a land of gold. It to the city of the rich man, and no one can enter it unless he has great wealth."

David Royant shook his head.

"Don't believe that story," he said decidedly: "It is a fable. I m a rich man myself, but"-he spread out his hands-"I haven't found the land you speak of, though I came near to finding it once."

His strong rugged face softened. new look came into his erea.

"Tell me," she leaned forward, "how did you come near to the country, how 414 you lose your chance of landing in

"It is a very ordinary story." smiled, then crumpled his program into a hard ball; "just the story a roung man passionately in love with a young woman, who goes abroad to try to make a fortune for her. comes back years after with his fortune, but the girl-"

"Yes, the girl?" murmured Vancous "She's the mother of girls herself," he answered simply, "a sparkling young matron of 30. Happy enough, I've no doubt, even though the man she married doesn't happen to be quite wealthy as I am. Oh, I don't supose she cared much for me, really," he added with a dry laugh, "else would have waited as other women of their youth and strength, exulting have waited.

"Things are better for you than they were for me," she muttered

She shuddered as she spoke. "Years ago when I was young, bare- ant gently. But Vanessa did not anty eighteen, she went on, "I was en- swer. gaged to be married. He was a struggling young barrister, and I was one ment, then he touched his companion of a family of many sisters. There upon the arm. as no earthly prospect of our being

SOME ROYAL REVENUES



NGLAND was the first to realize what the growing power of royal wealth would mean and the first to force a surrender of the monarch's capital by granting instead a fixed allowance Since she set the example the other European countries have negotiated similar bargains—that is, all except Russia. Hence the Czar is the wealthiest European monarch, though it is not possible to say what his exact income is. In 1904 it is esti-

mated that Nicholas received un income of \$400,000,000, the revenue of landed property covering a million square miles, of buildings in the cities and of gold mines. July 2, 1901, the civil list of King Edward of England was fixed at £470,000, of which £110,000, or \$550,000, is given to the King and Queen. A sum still larger than this is allowed for salaries in the royal household and for retired allowances. One hundred and ninety-three thousand pounds is set aside for household expenses and another portion goes into charitable works. Allowances, made for the Prince and Princess of Wales, for the King's three daughters and for other members of the royal family, and charged to what is known as the consolidated fund, swell the total amount paid by the English government to the royal family to £900,980, or \$4,500,000.

The German Emperor draws a double salary. As Emperor the Reichstag votes him annually 2,600,000 marks, or \$650,000. As King of Prussia he is given nearly 16,000,000 marks, or \$14,000,000. Besides, he inherited from his grandfather castles, forests and farms, from which he derives a large income. The Emperor-King of Austria-Hungary also has a double allowance which note him more than \$6,00,000 annually, but out of this he has to support a number of archdukes and duchesses and his dead wife's sister, the Queen of Naples. The civil list of the King of Beigium is a mere trifle of 3,500,000 francs, or \$700,000. But he is one of the largest stockholders in the syndicate which controls the Congo Free State, and his income from that source reaches into the millions. King Emmanuel IV. of Italy is paid 15,-000,000 lire, or \$3,000,000. From this he must subtract 400,000 lire for the children of the late Duke of Aosta, the same amount for the children of the Duke of Genoa and 1,000,000 lire for his mother, Queen Margherita. The King of Spain, for all-sufficient reasons, has been given a smaller allowance than that received by other monarchs. Before his marriage his civil list was 7,000,000 pesetas, or \$1,400,000. Since his marriage this has been increased by allowances for his new family, and the Cortes has always been generous in paying his traveling expenses.

In 1906 Congress passed a bill appropriating \$25,000 yearly to pay the President's traveling expenses. Before that his salary had been \$50,000. When George Washington became President he was the richest man in the country, and when he took the office he said he wanted no salast, except enough to pay necessary expenses. The President's salary was fixed at \$25,000 until 1873. In that year Congress passed a bill raising it to \$50,000. Besides the salary and traveling expenses the government provides a dwel!ing light, heat and annually appropriates wages for a corps of servants, including a coachman and two stable men. A very modest carriage usually occupied by the President's secretary also goes with the office. Of late there has been strong talk of increasing the President's salary to \$100,000.

corroborated by other great musicians, there was a man on earth who had patron of music—an offer to pay my expenses in Paris if I chose to study music there, and defluttely take it up as a profession. My kind friend made one stipulation, however: I was to break off my negagement-for a time. For an artist cannot serve two gods, she said, and I suppose she was right. For music demands everything-one's life, one's soul."

Royant spoke curtly.

"I broke it off in a sort of a way, be only worthless paper. The excitebut it was an understood thing between ne that when I had finished studies, and was beginning to take my the present incident, which, with its place in the musical world, our engage. ment should come on again."

her scrutinizingly. How pale, how the recent arrest of Mms. Steinheil. fearfully pale she had grown! And following her confession that for this was the woman who was supposed, months since the slaying of her artist never to have had a love affair in her bushand and Mme. Japy, now known life, but had devoted herself entirely to have been her step-mother, who

"Then came my debut, which was a wonderful triumph, and after that it seemed to me that I had the world at my feet. Brilliant offers of musical concerts were thronged. I was lionized and made much of. I made moneyplenty of money."

"And the man-what happened to the

She gave a little choking sob, "Oh, he loved me he loved me; but he was ! too generous ever to press his claim upon me, even though he knew I cared for him-cared for him deepty. He wanted me to enjoy my wonderful success, unhampered by the cares of domeetle life. Wait; choose your own time to marry me, dear,' that was what he always said. I didn't realize that was letting a man break his heart for me. It was only when my dear got ill that I realized the truth, for h called out to his delictum—called out to the women he had loved so tiently and so well-to come to him. never recognizing that she was there -by his bedside. And on the night he died, he said, being still very delirious. that I had never loved him. I had preferred fame and ambition—to happi-

She shuddered, and David Royant when she played on her violin men and

women wept. A silence fell, which neither the man nor the woman cared to break; then the dance music suddenly ceased in the ballroom, and a second later a young couple swept up to the entrance of the little sitting-out room. The sound of their happy talk reached David Royant

"To sit out with one's husband-most unfashionable, Jack." The girl's voice was full of delicious mockery, her lips rippled with smiles.

"Madam, you know you are in love!" He spoke in tones of masterful tenderness. "And in love with your own

The girl gave a little gurgling laugh "lan't it good to be happy? Aren't you or divorced. glad we didn't marry for money, but for love?"

They moved away, in the full heyday in each other and in life, a crowned son and daughter of joy, drawn back to the glamor of the hearth side, "El Dorado!" murmured David Roy-

"Shall we make search together for a French nobleman and in his identity seers; but that didn't mate the road which leads back to El Do-

lest country, or does it belong

Fouth, I'm afraid,"

"What of that?" he replied. "We

might dwell under the shadow of the And he groped for and found her hand.—Cassell's Saturday Journal.

A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR ANOTHER ROMANTIC TRACEDY.

Parts Excited by Sensation Equal to Broyfus and Humbert Affairs. Paris has a real sensation, quite the biggest since the Dreyfus case, still so fresh in mind as to need no special mention, and the Humbert affair, which involved the obtaining of millions. loaned to a shrewd adventuress having "You broke off your engagement?" a trunk full of alleged gilt-edged securities that were afterward found to ment produced in those instances pales my to insignificance by comparison with revelations pointing to the possible exposure of a national scandal, promises "What happened?" Royant looked at to attract world-wide attention. It to were found strangled in the home of the artist on the morning of May 31,



her attempt to find the assassins and the innumerable fantastic cines furnished the police and the newspapers were only a desperate farce to conceal the real author of the crime, herself.

The crime in question was peculiar. Steinhell was a portrait painter and a grand-nephew of the famous Melssonier. The assassination of the woman, Mme. Japy, is supposed to have been incidental to the killing of Steinhell. He was the man it was desired to get out of the way. Steinhell, his wife and Mme, Japy lived together. The wife was found bound and gagged in bed, and at first she declared that she had been thus treated by three men and a woman, all unknown to her.

It is now learned that Mme, Steinhell was receiving the visits of several wealthy men, among them a Maurice Borderel, and that she had promised each of them that she would marry "Jack, you darling," she whispered, him in event of her becoming widowed

Testimony from every quarter seems to upset completely the charges of the royalist press that the late President Felix Faure was the victim of criminal dealing, but even M. Dupny, his premier, does not deny that Mme. Steinhell was with him shortly before his mysterious denth in 1899.

During her confession Mme. Steinheft was in great distress of mind and David Royant was silent for a mo- sobbed out: "Thope to justify myself before a man whose love I have now lost forever." This man is said to be is believed to lie the key to this romite happy. rado? he asked. "Shall we try to mantic tragedy.

> If carelessness is a sin, we are all she in the sinner class.

ITALY-OF STALY-THE CALAMITY IN ITALY. The great earthquake sones of the earth lie generally in long lines of

gradual curve, following mountain chains of volcanic rock. In the oftenharassed Siction-Calabrian region the functful might trace upon the map a sickle of death, comparatively narrow, curving slowly from the east to the northeast. Its beginning is in the mountains of Central Sicily, its end in the narrow instep of the boot of lower Italy.

In this steichestrappies Highy and Calabria are joined. The mountain rock merely dips under water at the Messins straits. Etns, two miles high, the greatest volcano of Italy, is in modern phrase the power-house of the ungovernable force that kills men so pitliessly. The old fable held that Enceladus was here imprisoned, breathing flame and shaking the earth with his struggles to be free. Vesuvius to a slight extent only, Stromboli on its foland between usually in a somewhat greater degree, sympathize with the glant's throca.

Messina is almost at the center of the earthquake zone, but its greater foe is the sea. Here are Seylls and Charybdis of the ancient navigators. The car ferry that connects Sicily with the mainland is often interrupted in winter. Three days of south wind, the dreaded "strocco," and it must stop. The narrow funnei-like strait, that piles a winter storm into such dangerous waves, pinched up the tidal wave of the earthquake into the wall of water that overwhelmed Messina and Reggio. The water killed its scores where the earthquake had siain one; and fire and pillage followed, as if humans men were merely making war.

Along the stricken eastern shore of Sicily and on the western shore of Calabria the railroad follows the sea at low level. At every station villages have huddled on the flat land at the foot of the hills, the fishermen's huts edging the very beach. In all these luckless places the tidal wave must have repeated upon a smaller scale the horrors of Messina and Catania.

As when Vesuvius last broke loose, people will wonder why men choose to dwell in such scenes of danger. But between the great disasters that make so portentous a printed list are long periods when the slopes are golden with lemons ripening and the rich soil smiles with double harvests. A volcano is not such a had neighbor. It always gives warning, and in its worst fits enriches the soil. The earthquake in its appalling fury and unescapable sudden-

Swift Beat Brings Contraband Goods from Oriental Ports to Islands Smuggling in the Philippine Islands is assuming proportions that make it a menace to insular revenues, says the Manfla Times. It will surprise the orderly and law-abiding to know that only a few dars ago a cargo of khaki. smuggled into the country by way of the east coast of Lazon, was floated down Laguna de Bay and the Pasig for distribution in Manila, yet such is the fact.

The cloth was dresped on the eas coast somewhere near Baker, lugged across the mountains to a secluded inlet on the lake and holdly brought into Manila. Slenths of the government got track of it before it was landed, but there was no way to stop it.

There is smuggling, too, in the north country, but its greatest home is in the Sulu archipelago, with Borneo as its base. There in that back alleyway of the sea it has gone on for ages without let or hindrance. Hundreds of swift going vintag are engaged in the illicit trade and heretofore they have carried on the traffic in the light of day.

It has never been anybody's business to watch them. The trade was good for Borneo and Spanish sovereignty sat lightly in the sea of Dyaks. A month ago when a legislative committee went from Manila to investigate the question traband on the Borneo coast and it don Daily News. stumbled upon a party of ninety Chiness who were coming to the Philip- the course of a public speech at Bristol. pines by the underground.

Suppression of the use of optum in the Philippines has made the drug the great prize of smuggling. It has gone to a fabulous price in Mantia, Liotio, Bebu and other cities, and there are riches for the fellow who can run if across the Sulu Sea, And there is money in other articles, he witness the innocent khakl cloth that circled Luzon and came in by way of the Luguna excursion route. The government is plan- open an a ning to meet the Sulu situation by sure sign

do more work than one, and there must later be another for the north coast. and later another for the east coast.-Manila Times.

A Queer Test.

The grocer said to the applicant: "Your references are good. Show ne your style of weighing out five unds of sugar. Where's the scales." The applicant wreathed his face to the amiable smile all salesmen wear and weighed out the sugar with dis patch and accuracy. He put on too little sugar at first; he added gently s full half pound before the scale hal-

"You'll do," said the grocer. understand the scale trick. It is plain that you learned your trade in the thorough old school way."

"Yes, sir," the other answered. learned in the country, and almost my first lesson was that in weighing. You must add, add, add, till the beam tips, because all that adding pleases the cusomer-seems to him almost like a gift. But if, on the contrary, you subtract from the quantity on the scale the customer is affected in the opposite way -you seem to be robbing him. He goes away convinced that you are a stingy chest."-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Bull of the Irish Secretary. A genuine buil is credited to Mr. Augustine Birrell, secretary for Ireland. it found a hundred boats loading con- by a Bristol correspondent of the Lon-

"It is easier," Mr. Birrell affirmed in "to face your foes in front of you than your friends behind your back."

Ambignous. "The baby has something the ter with his stomach." "How do you know?" "Because we had it taken out and examined."-Life.

What has become of the foned woman who m

SOMETHING FOR EVERYSON

Mattreeses filed with paper are un

by German soldière. Lake Hrie is the richest body of

As a rule, the modern buttleship out of date after fifteen years.

It is estimated by a New York build or that there are buildings under co struction in the city which will agree gate in value more than \$100,000,000.

It is related that when Robert Louis Storenson was told of the death Matthew Arnold he paused, and then said, dubiously: "He won't like God! Motorists will learn with interest of

the case of a Hyderabad notable whose car almost came into collision with that of the Nisam. The notable was fixed \$850 by the Nisam, and all his motor cars were conficuted.

harvest of the sen at Port Imag Church, Cornwall, the walls from end to end were draped with fishing note, the grass to him. The equipped while lobster pets and packing barreis occupied the window spaces. Asbestos is found in the island of

Cyprus and a company organised in 1906, obtaining a concession in the island, began to opes a mine early in 1907. Up to the end of that year 1,000 tons of asbestos were mined.

The word "Yankee" is derived from a Cherokee word, Eankke, which she nifies coward and slave. This epithe of "Yankee" was bestowed upon the New Englanders by the Virginians for not assisting them in a war with the Cherokees.

Speaking of the engagement of the Princess Maria su Ysenburg und Budinger to Admor Robinson of Bultimore, the Vienna Neue Presse says: "This is the first time that a real German princess goes as a bride to the Dollar Land."

A native of Annam, Indo-China, sentenced in Paris for theft, wrote the following apology to his employer: "All Annamites, whether emperors, man- rider wasn't worrying about the bull darins, secretaries, literary men, and others, are born thieves. It is a grave and deadly complaint, and there is no cure for it. I know people do not like thieves in France, but it cannot be belped."

came to Edinburgh an old Scotch lady. It was her first visit, and she happened to arrive as a party of golfers were hurrying to catch a suburban train for the links. "It's a braw toup, Mr. MacWheesle," she informed her minister, after her return; "but it hurt me, sair, tae see sae mony decentifice men carrying baks o' broken umbreilus. There mann has been sair douncomes, an' though I widne mention it for the warl' to anither, there was two or three that lookit as if they had been ministers."

Maryland's special legislative committee on automobile regulations is out hot-footed after that dangerous nuiw"'e, the "Joy rider." "'Joy riding' ambabe stopped,? says Col. Sherlock Swand, a member of the committee This reckies driving of automobile does more to create prejudice against automobiling than anything else. While the committee appointed by Governor Crothers to draft an automobile law has until the next Legislature to fin ish its work, it has already decided that the severest penalties shall be imposed on chauffeurs and other people who use a car without the owner's con-

A Union soldler, George Middleton, of Chicago, has sent to Col. W. B. Haldeman of Louisville a contribution of \$50 toward a proposed monument to Gen. John H. Morgan, the famous Confederate cavalry leader. Mr. Middleton served through the war as a private in Company E, Third Regiment, faces with linesed oil and bring Indiana Cavalry. He is now a wealthy theatrical manager. Last summer a monument given by him in honor of the moidiers buried in the cometery of of the petroloum wells fired by a ef his native city, Madison, Ind., was ded- left thunderstorm near the end of Ju the Indiana and Kentucky national gnards joined in the ceremonies.

Some excellent bulls are credited to police judge in the thirties of the last | sheet-iron coverings for all the install century. He once remarked to counsel: "If you can show precisely at not there when he did it, he could not | ning strokes. possibly have done it." And he sagely added: "We cannot divest ourselves | the electro-thermie process for the first of common sense in a court of justice." Of a similar character was an axiom he once delivered himself of, which has been mailtriously fathered on many other occupants of the bench: "If ever | Chile mitpeter, has been followed by there was a case of clearer evidence than this case, this case is that case,"

Dr. Maurice de Fleury, a distinguished Frenchman, advances the theory product is called cyanamid-in the man that every time one becomes angry his ket "nitroilm"-and experiment shows vitality shrinks. After even the most artfully suppressed signs of had tamper the vitality becomes smaller and smaller, until finally nothing is left. Anger is a certain kind of cerebral axcitement, explains Dr. de Fleury. The hyperasthenic subject is always on its plants are being established at A verge, while the neurasthenic becomes in Austria-Hungary, and at infurlated only by a sudden bound of reaction excited from without. But at that moment when they are let loose the two are allke, save that the strong man is a bilinder brute, while the weak man is somewhat of an actor and seems to aim at effect. Artemus Ward called on a friend

the night before one of his panorams lectures. There were some three or four large roaches scurrying about the room, and they attracted his attention. "I am very fond of roaches," he said. "Once, in my own home, I found a roach struggling in a bowl of water. took a half walnut shell and put him in it; it made a good boat; I gave him a couple of toothpicks for oars. Next morning I saw that he had fastened a hair to one of the toothpicks, and y been fishing: Then, over exhaustion, he had fallen

At a service of thanksgiving for the | thing. I couldn't use a thing

cured and stopped. At least the what I thought "'Come on,' said the mut man. the squirrel took a few jumps and

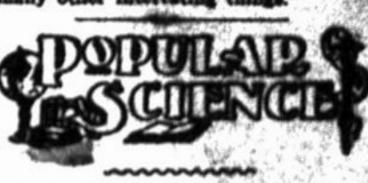
in six feet of him.

"I wondered why he didn't throw suin. He didn't; he kept califus to di squirrel. The squirrel came di campered off. The man went r

"That's a treat for one day," thought, and continued my stroll "Horseback riders, men and women automobiles of every type, carriage and vehicles of all descriptions passed

in never-ending review. "Along came a bicycle rider, slowly, Attached to the handle bare of the mi chine was a long chain and tied to the end of that was a buildog. The de tripped along with the bleycle. The dog and the buildog appeared to be

"I watched them until they were a of sight. Then I looked at my water and found that my balf-hour was up I returned to my friends, satisfied time From a remote country district there if I could have spent the day in their pleasure-ground I would have a many other interesting things."



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It is an established fact that as electric locomotive can hauf heavier trains and at a faster speed than a steam locomotive of equal power.

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for several years past. The y estimated at 2,720,000,000 go It has been officially dealed that the

157,000 models in the Patent I at Washington are to be destroyed. has been published in some quarte Switzerland already has c

250,000 horse power from its falls, and expects to make use of times as much more within the m

Broken pieces of amber can be them together while warmed until the feel sticky.

At the beginning of September as icated. Governor Wilson of Kentucky at Boryslaw, Galicie, were still been was the chief orator, and soldiers of ing. like torch fiames forty or fifth fast in height. It is said that not less then five wells are strook by lights every year at Borrelaw, the cause has William Arolin, who was a London ing secribed to the obligatory use a tions. The iron surfaces come with the system of metallic tubes, thus what moment, the offense was commit- forming, during a thunderstorm, a soul ted and prove that the prisoner was of Layden jar, which prevoke light

> The success attained in Norway by tion of atmospheric nitrogen in the form of nitrie seid, which is afterward converted into calcium nitrate and used as a fertilizer in place of the development of another method of fixing atmospheric nitrogen by passing it over heated calcium carbid. The that when placed in the soil it does poses and furnishes nitrogen to plants At present cranamid is produced an industrial scale at Odda in Norway, Plane d'Orta in Italy, at West and Bruhl in Germany, and

Falls in Canada. W. F. Denning, who is the m complished as well as the most none student of meteors among astronomers, thinks that the meteors, which radiate from the stellation Persons, and are popularly called the "Years of rence," belong to a stream that the earth, traveling b een and nineteen miles a ples seven weeks in er would make the width if the earth traversed angle to its course miles. These meteors are so that some of them year. They are be