BY MARK TWAIN.

The facts in the following ease came to me by letter from a young lady who lives in the beautiful city of San Jose; she is perfectly unknown to me, and simply signs herself "Aurelia stances, and try not to feel exaspera In comparatively recent years the Maria," which may possibly be a fic-ticious name. But no matter; the poor girl is almost heart-broken by the misfortune she has undergone, and so confused by the conflicting counsels of misguided friends and insidious enemies, that she does not know what course to pursue in order ples and facts, which are here given to extricate herself from the web of difficulties in which she seems almost thirty thousand great English land-hopelessly involved. In this dilemowners, who together drive a land munities. Still a third class of landed yes, she had got it there among the property of property of the property o ma she turns to me for help, and supplicates for my guidance and instructions with a moving elegence that the solution of the proprietaries has been those of the crinoline. Thus we have sticking out, you see, unknown to

Here here sad story: years old she met and loved, with all is owned by eight noblemen, of whom the devotion of a passionate nature, the chief are the Dukes of Hamilton, geniture and entail from attack—the a young man from New Jersey named Buccleuch, and Sutherland, the Mar-Williamson Breckinridge Caruthers, quis of Bute, and the Earl of Breadal-who was some six years her senior. bane. The English county of East They were engaged with the free Sussex, embracing more than eight consent of their friends and relatives, hundred square miles, is almost exand for a time it seemed as if their clusively the property of the Duke of career was destined to be character- Richmond and the Baron of Leconized by an immunity from sorrow be- field. So extensive is the property of yond the usual lot of humanity. But the young Marquis of Bute, whose at last the tide of fortune turned; income is fully three hundred thousyoung Caruthers became infected with and pounds a year, that not long ago small-pox of the most virulent type, and when he recovered from his illing and altering his magnifiness his face was pitted like a waffle- cent manor and estate of Crichton mold, and his comliness gone forever. | Mount Stuart, the marquis's residence Aurelia thought to break off the near Cardiff. Mr. Bright once inengagement first, but pity for her un-stanced the case of a nobleman with fortunate lover caused her to postpone an income of one hundred and twenty give him another trial.

and he broke his other leg. ly bearing away the sack whose uses properties in the kingdom. she had learned by previous experience, and her heart told her the bitter of the few rich may be mentioned that truth that some more of her lover was of the Duke of Westminster, who gone. She felt that the field of her owns, besides Belgrave and Eaton affections was growing more and squares, and a large part of the fash-more circumscribed every day, but ionable quarter of Westminster, the once more she frowned down her rel-magnificent manor of Eaton Hall. atives and renewed her bethrothal.

nuptials another disaster occurred, setshire, each surrounded by thous-There was but one man scalped by ands of arable but, to some extent at the Owensriver Indians last year, least, uncultivated acres. The Duke That man was Williamson Breckin- of Bedford owns the extensive group ridge Caruthers, of New Jersey. He was hurrying home with happiness in don called "Bloomsbury;" also Covhis heart, when he lost his hair forent Garden Theatre and Covent Gard ever, and in that hour of bitterness he den Market, many streets leading almost cursed the mistaken mercy from the Strand on either side, and that has spared his head.

plexity as to what she ought to do. rural estates at Woburn Abbey. The She still loves her Breckinridge, she Earl of Derby may be said to own writes with truly womanly feeling- almost square miles of blocks in Livshe still loves what is left of him—but her parents are bitterly opposed to the match, because he has no property and is disabled from working, and she has not sufficient means to support both comfortably. "Now." Now.

"Now." Akadeshie, March Dars, can become blind drunk on almost any of the advertised "tonics" in half an hour. There is however one exception to this rule. Nobody can "get over the bay" on Vinegar Bitters, for the simple on Vinegar Bitters, for the simple ingston, Hamilton. she still loves what is left of him— erpool, and Knowsley, his ancestral almost any of the advertised "tonics" but her parents are bitterly opposed country-seat is larger than most or "invigorants" in half an hour. nainful and anxious solicitude.

noble but most unfortunate husband, the centres of splendid estates, which who honestly strove to do right, but are to a considerable degree shut off friends you have, get into office; if whose extraordinary instincts were from cultivation, and used as deer you wish to know how many you

thought the matter over carefully and come, probably, of every nobleman not think we ought to upbraid him three hundred thousand. Nor are the flicker from the guilt within—glanced for it if he has enjoyed it. We must titled and hereditary aristocracy any from her countenance. do the best we can under the circum- longer the only great land-owners.

Wealth of the British Aristocracy.

The enormous wealth of the very few may be judged by certain examtions with a moving eloquence that ably more than a million peasants, three very powerful sources of social her. would touch the heart of a statue. who have hitherto been totally de and financial power arrayed together She says that when she was sixteen of the soil. One quarter of Scotland things, to keep the peasant where he reasond she met and loved, with all is owned by eight noblemen, of whom is, and to defend the laws of primothink I shall expire."

the marriage day for a season and thousand pounds, who annually spent forty thousand, and laid down the The very day before the wedding remaining eighty thousand in "roundwas to have taken place, Breckinridge, ing" his property, by buying up every while absorbed in watching the flight parcel of ground contiguous to his of a balloon, walked into a well and estate which he could induce the ownfractured one of his legs, and it had to ers to sell. This was one example of be taken off above the knee. Again the pregnant fact that the land has Aurelia was moved to break the en- long been in process of concentration gagement, but again love triumphed in the hands of fewer and fewer posand she set the day forward and gave him another chance to reform.

And again misfortune overtook the dency has been encouraged and propoor youth. He lost one arm by the tected by the still enforced laws of premature discharge of a Fourth of primogeniture and entail. To be sure, July cannon, and within three months the law of primogeniture, as it now he got the other pulled out by a card- stands, only operates in the case of a ing machine. Aurelia's heart was almost crushed by these latter calamities. She could not but be grieved testate. Nine out of ten, however, do to see her lover passing from her by as a fact leave the bulk of their real piecemeal, feeling, as she did, thathe estate by will to the eldest son, to could not last forever under this dis- maintain the dignity and prestige of

astrous process of reduction, yet the family. The law of entail is far knowing of no way to stop its dread- more serious in its results, as tying ful career; and in her tearful despair up land and perpetuating vast and she almost regretted, like brokers, ancient estates beyond peradventure. who hold on and lose, that she had Simply stated, the present English not taken him at first, before he had law of entail enables the owner of a suffered such an alarming deprecia landed property to devise it for the tion. Still her brave soul bore up, term of a life in living, and for twentyand she resolved to bear with her one years after; and this entail can friend's unnatural disposition yet a only be cut off by the concurrent consent of two parties-the existing oc-Again the wedding day approached, cupant and the heir. If, therefore, and again disappointments overshadowed it. Caruthers fell ill with the old, and that son lives to be eighty, erysipelas and lost the use of one of Lord Hardhunter may, by an entail, his eyes entirely. The friends and easily cut the estate absolutely off relatives of the bride, considering that from the market for a hundred years feetly dry as they pass over the warm Cash Capital, paid in full \$1,000,000 she has already put up with more In various ways this often works than could reasonably be expected of other injustices than that of restrict her, now came forward and insisted ing land in so small and overcrowded

that the match should be broken off; a country. The present Duke of but after wavering a while, Aurelia, Newcastle, having run through his with a generous spirit that did her fortune and a greater part of that of eredit, said she had reflected calmly his duchess, went into bankruptcy out food for many weeks in the winter. Demant. cover that Breckinridge was to blame. which amounted to eighty thousand not agree about their condition when So she extended the time once more, pounds. But the creditors could not they awake. Some say they are fat touch his entailed estates, and so this and in good order for the table; others It was a sad day for the poor girl noble bankrupt still finds himself in that they are lean and unfit for shootwhen she saw the surgeons reverent possession of one of the most enviable ing. But all agree that they sleep for

near Chester, Halkin House, in Flint-Shortly before the time set for the shire, and Motcombe House, in Dorblocks of houses at the West End, and At last Aurelia is in serious per-one of the most splendid of English

to the match, because he has no property and is disabled from working, Sutherland is said to be able to ride rule. Nobody can "get over the bay" support both comfortably. "Now, his Scottish estates, and has five noble what should she do?" she asks with castles-Dunrobin, House of Tongue, Trentham, Lilleshall, and Chifden. It is a delicate question; it is one which involves the life-long happiness of a woman, and I feel that it would are rural palaces fit for royal ty, among be assuming too great a responsibility them peerless Chatsworth and the to do more than make a mere sugges- only less superb Hardwicke Hall. In tion in the case. How would it do to London he has a residence on Picca- the nervous system; promotes healthbuild to him? If Aurelia can afford dilly, where land can be worth scarce- ful sleep; and tends to produce that the expense, let her furnish her mu- ly less than ten pounds a square foot, tilated lover with wooden arms and which is surrounded by gardens, and wooden legs, and a glass eye and a occupies a broad square. The eccenwig, and give him another show; give him ninety days, without grace, and if he does not break his neck in the meantime, marry him and take the land, the Earl of Abergavenny, the physical strength of the strength of th chances. It does not seem to me Marquis of Salisbury, the Duke of there is much risk any way, Aurelia, Rutland, and Marquis Camden have because if he sticks to his singular immense rural properties, which are propensity for damaging himself only exceeded in value by the whole every time he sees a good opportun- quarters which they own in central ity, his next experiment is bound to parts of the great metropolis itself. finish him and then you are safe, marmarried or single. If married, the in each of which a liberal domestic wooden legs and such other valuables establishment is kept up all the year as he may possess revert to the widow, and you see you sustain no actual field, Stair, and Glasgow possess each loss save the cherished fragment of a five castles, vast and spacious edifices,

well, and it is the only chance I see who has been named exceeds fifty for you. It would have been a happy thousand pounds; a majority of them conceit on the part of Caruthers if he would show revenues of one hundred had started with his neck and broken thousand, and at least three of them, Dieppe boat, taking out my watch, but that first; but since he has seen fit to the Dukes of Westminster and Suthchoose a different policy and string erland and the Marquis of Bute, rehimself out as long as possible, I do ceive annual incomes of more than at the custom-house." A spasm-a successful merchants, manufacturers, and bankers have been eager to secure what is called in England "a stake in the country." Again and again estates which have belonged to noble families for centuries, and whose entails oh! would you keep it inviolable?" have become exhausted, have been pended for bare existence on the lords to maintain the present condition of £10 worth; please to forgive me, and ing and banking princes, and the clergy.—Harper's Magazine.

sternly, but kindly, "here is the pier, and the officer has fixed his eye upon us."

A Shot Tower.

tency which makes it drop. If it she lost, paid her fine, and explained: were not for the "temper" the lead "You, madame, had £10 worth of dred feet they are tolerably cool when more lace; here is lots of it. they strike the water, although the swift concussions make the tank foam and bubble as if the water was boiling furiously. The shot must fall in water, for if they should strike any firm substance, they would be flat-tened and knocked out of shape. To get the little pellets perfectly dry after they have been in the "well" is much like those used in flour mills) carries the shot up as fast as they reach the bottom of the "well" and from the buckets as they go up, and not much is poured into the receiver sort of dripping machine. From this receiver the shot runs down a spout into a drying pan, which greatly resembles a gigantic shoe, made of sheet The pan rests at an angle iron. which permits the wet shot to roll OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA slowly slowly down to the chamber

A Long Fast.

It is well known that bears go withvrapped in a long sleep. Hunters do weeks without caring for food.

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If you wish to know how many against him. Try it, Maria. I have parks and hunting grounds. The in haven't, get into trouble.

A Smuggler's Narrative.

"We shall be, my dear madam," said I to a fellow-passenger in the keeping my eyes steadily upon her, "we shall be in less than 10 minutes

"You look very good-natured, sir," stammered she.

I bowed, and looked considerably more so to invite her confidence.

"If I was to tell you a secret, which is too much for me to keep myself,

"I know it, my dear madam-

"Oh, sir," cried she, "it is only

"My dear madame," replied I us. I must do my duty.'

I rushed up the ladder like a lamplighter; I pointed out the woman to a legitimate authority; I accompanied A reporter of the Baltimore Ameri-her, upon her way, in custody, to the can thus describes one of the many scarching-house. I did not see her processes of making shot in one of the searched, but I saw what was found shot towers of that city: One of the upon her, and I saw her fined and secrets" of the manufacture is the dismissed with ignominy. Then, mixing of the lead with a certain pro- having generously given up my emolportion of a combination of mineral uments as informer to the subordinsubstances called "temper." The ate officials, I hurried off in search of "temper" is fused with the lead, and the betrayed woman to her hotel. I gives the molten metal that consis- gave her lace twice the value of that

would be molded by the sieve, and smuggled goods about your person; I would form little pencils instead of had nearly fifty times that amount. round shot. When "BB" shot, for I turned informer, madame, let me instance, are to be made, the lead is convince you, for the sake of both us. poured into a pan perforated with You have too expressive a countenoles corresponding to the size. The ance, believe me, and the officer would little pellets come pouring down in a continuous shower, and fall into a tank filled with water on the ground my dear madame? If you feel agfloor. In their descent of two hun- grieved by me in any way, pray take

When I finished my explanation the lady seemed perfectly satisfied with my little stroke of diplomacy, though she would have doubtless preferred a little less prominent part in it.

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