CHAPTER III.

Mr. Dottleson, who had just come back from the City, walked away to the park, and sought a secluded bench, whereon he seated bimself, and drew out the letter he had taken possession of. What did his mother in law want with this young doctor now! And why did she send her letters by hand, instead of putting them in the postbag? He had a right to know what it meant, and he intended to find out. The enve ope was carelessly gummed and came open without difficulty. He unfolded the enclosure, and bit his lips with chagrin as he read it :

Alfred Blodget here in consultation at noon to-morrow; he is coming to see me. - Yours sincerely,

emphatic words escaped him, What could progress'a young man who was little more than a to forget that he's engaged to Kate." the woman to do !

home, deeply vexed at what he looked upon | crush her son-in-law; but this time it failed as a mean attempt to take advantage of his | utterly. "Must I remind you again that generosity. His thoughts flew back to the there's still plenty of time for me to alter conversation he had had with Mrs Lamshed | my will, Montague ?" the day before; how he had urged his duti- "I have no control over your intentions, ful anxiety for her health as the reason for call- | madam; you are quite aware that ing in Sir Alfred Blodget; and then, in spite | daughter Kate is dependent upon me, and of himself, he recalled how he had carefully | will ultimately inherit all I possess." benefit the man. Oh, it was very dishearten- it had its effect upon Mrs. Lamshed. ing, and enough to aggravate any one. No "I don't think Kate would lose much. avoid him, and made the servants quake in your greed.' their shoes as they waited upon him at din- "I will never raise a finger to thwart ner. Everything had gone wrong, as things | Kate's happiness if she marries a man of have a way of doing when our little tempers | whom I can approve." get the better of us: the soup was smoked, the fish done to rags, and the joint as tough | Lakeworth?" as leather. Kate, who was skilled in reading the paternal barometer, took little time to things stand now, I most emphatically disdiscover that the hand was set at "Stormy," approve of him; and there's an end of it." and knew better then deliver herself of her grandmother's message, asking if Mr Dottle- until Mrs. Lamshed spoke again, calmly and son was quite sure he had left the note for | quietly: "Please ring the bell, Montague." Charles Lakeworth at the right house; in deed, she had a faint suspicion that the said | back to his place by the bedside, where note might have caused the present disturb- he stood facing his mother-in:law. ance in the domestic atmosphere, and Mrs. Lamshed neither moved nor spoke judiciously abstained from referring till her maid appeared and asked for to it. So her father, shielded by his her commands. Inen she collected hersmouldering passion, was allowed to keep it | self as if for a spring, and sat bolt upright in his breast-pocket undisturbed, and the with her white hair falling over her should-

next morning; he wanted to evade being flashed with suppressed excitement as she questioned about the letter until he had spoke the words which Montague Dottleson despatched it, but he was careful not to remembered till the very last day of his commit it to the post until nearly eleven | life. "Send for Smuggles's partner," said o'clock. Then he felt easier; he had foiled | Mrs Lamshed. the first attempt to make capital out of his! Although the order was ostensibly adliberality, and had gained time to remons- dressed to the maid, Mr. Dattleson knew trate mildly with Mrs. Lamshed upon the that it was in reality given to himself. H absurdity of her ideas. It occurred to him offered no protest; perhaps he recognized more than once during the day that detain- that it would be useless; he pulled out his say where she was for a day or two; said Thereupon Loris Melikoff went first of all almost appalling. To have made her any ing the letter was not quite the best way of beginning operations; but if that cropped which he did in tones whose coolness up, as it was tolerably sure to do, he must surprised himself and were evidently surprised himself and surprised himself and were evidently surprised himself and surprised himself and surprised himself and surprised himself and were evidently surprised himself and sur up, as it was tolerably sure to do, he must surprised himself and were evidently plead failure of memory or make some ex- not pleasing to Mis. Lamshed. case of that kind. He walked home to is now half-past six, and the office will Blakewood Square that afternoon, wonder- | be shut. Do you know the gentleing much what the result of his marceuvre | man's name and his private residence?" had been, and warning himself that he must | His mother in law glowered angrily at him be prepared for an outburst of wrath hereto | for a few seconds before she replied: "No. fere unheard of on the part of his mother- | I don't. I want Smuggles's partner. in-law. The nearer home he came, the more awkward he felt his own attitude in room: be was in no hurry to discover the the matter to be, and had he found it neces | nameless individual who was to assist in time." sary to confront Mrs. Lamshed at once, altering the will. "I'll wait until to morhe would have made out a poor case for row," he thought as he went to his own himself.

It chanced, however, that she was indulg- by the morning." meet him. At Mrs. Lamshed's earnest re- | had taken place during the night. no Charles Lakeworth appeared. Then the his partner." independent manners adopted by struggling | ly. practitioners. When Mr. Dottleson heard "Yes, said Mrs. Lamshed. "Send him to this, he felt that he had at all events sown | me now-at once." him the note which had been writ- day, and perhapsyesterday, but which the City to day. Grandmamma had been exceeding- the solicitor here at swelve o'clock." introducing him to Sir Alfred Blodget.

rence. from Sarah, Montague; the contents were necessity and whose child is self-interest.

most important -mest important." Dottleson : "and so I imagined from the was received by the surviving partner, a fact of your sending it by hand."

Lakeworth to meet Sir Alfred professionally. | boxes. Considering how the boy stands towards Kate, you ought to regret having deprived | wearily-" Lamshed !-Ah, yes; I rememhim of the chance he had to day.'

Mr. Dottleson was very far from regret-

fellow, who is scarcely more than a student, attend Mrs. Lamshed at noon," he said in a to meet such a man as Sir Alfred in consul- funeral voice.-" Will you be good enough tation. Sir Alfred would, I am sure, have to say that I-Mr. Reginald Slimp-will be felt grossly insulted had he seen the person in attendance at noon?" you wanted to introduce to him in such a Mr. Dottleson shook hands with him

sense" the suggestion that Sir Alfred would out her directions; it would look disinhave been grossly insulted through her in- terested and might have a softening effect. strumentality, and finally the careless refer- Accordingly, he wired, telling Mrs. Lamshed ence to the "person," stung the old lady to that she might expect Mr Reginald Slimp "MY DEAR DOCTOR-Come and meet Sir the quick. She turned upon him sharply to be with her at the hour appointed. "

and spoke with rising temper. sensibilities, Montague. You don't see the "I may sit down and wait for the earth "MARIA LAMSHED." advantage of extending a helping hand to a quake. deserving man who wants it, do you?"

He replaced it in his pocket, and returned ways had in her sleeve when she wanted to forthwith.

arranged this to supplant Dr. Lakeworth; It was a very gentle hint that if he were and now, instead of doing anything in that cut out of her will in favour of Dr. Lakedirection, his scheme was made use of to worth, Kate would be the real sufferer; but

wonder that Mr. Dottleson entered his house | Those two will be faithful to each other, in a frame of mind which caused Kate to however long you may keep them apart, in

"Then you don't approve of Charles

"No, Mrs. Lamshed; I do not.

There was a dead silence for five minutes, He did so without a word, and stepped untruth he had ready remained unspoken. | ers, whilst she pointed with her thin trembl-He started for the City earlier than usual ing finger to the door. Her sunken eyes

Mr. Dottleson bowed, and quitted the

he came in, and he was fully posted by his was as firm in her purpose as she had been laughter in the events of the day before the the evening before. Her son in-law went to old lady awoke. It seemed that punctually her room to make inquiries about her health at twelve o'clock, Sir Alfred Blodget had | before he set out for the City, and was called; but there was no D. Lakeworth to startled at the change for the worse which of his valuable time in waiting to be intro- there was a listless apathy in her manner duced to "her doctor." At a quarter past | which contrasted painfully with her wonttwelve, just as Kate entered the room, he ed brightness. She seemed indisposed to drew out his watch and rose to go; she | speak to any one; but when he referred to dashed recklessly into the breach and her demand for "Smuggles's partner," she an seeded in detaining him until nearly roused herself with an effort. "It's Starbone twenty-five minutes past the hour, but still and Smuggles - Lincoln's Inn-ask for-

great physician was annoyed, and picked up | "Are you well enough to attend to busihis hat, making caustic remarks about the cass to-day?' asked Mr. Dattleson anxious-

the seeds of a good misunderstanding be- He said nothing more; but as his gaze tween Sir Alfred and Dr. Lakeworth, and rested on the form of the old lady, who hat his task with Mrs. Lamshed would by seemed to be drawing near her end, a dark easier; but he had not heard all that Kate | thought crossed his mind. She could not had to tell him. Three o'clock brought | last very long; she was breaking up rapid-Charles Lakeworth to the house in a ly; a few days, in all likelihood, would see flutter of disappointment; he had with | the last; he could forget her commission to-

"Don't forget to call at Starbone and post-mark proved to have been despatched Smuggles's office, Montague; I shall expect as Mr. Dottleson came home, and further singular forgetfulness in that matter of the premised to make another opportunity of note to Dr. Lakeworth. He turned red under her searching eyes, and heartily dis-Mr. Dottleson did not feel quite so well missing his half-formed design, promised to after hearing that; but as he received a attend to her wishes without fail. After summons from his mether in-law almost im. | all, it would answer no good purpose to mediately after Kate had finished her story, neglect them; she could easily send another he had no time to prepare a brief for his de messenger, if she distrusted him; and he felt that he had little claim to her confidence. Mrs. Lamshed was lying amongst her pil- | She would put the true interpretation on lows panting for the fray; she waved her his remissness, and visit it all the more an in-law to a seat at the bedside and severely upon him. No; he must close his attacked him at once. "It was a great eyes to the nature of his errand, and exepity you forgot that note, after taking it oute it with that honesty whose mother is

He had no difficulty in finding Mesers. "So Kate has been telling me," said Mr. Starbone and Smuggles's office, where he gaunt melancholy man, who dwelt in a little "It was worth everything to Charley back room lined with battered tin deed-

> "Mrs. Lamshed?" said the gaunt man ber: 10 Potfield Gardens, isn's it?"

"That was Mrs. Lamshed's address at

Blakewood Square. She is particularly letter from the servant and tore it open in anxious to see you as soon as possible. Could nervous haste: you conveniently call upon her at about "Sir Alfred Blodget presents his compli-

mid-day?" expound his own views. "You could not stump of a very old quill pen thoughtfully, ly capable of transacting any business such have weighed the matter with your usual and referred to a memorandum slab on the as he refers to at the time he visited her togood sense, when you asked that young table. "To-day is Wednesday. I will day."

and withdrew. He intended to telegraph see his daughter. It was an unhappily worded sentence; down to let his mether-in-law know the back-handed aliusion to her "good that he had lost no time in carrying may wash my hands of it now, I suppose "You're jestously careful of Sir Alfred's he said as he sffixed the telegraph stamp.

That was a long-remembered day at 21 Mr. Dottleson stared at it, and a few | "I have no wish whatever to impede his Blakewood Square. Mr Slimp arrived at twelve o'clock, armed with a fashionable his mother in law be thinking of? To ask or or to help it either, no doubt; you seem parchment envolope, which he carried in his hat up to Mrs. Lamshed's room. The medical student to come and "consult" with | "He isn't engaged to Kate, and won't be, old lady dismissed hertmaid with instructions the very first authority of the day! It was | till he can satisfy my requirements." Mr. not to return and to prevent others disturbridiculous; it made a farce of Sir Alfred's Dottleson was a passionate man, and was ing her until she heard the bell, as she was visit. What an outrageous thing it was for letting his feelings get the mastery of him. going to be busy with the visitor. Charles It irritated him sorely to be taken to task Lakeworth called, and, for the first time "Of course it can't be allowed," he said like this by Mrs. Lamehed, and he lost during his acquaintance, was told that his to bimself; "and I'll just take the respon- sight of his own interests in the anger of the patient was engaged, and could not see him. sibility of posting this letter—in time to be moment. Mrs. Lamshed paused for a few -Was Miss Dottleson engaged? No. Then too late for him to keep the appointment." seconds, and then produced the card she al- he would see her; and was taken up stairs

as he took her hands. "Why won's Mrs. Lamshed see me ?" .

night, and grandmamma sent for her law- youd measure. The conversation happened the brakes is simultaneous on all the when yer. I suspect it's about her will. He is to turn upon General Loris Melikoff, the and stops can be made from high speed on with her now; they've been shut up alone famous chief of the dreaded "third section." little shock .- [Scribner's. together for nearly an hour."

and a message was sent to the butler to go to power to act against the Nihilists, and had Mrs. Lamshed at once. He was not detained | virtually created him vice-Emperor, as very long; he was only called upon to sign Melikoff himself used to say. Now, fast we travel. The schedule times do his name, after seeing the old lady inscribe | Melikoff had discovered that one of the | indicate the delays that must be made me hers at the bottom of a document; and a leading Nihilist chiefs was in the habit of spurts between stations. The traveller few minutes after he left the room with the frequently visiting Count Tolstoi, the novel- is curious to know just how isst he is going maid Sarah, who also acted as a witness. ist, and one day he went out to Tolstoi's and likes the stimulus of thinking that he Cracked both the day Mr. Slimp with his papers followed, looking country house. Before the visitor had in a little danger, may find amusement the then remarked if possible, more melancholy than ever. announced himself, Tolstoi recognized him, taking the time between mile posta; His aspect gave an increased air of solemnity to the occasion, and impressed the underhousemaid who let him out with the convic tion that something very deep and mysterious indeed had taken place up stairs.

Sir Alfred Blodget paid his visit soon after the solicitor had gone, and found the invalid with her grand daughter and the young doctor for whom he had been kept waiting calling two mujiks, he said to them, "Throw in twenty seconds is almost exactly to

the day before.

"Explain," said Mrs Lamshed to Kate, who had taken care of her grand parent for | and almost a saviour. the past twelve months. Sir Alfred was extremely gracious; but Miss Dattleson was a another anecdote. Some twelve years ago | She saw the narrow bright line of the a little disappointed to find that he did not at the Emperor sent for Melikoff and announc. and the slender points of the switches is once retire to the window with Charles and | ed to him that the plague was raging in two | heard the thunder of the bridges, and earnestly discuss the case in low tones, villages of the empire, and ordered him to the track shut in by rocky bluffs, and me which was her preconceived idea of a "con- do whatever was needful with a view to perils suddenly revealed as the engineer bund any children sultation." On the contrary, he only patted stopping its ravages, at the same sime giv- around sharp curves. The experience was Mrs Lamshed's hand kindly and told her to | ing him unlimited powers. so quite independently, without even asking to the Minister of Finance, informed him | ience complete, she should have takened reflected poor Kate, when the great man commands, and demanded a credit ize how slender is the rail and how tragit went out followed by the small one; and of fifty millions of rubles. she told Mrs Lamshed her opinion of Sir Minister of Finance made a long machine which they carry. We see win Alfred, which was quite at variance with face, but was unable to refuse. Loris trifling movement of a switch makes lexico that when the that usually entertained about him.

"You are intimate with the family, I understand?' he said to Charles Lakeworth as he drew on his gloves in the hall.

"Yes; I have known them well for some

"Well, you may mention to Mr. Dottleson that I can do nothing more than you chamber; "she may have changed her mind can, and shall not look in again.—Very old woman. Course of nature. I shall be suring in her customary afternoon siests when But morning came, and Mrs. Lamshed prised if she sees the light of Sunday .-Good day; very pleased to have met you."

The brougham rolled away with Sir Alfred, and Charles Lakeworth returned to Mrs. Lamshed's room. He had known before that she was seriously ill, but did not possess the experience which told the older quest, he had consented to waste five minutes | breathing was heavy and laboured, and | man that her lease of life had so nearly expired. He was charged with the duty of the credit of fifty millions of rubles granted ing about one hundre i and fifty antiful garden. It telling Mr. Dottleson that the case had been left in his hands as hopeless, and he would have to break the news to Kate also, a task he cared for even less. He would not tell her yet, he decided; she had no idea of Mrs. Lamshed's real condition, and it would only prolong her grief to reveal it sooner than was actually necessary. Mr. Dettleson must be told, of course, and he waited until that which are characteristic of the Russian temgentleman came home, in order to see him. "You arrived here soon after noon, you

say, Mr. Lakeworth," said Mr. Dottleson, when he had been teld Sir Alfred's opinion. Did you see Mrs. Lamshed at once?" "She was engaged when I came, and I

did not see her until her visitor had gone." this merning; do you think her faculties are | behavior of a large ape in the Jardin des perfectly clear?

"Perfectly clear. She is very weak, and is growing weaker aimost every hour; but some smaller monkeys. Ferns and other

She her mind is quite sound." Mr. Dettleson had conceived the idea that which the ape attempted to seiz. At length by angry, and told Dr. Lakeworth that she spoke more fluently than she had done bewould sift the matter to the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to hat pointedly at his mother-in-law might if necessary be a small hand looking-glass, with a strong which has been in existence for one of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to hat pointedly at his mother-in-law might if necessary be a small hand looking-glass, with a strong which has been in existence for one of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to hat pointedly at his mother-in-law might if necessary be a small hand looking-glass, with a strong which has been in existence for one of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in existence for one of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in existence for one been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore, and seemed to have been in a minute of the bottom as soon fore. proved mentally incapable of making a new will, and did not intend to give up the notion yet. He would send a line to Sir Alfred Bledget about it; Dr. Lakeworth's epinien was by the reflection of himself in the glass. hardly worth having, and might, moreover, After looking puziled for a moment, he tans have been reading and kissing in be prejudiced. He lost no time in writing darted his head behind the glass to find the these many ages, is the oldest copy in the doctor and maintain and maintain darted his head behind the glass to find the to the doctor, and waited until late that other ape, which he evidently supposed to be ence, written down by Aaron's own evening in keen anxiety for his reply; it there, Finding nothing, he apparently son, and the veritable original of would be a great triumph if he succeeded in thought that he had not been quick enough the Pentateuche in the world? getting this codicil legally set aside, for he in his movements. So he raised and drew had firmly persuaded himself that it was in the glass nearer to him with great caution, Charles Lakeworth's favour. Whatever its and then with a swifter dart, looked behind; provisions might be, he would be acquainted and again finding nothing, he made the with them in a few days-by Sunday or attempt once more. Menday, at the latest. It was hard that, He now grew very angry, and began to aritans as a distinct element of cities all these were a click blanch of cities and began to aritans as a distinct element of cities and began to aritans as a distinct element of cities and began to aritans as a distinct element of cities and began to aritans as a distinct element of cities and began to aritans as a distinct element of cities and began to aritans as a distinct element of cities and began to aritans as a distinct element of cities and began to aritans as a distinct element of cities and began to aritans as a distinct element of cities and began to aritans as a distinct element of cities and began to aritans as a distinct element of cities and began to aritans as a distinct element of cities and aritans are all the cities and aritans are all the cities and aritans are all the cities and are all the cities and are all the cities are all the cities and are all the cities are all after all these years, a slight blunder should | beat the frame violently on the floor of the throw out his calculations when the end was cage. Soon the glass was shattered, and almost in sight; it was very hard. Still, pieces fell out. Again he was arrested by there was a shred of hope left. If such an his own image in the piece of glass still re authority as Sir Alfred Blodget could certify maining in the frame, and he resolved to try that he had seen Mrs Lamshed half an hour again. More carefully than ever he began, after she had altered her will, and that she and more rapidly than ever was the final was then incapable of understanding what dart made. she had done, he was safe. He could suap His fury over this last failure knew no neath it as a writing desk, and his fingers at Dr. Labourenth and his fury over this last failure knew no neath it as a writing desk, and his fingers at Dr. Labourenth and his fury over this last failure knew no neath it as a writing desk, and his fingers at Dr. Labourenth and his fingers at Dr. La out of the house.—Here was the carries and he crunched the frame and high back like a side-board, full dist sing it, but did not think it advisable to ene time," said Mr. Dettleson. "My mother-out of the house.—Here was the answer glass together with his teeth till nothing holes for the kitchen utensils, is and no crunened the frame and high back like a side-position, is and no crunened the frame and high back like a side-position, is and no crunened the frame and high back like a side-position, is and no crunened the frame and high back like a side-position, is and no crunened the frame and high back like a side-position, is a side-position and the contrary. It is advisable to less for the kitchen utensils, is a side-position and the contrary. It is advisable to less for the kitchen utensils, is a side-position and the contrary. It is advisable to less for the kitchen utensils, is a side-position and the contrary. It is advisable to less for the kitchen utensils, is a side-position and the contrary. It is advisable to less for the kitchen utensils, is a side-position and the contrary. 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ments to Mr Dotterson, and has pleasure in The melancholy solicitor chewed the assuring him that Mrs Lamshed was perfect-

> Foiled! He crushed the paper into shapeless lump and threw it into the waste paper basket. Whatever the old harridan had done, it was done, and would hold good. He swallowed his passion, and went up to

> > (TO BE CONTINUED.)

Amiable Barbarians-Anecdotes of Tolston and Melikoff.

jik, the Russians are more or less barbari. The sole function of electricity in ans, from the point of view of the refined form of brake is to bring the fries West, but certainly most amiable barbari- drums together. In a French bar ans, so far as foreigners are concerned. which has been used experimentally Their hospitality knows no limits; no trou some years with much success, an elecble is too great when it is a question of current, controlled by the engine-drip obliging a foreign visitor; but charming as energizes an electro magnet which in they are, you are constantly being remi_ded part of the swinging frame in which of the wildness of their real underlying loose friction-pulley is carried. Tals elem nature by the strange contrasts of delicacy magnet being vitalized, is attracted ton and brutality, of civilization and barbarism, the axle, thus bringing the friction draw which their daily life offers. To hear the contact. In an American brake is Russians talk about the unwritten contem- exhibited on a long freight train, a soul porary history of their social and national electro-magnet is used, but the same and life is like listening to the stories of the accomplished by multiplying the power Arabian Nights. The true narrative of the intervention of a lever and wheel Skobeleff's career and death, and the true other type of so-called electric brake is the narrative of the circumstances of the assassi- in which the metive power is compren nation of the late Tear, are far more thrilling air, and the function of the electric device "Is anything wrong, Kate?" he asked and extraordinary than print has ever told. simply to manipulate the valves under a

"Hush I" said Kate (the old lady's were related to us by a distinguished official en or releasing the brakes, All of the apartment was next to the drawing-room), whose intention was certainly not to throw devices have this advantage, that, white There was a quarrel of some kind last dust in our eyes, or even to actonish us be- the length of the train, the application The Emperor, we were told by our inform-The bell rang sharply at that moment; ant, had given Loris Melikoff unbounded and said:

'You are Loris Melikoff, chief of the get the speed very accurately by count third section. Do you come to see me official- the rails passed in a given time. This ly, or as a private man? If you come officially, be done by listening attentively at an or here are my keys; search; open everything. | window or door. The regular clicked to You are free."

"Very good," answered Tolstoi; and counted. The number of rail-lengths pur

this man out of the house !"

The mujiks obeyed Tolstoi to the letter. But if one wants to get a lively seas nodding at Charles Lakeworth and then at and Loris Melikoff had to accept this treat- what it means to rush through spure Sir Alfred. Nothing loth, Kate informed | ment, for in his way Tolstoi is a mightier | fifty or sixty miles an hour, he must get the latter how the miscarriage of a note had | man even than "our father the Tear.' In | a locomotive. Then only does he orgin caused the mistake of the previous day, and | the eyes of the Russian people he is an ex- realize what trifles stand between him a introduced Dr Lakeworth as the physician ceptional being, being more than a saint, destruction. A few weeks ago a lady sit

Melikoff then posted to the villages in difference between life and death. Walts question, and having observed the situation | how short the look ahead must often he telegraphed for twenty fire engines to be and how close danger sits on either in sent from the neighboring towns, had the But it is only in a night ride that we like pumps charged with petroleum, and ordered | how dependent the engineer must be, in the firemen to approach the villages by night, all, upon the faithful vigilance of oil inundate the cottages with petroleum, set The head-light reveals a few yards of girl hite blossoms in the them on fire, and save nobody. The order ing rail, and the ghostly telegraph pole decries in the Auti was executed; the cottages and their few switch targets. Were a switch open down to the hundred inhabitants-men, women, children, taken up, or a pile of ties on the track, you was a long ro and cattle—were burned to ashes, and those could not possibly see the danger in the wind t villages disappeared from the map of Russia | stop. - [Scribner's. and from the registers of the empire. The measure was radical, but it stamped out the plague effectually. Loris Melikeff thereupon reported to the Emperor that his commands had been executed, and then called on the small city of Nablus, in North Paist ith their myriads o Minister of Finance to tell him that out of a little religious community—now new And then to him he had spent only two hundred to which has defied the ravages of war threat buy petroleum, and that consequently his poverty and oppression nearly three with white al Excellency the Minister could dispose of the sand years. Unlike the Vaudois, formal garden

In both of these stories, which we have mountain buttresses to defend them the think it must have I reason to believe to be literally exact, we the centuries; and still more unlike that there find that curious mixture of the grandiose, long-lived Savoyard Protestants, they the play of Frowe of ostentation, and of barbaric recklessness been right in the path-way along which are and give us an e perament. - [Harper's Magazine.

Ape and Looking Glass.

A looking-glass is a mystery, an object of intense interest, to many animals, and it is "Mrs. Lamshed seemed to me to be a often very amusing to watch the their manittle strange in her manner last night and | œuvers. Prof. C. Robertson describes the Plantes.

He was in an iron cage, lording it over things had been thrown between the bars,

Electric Oar Brakes The expression, electric brake in

of ten heard and requires a word of ation. There are various forms of not electric brakes which are practically even efficient, working devices. In h them, however, does electricity furnish power by which the brakes are apple merely puts in operation some other in In one type of electric brake the braking force is taken from an arle of car. A small friction drum is made in the axle. Another friction-drum hung the body of the car swings near the new If, when the car is in motion, these de are brought in contact, that one hange from the car takes motion from other, and may be made to wind a chin its shaft. Winding in this chain political the brake-levers precisely as if it had be From the Tsar down to the humblest mu. wound or the shaft of the hand but As an example of the strange contrasts of | car, by which the air is let into the brid real Russia we will cite two anecdotes that cylinder or allowed to escape, thus puts

A Fast Ride on a Locomotive We cannot tell from the time tables in when these are not to be seen, he can the wheels over the rail-joints can usually m "I come not officially," replied Melikoff. | be singled out from the other noises, a number of miles run in an hour.

hour in the cab of a locomotive har as The mention of Loris Melikoff brought up | fast express train over a mountain me her magnificent, but the sense of danger the delight of my c The fastenings, compared with the ponden ster when we wer

> The Oldest and Smallest Sect in the There is to be found in the heart d Samaritans have had no friendly system lowed to do anythin forth, from the time of Sargon to Napole ver new roses grow But they have lived on, and their unity pled everywhere never been broken. They have class imbed up in the tree little Nablus and to their sacred in the little Nablus and to the little Nablus and to the little Nablus and to the little Nablus and little Gerizim, as the very cactus roots to outsands of roses all granite sides of the sombre Ebal that any at Christmas tire fronts them across their little enchr Then there were the

> The feeling with which the precent of jasmine and aritans regard the Mohammedans is of them they all bloome intense bitterness which they have all the African negro, manifested toward the Jews. And why then wuz des 'lumin the late his faith Dees not the Samaritan date his faith this was the way we Abraham, or rather from Adam? and he not a right to call that an infant religious for only can be can be in the call that an infant religious can be can b made of sacred lambakins, which the

As the population of Nablus is just 12,000, the little Samaritan communication almost absorbed by the surrounding medan mass. Save to a careful obs the very existence and presence of the in Nablus would not be noticed. Samaritans wear a turban, much like of their true Moslem neighbors, tween the history and theology of the classes there is not a single point of po resemblance. - [Harper's Magazine.

A kitchen table with as many jrain addition to the hired girl's comfort

Polly Pitcher W Of modest mein She had, alas, o Which made he The consequero Were very awfu

YOU

When Polly was Her cars were li Sweet little thin That nestled eitl Alas, that pretty Should be so pur As Polly grew, s All conversation,

And listened to e Of secrets told w She strained her When she was si Her cars soon bot And get quite lar But still she tried To hear each sour

And every word o She listened noon Her ears at last t And o'er her head And when her pa Put her to bed to Accepted meekly But cocked her ea

And now her pun

For her big ears h

Throughout the w She heard great ca And the small son In South America, Amid this din she And, nearly deafer She begged the do And out off both h Bub, oh, alss ! 'two Poor Polly lost her For while she cried A big gun fired, in Whose mighty thu

That she'd become Her useless ears no that soon she had And so a mournful With a poor little, And she who once Was thenceforth ve All little pitchers w

Should let this tale o have nice ears it They shouldn't list They'll keep their ! If they are warned

LTOM1 Charming Little

Charming ! Did any of you Flower Ladies ?" I have made may mily who knew a am grown up and It began in this

r down—in Louisi

e could smell the

sugar plantation.

On the left of the which we lived wa four or five acres, edges of pyracanth eves, which served even for letter-pa them with thorns Above the bananas ope, was a row of

a stood up very they were rather these gentlemen holds participant part

e kinds of magn

to inclose room ade a pretty bed ocautiful / excellently for