NUTTIE'S FATHER.

BY CHARLOTTE M. YONGE.

CHAPTER XXXIII. - (CONTINUED.) Would it last if Gregorio made his appearance at that instant with Alwyn in his hand? Or even, as Mr. Dutton confidently predicted, a policeman might bring the boy home, before many hours were passed. The chief doubt here was that Alwyn's defective pronunciation, which had been rather foolishly encouraged, might make it difficult to understand his mode of saying his own name, or even that of the street, if he knew it perfectly; but the year he had been absent from London had prevented him from acquiring the curious ready local instinct of the true town child, and he had been so much guarded and watched that he was likely to be utterly at a loss when left alone; and Nuttie was wretched at the thought of his terror and loneliness, even while Mr. Dutton told her of speedy recoveries of lest children through kind people or the police.

Tney found all the officials of the Park already aware and on the alert, and quite certain of the impossibility of nurse's prime dread that the boy had fallen into the water unseen by any one and been drowned. She was even ready to look into every bush, in case he had been frightened and hidden himself; and nothing would satisfy her but to stay making these researches, when her master had dethe club, and to ascertain from him particulars of time and place.

He was found there. The dinner-hour had brought him back, he being a man in authority there, very well dressed and detressed at the occurrence, and at having accosted Gregorio and attracted his at-It was about four o'clock, he thought, and he described the exact spot where the little boy had been sailing his vessel fastened to a string. They might have been talking twenty minutes or half an hour when Gregorio missed his charge, and since that time both had been doing all in their power to find him, until half-past seven, when he had to return to his club, and Gregorio went to see whether the child had been taken home.

By this time Mr. Egremont looked so utterly exhausted, that Mr. Dut:on availed himself of the hope that the boy might be found safe at home to take him back; but alas! nothing had been heard there.

The poor man was in a restless, unmanageable state of excitement, almost as terrifying to his daughter as the distress that occasioned it. He swallowed a tumblerful of claret, but would not go to bed ; indeed Gregorio alone having had the personal charge of him, latterly sleeping in his dressing room, none of the other servants knew what to do for him. Mr. Datton agreed with her that it would be better to send for his doctor, as probably he ought to have a sedative, and neither would take the responsibility of giving it; while he himself declared he neither would nor could rest till he had his boy

The doctor was dining out, and they had two terrible hours; while Mr. Egremont paced to the windows; threw himself on the sofa; denounced Gregorio; or, for a change, all the system of police which had made no discovery; and Ursula for letting the boy be helpless. Mr. Dutton sometimes diverted his attention for a few minutes, and hoped he would doze, but the least sound brought he might have left which would show his him to his feet again, and the only congenial occupation was the composition of a description of poor little Alwyn's person and dress, which set Nuttie crying so uncontrollably, that she had to run out of the room.

Dr. Brownlow came at last, and was very kind and helpful, taking the command, and insisting that Mr. Egremont should go to bed, and take the dose which he mixed. Broadbent, the butler, was to take Gregorio's place, but he was a ponderous man, without much tact, and unused to the valet's office. "I might just as well have a rhinoceros about me," said Mr. Egremont in a fit of irritation; and it ended, Nuttie hardly knew how, in Mr. Dutton's going upstairs to smooth matters. He came down after a time and said: "I am not satisfied to leave him alone or to Broadbent; I have his consent to my sleeping in the dressing room. I am just going home to fetch my things. Let me find you gone when I come back. You will hear no more to-night. Even if he is found, they will keep him till morning."

"It is of no use; I can't sleep." "Even if you don't, the mere restful position will make you fitter for the morrow. Will you promise me to undress and really

go to bed?" "Oh yes! if you say I must," said Nuttie drearily; following an instinct of obedience. "And remember," he said, "though I do not say it will be so, this may be deliverance

from bondage." "But what a terrible deliverance!" "Bonds are not burst without something

ber there is safe-keeping for that poor little fellow, wherever he may be." but the turmoil seems to have driven away

terrible. No; don't be frightened. Remem-

prayers?" of your own room. Good-night."

"And I shall know you are praying, bet- from his uncle. ter than I can," murmured Nuttie, as she chamber.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

FETTERS RENT.

"The gods are just, and of our pleasant sine Make whips to scourge us."-King Lear.

able to be afoot, and ready to hear, if aught | " Que la porte soit ouverte apres minuit." there was to hear. At any hour after seven, surely the finders would have mercy and mont. "The scoundrel! he kept all those

and wallendoord and

said, ringing the bell, and wistfully looking over the blinds; then exclaiming: "Oh, there's Mark! Has he heard anything?" and out she darted, opening the door before he rang. "Mark! have you found him?"

"Yes," he said gravely, looking utterly amazed as she clasped her hands, and seemed ready to fling herself on his neck with "I came because it will be a great shock to my uncle."

"Then it is so! Nurse was right," said Nuttie, turning deadly pale, and standing as if before a firing platoon. Mark, where did they find him?" "At the Faringdon Station. I was sent

for to identify him." "Stay," said Mr, Dutton, as there was a wild horrified look in Nuttie's eyes. "Do you mean little Alwyn?"

"Little Alwya! No, certainly What of him?" "Gregorio managed to lose him in the

park yesterday," put in Mr. Datton. "That accounts for it, then," said Mark. "No, it was Gregorio himself, poor man. He was knocked down by the engine, and killed on the spot, just by the station, at eleven o'clock last night. Our name was found on him, and I was sent for early this morning. There was no doubt about it, so I came on here at once to let my uncle know, little thinking--

"Oh, it is dreadful !" cried Nuttie, sinkfather told him never to see his face again severated to be non-existent. unless he found Alwyn?'

the coffeepot, and stood suspended, as he tion of marriage ties, and thus he had conwas told what had happened, Mark adding trived to keep Mr. Egremont from meeting for it, in showy ornaments. You will not mined, gems may be found if singht the Honghtons at Florence. At the same know one from the other," as the glittering. the coffeepot, and stood suspended, as he tion of marriage ties, and thus he had coneided on endeavouring to find "Parker" at the detail : "He was crossing the line in the Houghtons at Florence. At the same front of the engine."

an awful dispensation. No doubt he had taken care that, if Mr. Egremont had knew it was all up with him. You been villain enough to make such an atmay not be aware, sir, of the subject of tempt, he should know that his secret could ferential, declaring himself immensely dis- his conversation in the park. Mr. Parker | be brought to light. had just seen a telegram of the result of the Derby, and he had heavy bets on Lady Edina. I am afraid, sir, there can be no doubt that he found a voluntary grave.'

"We will not talk of that. We cannot judge,' said Mark, shaddering. I said I would send some one from here to arrange what was to be done after the inquest.'

Broadbent immediately undertook to go, if his master did not require him, and this was thought advisable, as his services were certainly not acceptable to Mr. Egrement. Mark had thought himself likely to be detained and had provided for his absence, and the awe stricken trio were consulting together over the breakfast table, eating mechanically, from the very exhaustion of agitation, when the door opened, and Mr. Egremont in his dressing-gown was among them, exclaiming: "You are keeping it from me." He had been been wakened by the whispers and rushes of the excited maids, had rung his bell in vain, dressed himself as pest he could after so many years of dependence, and stumbled downstairs, where, as with his daughter, in broken condition, and much overcome by tion; but the loss and reproach had made would have been a horror in the recollection, sound at the door, since each might bring amount. news of the missing child.

One of these tantalising rings proved to be a policeman with poor Gregorio's keys, and a demand for an investigation into any papers state of mind. Mr. Egremont was very much annoyed, declaring that he would have no stranger meddle with them, and that he saw no use in such prying. What difference could it make to any living creature? However, when he found there was no help for it, he said he must do it himself. Nuttie offered to help, but was sharply, strongly refused. Mark alone might and

should help. Then Mr. Dutton volunteered to go and explain matters to Mr. Dobbs, to as to get freedom for Mark for at least the remainder of the day. He would call at the police offices and see what was doing in the search, put forward the advertisements, and obtain that the Serpentine should be dragged, for saw that only that measure would remove

one great terror from these anxious hearts.

"And," he said to Mark, "with your permission, I will bring back Mrs. Egremont and the children if they will do me the honor to become my guests. She will be a comfort to Miss Egremont, and then you will be at hand in the evening."

addressed himself to the investigation, which his uncle insisted should be made in his own presence, though the opiate kept him for the most part dozing in an arm chair, only rousing up now and then by some noise at the front door, or putting queries, the replies to which startled him more and more, as he grew more wakeful and Mark proceeded.

All, except a few unimportant bills and a betting-book, was locked into a dressing-case that had once belonged to Mr. Egremont, and had tricks of "Oh, Mr. Dutton, if I could pray for him; secret drawers that only he could explain. It was full of papers, and they were a all such things! My boy, my boy, where is strange revelation that Mr. Egremont might he now? Who has heard him say his little well wish to withhold from his daughter. They went very far back, and of course did; The pure color, the fine, evanescence create "His Heavenly Father has; of that we not come out in order of chronology, nor may be secure. You will feel it in the quiet | would Mark have understood them but for exclamations and comments here and there

Everything seemed to be there,—the old returned his good night, and crept up to her passport and certificate to Gregorio Savelli, when he left his Savoyard home to be a waiter at a hotel; a few letters in Italian, probably from his parents, which Mark could not read, but which soon ceased; the counter-signed character with which he had entered General Egremont's service; and then came a note or two signed A.P.E. which There was no real sleep for Ursula that Mr. Egremont regarded with great annoyance short summer night. She saw the early though they only consisted of such phrases dawn, listened to the distant roll of market- as "Back on Wednesday. Find an excuse," carts, and wondered when it would be reason- or in French, " Envoyez moi la petite boite!" "That was the way," groaned Mr. Egre-

bring the welcome news. And just before to be able to show me up to the General if seven she fell asleep, deeply, soundly, and he chose ! I was a young man then, Mark, never woke till past eight, but that was just not the straitlaced lad you've always been. enough to revive the power of hope, and And the General! A bad old dog he was, give the sense of a new day. But there was went far beyond what I ever did, but for all nothing to hear-no news. She found Mr. that he had no notion of any one going any Dutton in the dining-room, He had had to way but his own, and wanted to rein me in administer another draught to her father, as tight as if he had been an epitome of all and had left him in a sleep which would the virtues. And Gregorio seemed a goodprobably last for some time. If she would go and sit in the outer room, after her breakfast, he would go out to obtain intelligence.

"You must have some breakfast," she him off."

"You must have some breakfast," she

Another discovery affected min lar made.

It was of a letter in Alice's handwriting adlocks, and were taken out of a fireproof safe. The passion for display, for editable the wall. The keeping of such in any shape in a delivery for colors. dressed to Captain Egremont, in the yacht | built into the wall. The keeping of such Ninon posterestante, Madeira. He had never seen it, never known of its existence; Gregorio had gone to inquire for the letters, and had suppressed it. Mr. Egremont had wondered how he had become aware of the marriage. His knowledge had from that time been used as a means of enforcing the need of a good understanding with the heir. Mr. Egremont was much moved by the sight of "Tell me, the letter, and its date, from Dieppe, about six months after he had left bis young wife there. He made Mark give it to him unread, handled it tenderly, struggled to read the delicate pointed writing to himself, but soon deferred the attempt, observing, "There, there, I can't standit now! But you see, Mark, he added after an interval, "I was not altogether the heartless brute you thought

Mark, as he told his wife afterwards, could not help thinking of the old preamble to indictments, " By the temptation of the

And by and by, out of a pocket-book bearing the date of the General's death, came a copy of the certificate of the baptism of Ursula Alice, daughter of Alwyn Piercefield and Alice Egremont together with that address which Miss Headworth had left at Dieppe to gratify Alice's forlorn idea of a ing into a chair. "Do you remember my possible rescue, and which Gregorio had as-

Doubtless he infinitely preferred his mas-Broadbent came in at the moment with ter's wandering bachelor life to the resump-"Yes, sir," said the butler. "It is prevented any other marriage. Gregorio

> proofs of fraud and dishonesty were entirely unimportant. Gambling had evidently been a passion with the valet, and peculation had followed, and Mark could have traced out the full tide before the reinstatement of Mrs. Egremont in ner home, the gradual ebb during her reign, the diminished restraint under her daughter. The other servants had formerly been implicated, but, except a young groom and footman, Mark thought the present set quite free from the taint, and was glad to acquit Broadbent. But the last telegrams and the betting-book in the unhappy man's pocket confirmed Parker's evidence that of late he had staked almost madly, and had risked sums far beyond any means he could raise upon the horse which had failed. The bailiff at Bridgefield had, it had long been guessed, played into his hands, but to what an extent Mark only now discovered.

The result was that what he had learnt in the Park had so astounded him that his inattention to the child had not been wonderful. He had—as Parker testified—sought was something like a relief to know that the little fellow vehemently, and had he hope was not extinguished in Alwyn's case. | been successful, he might yet have made But Mr. Egremont was in a very trembling, some effort, trusting to his master's tolerahis valet's end after so many years of inti- him an absolutely desperate man. Was it mate association. Certainly, if either of | blind flight or self-destruction? That he the others had so parted with the man, it had money about him, having cashed a cheque of his master's, favored the first but he did not seem to dwell on it; and, idea, and no one would too curiously inquire indeed, attention was distracted by every whether Mr. Egremont was aware of the | monds."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

YOUNG FOLKS.

WITH A DIAMOND COLLECTOR.

BY SUSAN POWER.

When a child, in the deep quiet of a home on the great brilliant green prairie, I used to go out summer mornings when the sun first shot over the eastern rim, to watch the marvel of the dew.

The orb of the grassy world sown with pearls that subdued its gorgeous color to cool and perfect emerald, lay against a sky of rose and ivory, a bloom of heavenly tinting changed at the first direct ray of the sun. All too soon the blaze of gold was over the slopes, the soft color glowed, and the fields were twinkling as with seed of stars. What were fairy tales, or Arabian Nightswhat was the Valley of Diamonds with its heaps of glassy treasure to this sight where myriad brilliants were sown with matchless art on the deep green which best displayed them! The secret of those mornings alone in the Field of Jewels is no more to be told Mark could only be thankful, and presently | than the splendors of Elfland by the mortal who has been spirited thither. The clear dew. clearest thing in nature, trembled alternately silver and crystal on the clover. but as one looked, vivid flames of blue fire, red and gold, shot out of its depths, here burned a spark of ruby, there one of emerald. the golden glow of a tiny sun that changed as it hung to a piercing dart of blue like electric fire, and where the pure drop caught the full rays of the sun, it flashed them back in a blaze of white light—the gleam of the so rereign diamono, all colors in one.

wonderful play of light on the limpid. matchless jewels of the dew just as I used when a child of twelve or girl in her teens. one of the most exquisite spectacles in nahave said to myself "Here is the embodied dew." If I love superb stones, it is for their likeness to the heaven-lighted drops of the morning, and I own to a deep admiration for jewels of all kinds-to look at, not to wear. The dew saved me from any perilous liking for diamonds, for dazzle as they would, they were neither so clear nor so full of fire as the drops I had seen strewing the acres of the moon.

Yet I will go far out of my way any time to see a fine stone, which holds such secrets of fire and flood and world-designing under its seal of silence; and so it was one afternoon when the light was best, the owner of one of the finest collections in the United States at least, opened the doors of a curious Japan cabinet and showed in their velvet

Some of the pure were too fine to be trust

Another discovery affected him far more. | ed behind bevelled glass and triple, inlaid costly toys involves no little care and risk. For one thing, the windows of the rooms where the collection is kept are of that polished place glass which you cannot look through from the outside, a precaution so that no prying eye across the street can overlook the scene when the owner is showing the jewels to his friends.

> the things learned about diamonds, told with sparkle and spirit while the keen-eyed collector sifted the smooth gems through his fingers as if their touch was a pleasure. The colored stones lay in heaps over the white velvet mat on which he showed them, for few of them are mounted save a Greek engraved gem or two, some quaint heavy old stone rings and Indian ornaments whose fancy added richness to the jewels. The stones have been gathered in strange quarters of the world, from negro huts in Guiana, from Panama venders, the little shops of Mexican gold workers, from by-streets in Rome and Rio Janeiro, from Javanese merchants, from sailors and Australian gold diggers. As the owner said, the passion for such things is nothing to the fascination of mighty floods, the crushing of mount of collecting them. He began with a few inexpensive specimens when a young man, and the collection has grown for nearly forty years, and is proof of what can be accomplished in gathering the choicest things even without a large fortune.

"Let me show you the diamond with its monds and sapphires are found, gold the San Pablo, which was fast setknow one from the other," as the glittering stones lay flashing back the sunshine in ing regions of the Rio Grande among towards the promenade deck, white insufferable light. "These are diatime the uncertainty as to Alice's fate had stones lay flashing back the sunshine in white insufferable light. "These are diamonds and white topaz—tell them apart if you can. If you wish to test them, topaz will scratch glass, and other stones except diamond, it has the same weight in many Compared with all this wickedness, the | instances, shows a lustre like diamond; in short they differ only in one point-the topaz is not phosphorescent. Leave a diamond two or three hours in the sunlight, a farthing a day and spend their lives are then place it in a dark room, and it will give light for half an hour or so. This property of diamonds is very well known. The topaz has no such property. If I had known when you were coming, I would have exposed a diamond for you in the forenoon. Often you might find one roasting here on the window sash where nobody would notice it. The servants have taken my crystals so often for diamonds and I have offered all they wanted so freely that if they found the always found in the debris of the most of then all bore away for the mainland. Kohinoor under foot they would only take it for 'one of the old gentleman's pebble oldest part of the globe is? Not in Him Reed and his charges saw the pirates stones' as the parlor girl called a specimen worth her year's wages. Look here one moment."

> A handful of colorless brilliant stones, which the deep canons of the Rio Gra looking alike, were laid before me. could not say they were not all diamonds. believed by many that these slopes were the Pacific. Whether by accident or de-"These are five different stones which | first to lift their heads above the origin might any of them be taken for diamonds even by persons used to handling them. One is a white topaz, one a fine quariz crystal, and there are white sapphire, white walls. Turquoise and topaz are found of of the San Pablo, but they found only spinel, and white chrysolite—very rare and five true diamonds with them. Pick it will not be a dozen years before someton sipped of everything valuable.

> them out if you can." One diamond of the finest water shone rushing Colorado has ground away to irates lost their lives in this stubborn figh conspicuous in its keen light. Of none of the rest could I feel certain, though I have been credited with "the sense for dia-

"Very well, now see if you can tell what these are," producing a white velvet tray which held red, blue, yellow and brown transparent stones.

"Rubies, I suppose, and pale emerald, aquamarine or smoked topaz."

"I must tax your faith in me to believe that they are all diamonds. Colored diamonds are among the rarest stones, and though they are not the most beautiful they cost plenty of money. One came from Java, one from the Pinel mine in the African diamond fields, one from Brazil, in the province of Minas Geraes, one from Georgia in this country. They are diamonds; not rubies or sapphires or topaz any more than crown glass is rock crystal. Diamonds you know are crystallized carbon; the other stones I named are crystallized alumina, the principal element of clay. When perfectly pure, these crystals are colorless, and you find no less than eight different stones as white as the diamond, but a trace of iron oxide in the crystal, whether diamond or alumina, gives a pink or red tinge, and you have a re1 diamond or a ruby as the case may be. A trace of borax gives red or blue sapphire. Carburet of hydrogen gives the emerald of deeper or lighter green according to its amount. Lime chrome gives the green garnet of Siberia.

"Diamond crystals are not by any means pure, as they are found; they have black specks of carbonate in them, often they are milky, and one kind is like the opal. These cloudy stones are of small value except as curiosities. There you see twenty of them, looking like quartz crystals bedded in lime. Only one diamond out of a thousand is a clear brilliant of any value whatever; one out of ten thousand is fine enough to rank as a sovereign stone, and one out of twenty thousand is colored, but it is worth five times as much as a clear one because so I could spend hours now, watching the much rarer. Governments value fine colored diamonds among their chief treasures. The Russian treasury prides itself on the famous red diamond bought by the Emperor Paul 1. for one hundred thousand roubles. The Green Vaults at Dresden, full of ture. It is a delight of one of our keenest | magnificence, show the green diamond as the instincts—the love of light which we share greatest curiosity of all. The Grand Duke with plants and animals. The love of color of Tuscany has a blue diamond with facets and light hereditary in primitive nations | all over; the Sultan owns two, one of them leads to the love of jewels which are imprivery large. The crown of Portugal bears in Northwest. The arrangement was that extended light. Watching the fields street its control of last soned light. Watching the fields strewn its centre a green diamond of 1383 carats, Crofter should get a quarter section of last vanishing diamonds. with vanishing diamonds, sapphires and found in Brazil. A superb blue diamond with a house on it, repaying the necessary stars, I used to long to gather and possess belonging to the throne of France, and hand advances but not paying an interest for the them. When I have seen the light fall in a led down from one prince and hand advances but not paying an interest for the them. them. When I have seen the light fall in a ed down from one prince to another was lost first two years. Sir Richard Cartwight broad beam on a fine solitaire diamond. I in the Revolution and beam on a fine solitaire diamond. I broad beam on a fine solitaire diamond, I in the Revolution and has never been re- suggested that the Crofters should be allowed by the state of the suggested that the Crofters should be allowed by the suggested that the crofters should be allowed by the suggested that the crofters should be allowed by the suggested that the crofters should be allowed by the suggested that the crofters should be allowed by the suggested that the crofters should be allowed by the suggested that the crofters should be allowed by the suggested that the crofters should be allowed by the suggested that the crofters should be allowed by the suggested that the crofters should be allowed by the suggested that the crofters should be allowed by the suggested that the crofters should be allowed by the suggested that the crofters should be allowed by the suggested that the crofters should be allowed by the suggested that the crofters should be allo covered. Jewellers say a diamond never ed to settle as close together as possible, and can be wholly lost unless some philosopher indestructible and so remarkable that it is abolished. The bill was passed through burns it for an experiment—that is, it is so sure finally of coming to light.

"The finests diamonds in America belong in the Astor collection, selected abroad omoog the Amsterdan diamond merchants. They are exceptionally fine and of the highest lustre. You can tell when diamonds are worn by a lady, for she chooses them by their brillance and purity, not by their size alone. The finest diamond in the light is hibited from publishing attacks upon invisible, nothing heir and in the light is hibited from publishing attacks upon the Cath invisible, nothing being seen but a glow of white light in its place. No other stone has such power of throwing back the light it receives, intense and white -that is, when itself of the first quality. Some large diamonds of a low order are less brilliant than good imitations made from French paste.

as unworthy and lowering to the in any shape is a de one. I have seen a woman as contain and selfish over her houseplants ask

be over a set of diamonda "But there are reasons for value monds apart from pride in their or They are the work of great crisis of he fused by intolerable heat and prom tallized by electric currents of into cient to rend the crust of the globe I can only tell you at this time some of The reat mysterious, subtle change transform the black carbon into this brilliant shape of nature are made by cesses before which the imagination of ter chemists, used to agents of Affret stands awestruck. There are po stones, says a French savant, whose tence was before the first rudimentary mations; they had their place in the long before plants and animals begin; they are an inheritance to man from the when no foreshadowing of his existence fallen upon the globe,' "We find them in old river beds

with the sand of igneous rocks which and took shape in the fires of creation have since been ground down by the fun of ice. In the ravines of the Ural W. tains and the Himalayas, in Borneo, Ja Africa, Australia, and in the highest p of the Itambe mountain of the Brail trict, diamonds are found, embedded in glomerate and granite sand. Where mountain tops will yet prove seeded lime-covered pebbles, and only one in patient tribes of the tropics who can line or the sands on the beach by handful. California mining gulches and undertake find diamonds in its sands.

"It is reasonable to believe there tan, or in China, or the mountains of t Moon, but, geologists tell us, in the hand done a few hours before. They table-lands of the Rocky Mountains three and the Colorado Rivers are cut. It ocean; they have grown hoary with waiti centuries of centuries, and the riches of strikes upon a bed of diamonds where the granite cement which holds them.

glomerate studded with diamonds to the being drowned in the water which was sparkle under sun and stars. I keep lling the ship.

The San Pablo was fitted up in finer sty. sparkle under sun and stars. I keer dent that both believed it. The survey ctal loss, as she was uninsured:
the Colorado towards its head water "When the San Pablo ran on the reef found a canon wall studded with rottle and stars of quartz crystals which probable gave rise to this legend, but I believe the there is fabulous wealth of precious star locked in the rocky fastnesses of this Graph Rea River. Fifty varieties of precious star semi-precious stones are numbered in the geologist's report of the Pacific Railway and as the miners say, all the in the TREACHEROUS REEF Surveys, and, as the miners say, all the dications of diamonds are there.'

Catching a Tartar.

surprising that the sea-gall in the follows story came off second best from the contest their stations, when we sighted the square of Chinese junks coming toward us fr occurring at Plymouth, the home of the purche land.

A fisherman, while on the Plymon beach last Friday, captured a large gray and gull in a rather peculiar predicament, Im ly pinched upon the bird's bill was a sea-class about the size of the palm of a man's had The clam weighed enough to keep the been of the gull hanging downward, and effectually prevented any long flight, it was evidently nearly exhausted in trying to escape from its strange captor. thought that the gull, seeing the class enout protruding, endeavored to seize dainty morsel, and was in turn gripped the hard shells of its intended victim. clam had to be cut away from the bird's no

The Orofters.

Sir John, in moving the second reading a the bill to amend the Dominion Lands Ac, said that one of the clauses was to give the powers of the loan companies to certain conmissioners appointed by the Imperial Gov. ornment to administer a sum of £10,000 be advanced to Crofters settling in that so far as their allotments were concert ed the "checker-board" system should be committee.

The Press Cramped.

The press will be allowed very little liberty in the Republic of the United States Colombia, judging from the decree just inner by its Government. Newspapers are proconstitutional authorities, upon the Catholic religion, upon the military, upon judges and they are also torbidden to antique acts. In cases of libel, an explanation correction must be made of double the legs of the offending article. Under these I know Mr. Ruskin has derided the lations the position of editor of a newspire. the love of jewels and especially of diamonds will be one of dangerous responsibility.

SWARMED 'ON DECK.

Pable's Fight in the Formoss Stratts. seemer has brought news to

of the extraordinary wreck of mer San Pablo, which occurred at on a reef off Turnabout Island, Straits, off the China coast. ble reports have been received The vessel struck a sunken thick fog early in the morning. was aroused, and the Captain that the vessel must be abandoned, filling fast, and showed a tendency Just before the life boots were be lowered, a swarm of Chinese junks came from the neighborpland. The queer-looking vessels die line of battle, and Capt. Reed, realthe danger his charges were in, made rations to repel the attack. The however, came in such overwhelm. where that before any demonstration be made on board the sinking vessel

piretes were climbing up the ship's Dey were led by a man armed with a cutand a large revolver. His shipmates resto heavily armed. Capt. Reed passed olvers and guns among the passengers crew, and after a furious fusillade the lies were beaten off. They rallied, how-, and made a second and

MORE DESPERATE ATTEMPT

precious stones. It is not singular that seeding, when Capt Reed brought the diamonds have been discovered in this control has into requisition. The long coils try, for in the rough they are no more to lime-covered pebbles, and only lime-covered pebbles, and only lime were manned by the crew, and instly the pirates were again put to flight, thousand of true diamonds is as much sorrents of boiling water from the pipes five-eighths of an inch sorrents. It is torrents of boiling water from the pipes five eighths of an inch across. It is only the plant of the decks into

The coolies then beat a retreat, and, drawheaps of gravet who find the diamonds their vessels up in line, cruised half a the rest of the world If you could be their vessels up in line, cruised half a the rest of the world If you could be the sinking vessel, with the evident of yourself to pick over all the dust in then the said of the shadon for the abandonment of or the sands on the beach by handful. During the fight Capt. Reed vessel. During the fight Capt. Reed year, you might go into one of the desert the Chinese passengers in the forehold, fear they would aid their countrymen in eattempt to loot the vessel. As soon as wible the passengers, mails, and specie diamond beds in this country. They be put into the San Pablo's small boats, cient rocks, and where do you think then only a short distance from the wreck tail and rush upon the San Pablo, as they

CLAMBERED OVER THE SHIP'S SIDES ith grappling hooks, and were soon masm of one of the finest boats that ever sailn, they soon set fire to the ship, and when at seen smoke was pouring from the wreck great clouds. The passengers were taken hemisphere are locked within their sta Heng Kong, and tugs were sent to the re-Arizona with beryls, garnets and opals, a hulk, burned to the water's edge, and

It is estimated that at least a score o ith Capt. Reed and his men. During the "Old frontiersmen who have wander the the women and children who were of among the mountains prospecting for great the San Pablo sought the staterooms have strange stories of the lonesome came there they were in constant fear not only among them a fabulous one of a wall of or falling into the hand of the pirates, but

said he had seen this wonder, and the stor han any steamer that ever left San Franci was told with such seriousness it was et al. and was valued at \$500,000. which is

THE TREACHEROUS REEF

and go to the bottom. As she rolled from side to side under the influence of the se the water began to have its effect. Fir t shifted her cargo, and she laid so far do her starboard side that we thought st A clam is a very determined cream the was going clear over. It was in the when its mind is once made up, and it is margency that the order to lower the boundary that the sea-gull in the follows given, and the men were climbing in

> A single glance at the leaders of the presching fleet told us that they were nte, and the order to lower away was countermanded and one to to fight off boarders given. The here they were armed with guns and made and stationed at the points on d where the pirates would be most ap was in progress the approach of Pratical fleet was swift and sure. T reding decks were fairly swarming polow warriors, who were brandis ming knives and swords and guns cotting at the tops of their voices. come nearer the din was increased comittery firing of small arms, which ridently intended to drive us below, bullets whizzed and screamed a Then the pirates came down on us Almost before we could realize surrounded, their grappling h

aboard, and scores of THE YELLING FIENDS medambering up the sides and ender get over the rails on deck. The passengers sprang at them, f

pirates went back over the s many of them that they soon ra

portion of them made for the seck, evidently intending to g mother detachment tried to go, where a defending party and still another gang up to the hurricane deck. were making a gallant resist

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odds were against them unt

ands that Putman's Pa sector is a sure and painless The claim that it is just a endeavoring to palm conuine only proves the Extractor. Sure, safe,