cut-rate drug store best and there were

mot her at the school where young men and here and roung woman into druggista, both had their diplomas and some time have a little drug of their own, and they would to keep a clerk, because, no what happened, Alice-that for a few hours a day. You sero is a regulation that says every drug store must have pharmacist in constant at during the day and part of to put up prescriptions. the one man cannot be at

all of the time. Alice and at was the toothpowder name—had it all arranged that could save money from the first, ce she was a registered pharmashe could substitute in the store the few hours that Paul would need Oh, yes, they were very of fact and businesslike about had talked over their plans for sture quite frankly.

the mountime Paul was vending der trying to save enough to buy his own little drug store by careful skimping, with what a Alice could add, it would take cars before this purchase could Long time, you think? the you had seen the steady, in Alice's bespectacled eyes lovely blush that came into ly, pale cheeks when those met Paul's, you wouldn't have seed that he was willing to wait. beating a beautiful adventhe one and only romance.

his suitosse full of eamples and wery beavy at the cut-rate are not of discontent, but just silness and a little impatience. puddings as well as plas-And Paul sometimes snarled a at the necessity that made him nor of Impatience to Alice.

particularly lovely autumn day the had unexpectedly come to d he wanted to surprise Allos. copped the test tube she was when she heard his voice, and, out of her all-enveloping linen ran out to the counter outside we had a hurry call to New York. he told her, "and I've only a utes between trains. But over to see you. And, say, I've had a specially good run of That new patent cap top on the makes a hig hit. And I am gobe entravagent. I want to get out othing from the big city. I of the engagement ring maye got you, but tell face of Jewelry that doesn't cost clasped her hands before her

string of amber beads," she sale het. "I have always wanted them." al's face showed his disappoint flow he had always assosmber beads with the fact that a old woman he had known about wore them around their necks to ward chills and fever. If Allos had said link bracelet, with a heart ped pedlock and a key, he would a been entirely satisfied with her But Alice stuck to her ples r amber heads. "I love the color of an," ahe said, "and all my life have dreamed of having them some

ion days Paul returned one more d going straight to the cut-rate tore, found Alice and gave her Again there was short consetwoen trains, and in a few the those beads," he said, "and take them back and get the f you say so. I'll tell you that they cost twelve dollars. at a pawnshop I happened mg. I tried to jew the man ut he wouldn't listen to a cent on might take them to some jeweler and find out whether novel or not. Maybe they are

> the beads up to the light in the soft, golden radione through them. "I am L. But perhaps you take them back. Twelve id be just so much more

> > said Paul, "but I'm They're what you 're what you shall or minute he was nee full of samples

fight and protty I thought they were

The leweler eyed her narrowly, "Your idea is to sell them?" he asked. "No. I just wanted to see what they are worth. I thought you would tell

The jeweler lowered his voice. "I can't tell you just the maximum price that you might be able to get for them. Of course in Europe they would pay more, but traveling is dangerous. I would be willing personally to pay you five thousand dollars for them. perhaps a little more. Of course, if you went to New York you might get more, but then there would be the risk, and you might find a dishonest

Alice thanked the jeweler and fairly staggered out of the store, clasping her precious beads in her hand. She hardly knew whether the man had been teasing her, making fun of her glass beads, or whether she had been insane, or at least dreaming. She made her way to the most conservative and most expensive jeweler in town, unmindful that the clock on the corner pointed five minutes to the time that she ought to be back at the prescription counter.

Ten minutes later she was in the darkened examination room with two jewel experts. She seemed to come to a full realization of the situation when she heard one of them explaining: "If you will look through this bead you will see the first letter. Now hold this bead up to the light and see the next letter-marvelous, marvelous. need no further proof. They are royal amber, one of a few strings of beads that Louis XV had made for his favorites. They are found only in the largest museums now. Perhaps the full value of this string has not been known for a hundred years or more. will be willing to let you have six thousand dollars for the beads. Of course in Europe they might fetch more. If you wish to accept my offer we will have the check sent to your business undertaking bank tomorrow or give it to you personally. Of course, in making such a ad there was no reason whatever large transaction we have to go and hasty about it. Still, through the form of consulting the when Paul was on the road treasurer of the concern. He is out at luncheon at present."

Somehow Alice got back to her post. Alloe's brown eyes grew She was 15 minutes late-unheard-of and she had to take off the gold- breach of office regulations—but she sectacles and wipe away the did not explain. That afternoon she sent a telegram to Paul asking him to return at once to hear the good news. And that is why Alice and Paul

to house -tt would probably be didn't have to wait two years. In fact, Bat over the drug store to they waited only long enough to find with and two nights a week just the coziest little drug store for taking dooking leasons at the \$5,000 that you could imagine. And A so that she would be able the amber beads-when they have been restrung and properly mountedwill be on exhibition in one of the big museums, although to any but an extoo long, and when sales were not pert they look much like any other cod as usual—that meant smaller string of amber beads.
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per Syndicate.)

Prevarication Hard to Beat, The two commercial travelers were boasting to each other of the merits of the respective fireproof safes for which they were agents. "I guess," said the first, "that we've given our safe 'some' test, and I reckon that our best trial was when we heaped up a collection of combustibles round it which took a week to burn out. Inside the safe was a little dog provided with food and water. At the end of the week we raked away the embers and opened the door of the safe which had been in the middle of that biazing bonfire for a week. Out jumped the little dog, well and happy, wagging his tail with delight." "Yours is a good safe," said the other, "but it isn't in the same block with ours. We adopted the same test precisely, and when we'd raked away the embers and come to the safe at last we opened the door and our little dog-" He paused dramatically. "Was dead," interrupted his rival. "Yes, sir," was the reply. "You've hit it. Frozen to death!"

Age's Handicap. "This advertiser says gray hair

are often a handicap in social and

"That's true," repiled the thoughtful man. "I don't know which is the more pathetic figure, a gray-haired office boy, or an old chap, white or poll and stiff in the joints, trying to appear youthful by doing some of the latest dances."

The Inevitable Quarrel. "I'm glad I was married in June

instead of October," said the bride

"Because if we'd married in October we'd have scrapped over whether or not we were going to spend Thanksgiving with my people, and then our honeymoon wouldn't have lasted a

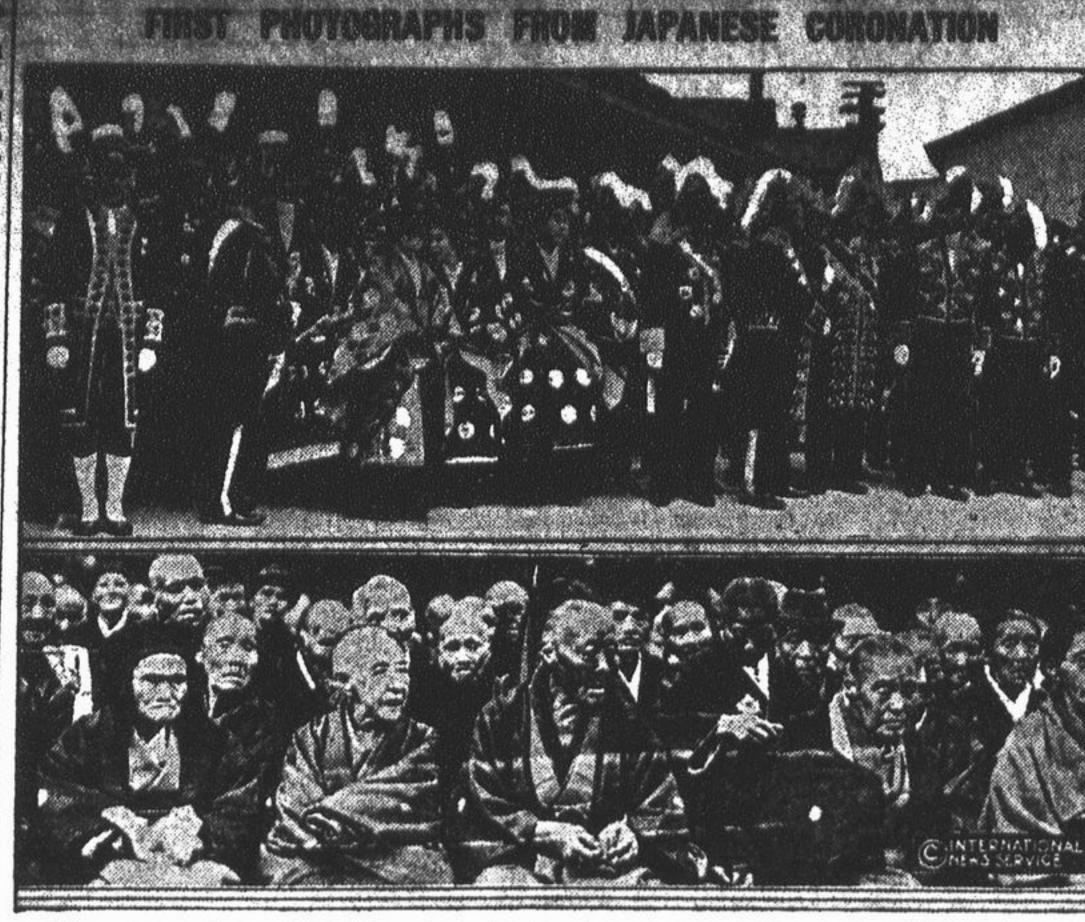
Enriching the Language. Recently, two dusky maidens were overheard on a street car discussing their acquaintances. Said one. " suttinly do like Mr. Smithers; he's

never met Mr. Smithers," re plied the other, "an' so I nevah had no chance to 'sperince his pleas antcallty."

A Fine Digestion. "He says he halls from the pie beit." "Well, what if he does?"

"That isn't remarkable, of course but I tried to borrow a couple of pensin tablets from him and he said he never used them."

"Who was it," inquired the student, "that said 'after me, the deluge?" "Don't ask me," rejoined the super-



These photographs are the first to arrive in America showing scenes at the coronation of the emperor of Japan. Above is a throng of dignitaries with their wives at Kyoto awaiting the arrival of the imperial train Below are the oldest inhabitants of the city in the special inclosure at the palace grounds, to which they were invited in order that they might witness the imperial cortege in comfort. To every inhabitant of the empire more than eighty years old the emperor gave a silver cup.,

CARRANZA CONFERS WITH **GOVERNOR OF TEXAS**



This photograph, marking a page in the epoch of the checkered history of Mexico, shows Venustiano Carranza, the recognized president of Mexico, surrounded by members of his staff, on the international bridge near Brownsville, Tex., where he met the governor of Texas in conference,

WOMEN COME TO AMERICA



Part of a group of 300 women refugees from Belgium who have come to the United States under the guidance of Father J. de Ville, and who will find

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British soldiers taking a primitive ferry trip across a river in Egypt. Passing along the bank is a squadron of the Hertz yeomanry.

Friendship. Friendship supplies the place of make the right use of it; it makes ject under the sun, for nothing can your prosperity more happy, and it possibly happen without having some makes your adversity more easy. -Se | direct or indirect effect on the man on

************************************** Man on the Farm.

It is the high privilege of a farmers' everything to those who know how to | congress to discuss any and every subthe farm.-Omaha Bee.

BABY SAYRE'S YULE TREE



T'ere are only 14 school kiddles in the town of Oquosoc, Me., the place from which Santa Claus gets prac tically all of his Christmas trees, and they decided that Baby Sayre, President Wilson's first grandchild, ought to have a Christmas tree befitting the dignity of a baby who can say to a president, "Hello, granddaddy." I. L. Meserve, a leading citizen of the town. who is reputed to be the "Christmas Tree King of America," donated this fine 12-foot tree and the kiddles have sent it along to the baby. The picture shows Mr. Meserve ready to cut the

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The carcass of a horse yields 450 pounds of meat.

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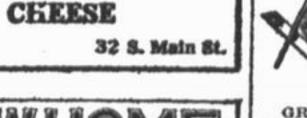
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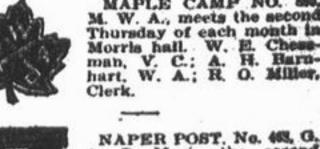
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