A MERE SUGGESTION.

Phyllis was young and very happy, and just a little excited, and perhaps a trifle proud because she was engaged before her friend, Maud, who was at least three years older. But of course, she was very careful not to give herself I'll send Jane to the post with it at airs, or to unduly flaunt her happiness in poor Maud's face; indeed, she was really anxious that her friend should be as fortunate as herself. At least as there was only one Arthur in the world, and he was to be her own husband. But there was plenty of other men, really quite nice ones-she must see what she could do for Maud.

They were sitting together, Maud had come to tea with her friend to talk about her trousseau and the presents. "Yes, I am very happy," said Phyllis, presently; she had been giving Maud a list of the wedding presents.

"You must be," said Maud. "That silver tea service is lovely! you are a lucky girl," and she sighed a little. Phyllis was reminded of her friend's

"Why? What makes you say that?" asked Maud.

Now Phyllis had meant nothing definite, she only wished to be comforting, believe it's true." and vaguely to suggest. There was no actual prespective lover in her mind; but she could not bear to raise poor Maud's hopes only to destroy them the next moment so she smiled again mysteriously while she ran over in her thoughts every probable suitor.

"I wish you wouldn't look so know- was very pale. ing, Phyllis," said Maud impatiently. "Who were you-whom do you mean?" "Ah, I mustn't say; besides it was Phyllis.

only an idea—a mere suggestion." Maud looked disappointed, and it distressed Phyllis's kind heart, so she said, yielding to a sudden impulse, Don't you think George Stratton seems pather-Don't you think so, dear? It has struck me so several times."

"Oh, nonsense, I'm sure I've never noticed anything-at-least!" and she paused and blushed a little, and wondered if Phyllis had any good reason for her suggestion.

"There! Now you know you have does not really affect me at all." thought so !" said Phyllis, delighted to find that she had made so good a home and wrote a second note to Mr. guess. "Don't pretend you were blind, Stratton to congratulate him on the deand he is such a nice fellow, nearly as nice as Arthur."

"But I don't believe he means anything; you know what men are," said would never again try to provide con-Maud; and she sighed as she remembered the fickleness and flightiness of men, and she looked wistfully at her

friend. Phyllis answered the look boldly. "Some men are," said she; "but not Mr. Stratton."

"I don't know; he has always been very friendly, and all that, and perhaps if I had encouraged him-" Maud put down her cup, and arranged the cushions at her back before she

answered, and Phyllis felt quite anx- termining the course of Russia in the ious for her reply. "I suppose I like him," she said at last, with proper mai-

Phyllis was full of sympathy for the

laughed; she imagined she had been cruel to Mr. Stratton. carelessly. "I can't help laughing at Wales is a sister of King George of

think of him as George," Phyllis said, present controversy. The fact would gayly, "And I'm sure you would be seem not to have cut much figure. On awfully sorry if he went away and you the same theory the fact that the prenever saw him again!"

"No, you wouldn't; you're really great powers. Has it? very fond of him. Now, do tell me, In wars of rumours of wars relation-

Maud? Wouldn't it be delightful if we were both married on the same day?" said Phyllis.

besides, he may not care about me now, though." "You will have yourself to blame if he doesn't," Phyllis said severely.

"Do you really think so? I don't want to be horrid," Maud exclaimed, with some anxiety. "You must be very nice to him, then. a little. Oh, I do want to see you as

happy as I am, dear!" cried Phyllis.

"But after all, Phyllis, I'm not at all sirable that you should be awake," sure I care enough about George-

tea, or something; your mother won't mind, or say you'll- be at home on Sun-day, and then-then you can arrange things, you know. That will be the best way, for it is silly to pretend you aren't in love with him."

"Shall I really write?" said Maud, with a show of hesitation. pen and everything. Write it here, and

Maud succumbed to her friend's determination and wrote a carefully worded note to Mr. Stratton, in which she gently reproached him for not having been to see her mother and herself fortunate as was possible, for naturally lately, and she said how glad they ing the opinion of the department and band of Keewatin hornblende schists, would be if he came to lunch on the following Sunday.
Phyllis was satisfied with it, and rang

the bell for the maid. "Now, darling, everything will come right," she said. 'How happy he'll be! I may call him George, too, mayn't I?"

Maud blushed and said she supposed she might, and just then the servant "Take this to the post at once, please,

Jane," said Phyllis. "Yes, miss, this letter has just come for you," answered the maid. Phyllis took the letter and the girl left the room with Maud's note. "Whom is your letter from? I seem to know the writing," said Maud.

"Only from Ethel Jervis-Carter; she lonely state. "I do wish you were as does write to me sometimes about nothhappy dear," she said. "But I believe ing in particular," answered Phyllis. you will be very soon," and she smiled she said not read many lines of the seen by those who have paid atten-

"What's the matter?" asked Maud, seeing her emotion. least, nothing interesting, and I don't

"Don't be silly, Phyllis; tell me what "There; read it!" said Phyllis, and Maud read:—

"You will be glad to hear of my engagement to George Stratton; you and how happy I am. We hope to be mar- Other mineral industries throughout occur in the main body of the biotite Arabia and Turkey. They acknow-

back; "it is very interesting." "I'm so horribly sorry-" "For having made a fool of me? You

ought to be," said her friend stonily. I never meant—" said Phyllis. "You made me write that wretched note; I shall never forgive you," said the dust of her friend's house from her

"It was a mere suggestion," Phyllis "It was extremely bad taste." "But you agreed with me!"

"No; it was entirely your doing," answered Maud. "However, of course, it "Of course not," said Phyllis. Maud swept out of the room, went

lightful news she had just heard, and would he bring Ethel with him to lunch on Sunday? Phyllis remorsefully resolved that she solation for desolate friends.

KINSHIP AND DIPLOMACY.

What the Relation is in Case of War and Rumours of War.

It is intimated in the despatches that the fact that the Dowager Empress of Russia is the sister of King George of Greece has had great influence in de-Cretan controversy. On the same theory the fact that the Duke of Edin-"Then why are you so horrid to him? burgh, son of Queen Victoria, married I expect you've snubbed him dread- the Grand Duchess Marie of Russia, daughter of Alexander II., should have young man of whose devotion for her had influence in promoting concert of friend she was now assured. Maud action between Great Britain and Russia, but it did not. On the same "Oh, it won't hurt him!" she said theory the fact that the Princess of men when they say silly things, can Greece ought to influence Great Bri-"Oh, call him George. I'm sure you tain favourably towards Greece in the sent Emperor of Germany is the grand-"I might get over it," Maud answered son of Queen Victoria ought to have with the light indifference of a con- exercised great influence in promoting friendly relations between the two

dear, when did you first suspect he ship among the royal families of Europe has never counted for much. It Maud could not give an exact date; is probable that the friendship beundeed, had she told the truth she tween the Czar of Russia and Prince would have said "five minutes ago," George of Greece would count for more but then, that is what she did not do. than their relationship, It will be re-She began to believe she had known membered that the two made a tour George's attachment for a long through the east together, and that The feminine imagination is when the Russian was attacked by a such an adaptable thing that it can Japanese fanatic Prince George interevolve a lifelong devotion from the fered and probably saved the life of chance remark of a friend. So she the man who is now Emperor of all answered carelessly: "I hardly know the Russias. The fact that Prince gradually, from different things. He George is a gallant soldier, a thorough was always different at the houses I sailor and a modest man, a great fawent to, at the Jervis Carters, and- vourite with the Greek people, as well as with the people of other nations. "You will be kind to him, won't you, will count for a great deal in the settlement of affairs. If relationship is to count for anything, Greece ought "Oh, there is plenty of time for that; Britain, Germany, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

ADVANTAGE OF SLEEP. In reply to the question, Is it wise for a man to deny himself and get along with a few hours' sleep a day Let him see you do care for him just to do more work? Tesla, the great electrician, is said to have replied: "That way now projected through the Crow's philanthropy and holy sacrifice. Pure quired for at least nine-tenths of the "A sensible woman can be just as that I mynis.

that I mynis.

Is a great mistake, I am convinced. A man has just so many hours to be awake and the fewer of these he uses up each man has just so many hours to be awake and the fewer of these he uses up each man has just so many hours to be awake known to exist in the Rocky mountain ing of pure living. The individual is a great mistake, I am convinced. A living in the crows philanthropy and holy sacrifice. Pure living in the breast, in its outward flow, shipping, it was decided that the work should be prosecuted, to be done solely by dredging. According to the crows and holy sacrifice. Pure living in the breast, in its outward flow, shipping, it was decided that the work should be prosecuted, to be done solely by dredging. and the fewer of these he uses up each known to exist in the Rocky mountain ing of pure living. The individual is by dredging. According to this plan, "Nonsense; you know she can't; and day, the more days they will last; that axpense of smelting, could be obtained living. The individual is there will be from Gravesend up the we're not going to discuss those silly is, the longer he will live. I believe that a man might live two hundred that a man might live two hundred sent and the smelting charges reduced to the contract of the about the bridesmaids and where we years if he would sleep most of the in proportion. A large percentage of limb back into the bridesmaids are uniformly and a minimum depth of twenty-four shall live. We'll live somewhere near time. That is why negroes often live to advanced old age, because they sleep to advanced old age, because they sleep to advances but it is "Yes, dear, of course. Chelsea is nice, isn't it? George has a married sleep's seventeen hours every day; that is why his faculties are still unimpaired to be work alone should be heard the footsteps of the spot, cheap fuel, and improved prodrawback," answered Maud.

"It would be," assented Phyllis, way to economize life is to sleep every moment that it is not necessary or de
"But after all Phyllis I'm not et all

ABOUT CANADA'S MINES

GOLD FIELDS.

"Certainly; here are the paper and opinions of Geologists-Notable Progress to be Increased.

its geologists upon the mining activity and presents them to the public in convey makes the following observaumbia has begun to evidence its value | years. as a permanent producer of the pretion to its geological structure and ado and other properties have been atposition. In Ontario, wherever the "Nothing," stammered Phyllis. "At Huronian system is developed and has been examined, valuable mines, more any record at no great distance from particularly those of gold, are being the contact between the Keewatin and Both, however, concede that these figdiscovered and opened up. In Nova Scotia renewed interest has been shown the edge of the more extensive areas in gold mining, and, with improved of biotite gneiss, but which also invade machinery and methods, the output is the Keewatin rocks, as isolated instru-Maud know him, so you will understand likely soon to be greatly increased. the country, whether already establish-"Thanks," she said, giving the paper | ed or in course of development, share in a general appreciation."

THE KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

the department during the past year rected on the regular edition of the are given in the reports of the ex- map." Mr. McInnis also reports that plorers. Mr. R. G. McConnell, who had Maud, drawing on her gloves, and rising charge of the work in Kootenay dis- the Minaitake lake, Keewatin belt, trict, says:-" Mining has made satis- which is a continuation north-easterly ise was made by Li Chung Tong in Berfactory advances on all sides in West Kootenay during the past season enough at least to confirm the oc-Prospectors, the pioneers of the indus- currence of gold in the region. A numtry, swarmed over the country, making numberless locations everywhere.

fair percentage of the prospects of previous years, on which development work has been done, promise to become mines, and the older mines show no signs of deterioration as developed. 187,208. Several new camps, notably Waterloo, Champion Creek, the North Fork of the Salmon, and the Springer Creek district, have come into prominence, while the older ones have developed into recognized mining centres. The out- 977 square miles. put of ore has largely increased, and the capacity of the smelters has been more than doubled in order to meet the demand. Favourable reports from competent men have been received in regard to a number of outlying districts which have not yet been examined, and it is altogether probable ness for excitement, love of discussion, that live there. It is hoped that this that with the advent of easy communication the successes of Trail creek and the Slocan will be repeated in East Kootenay, Boundary Creek, the Lardo, the Big Bend, and other places. Capital has flowed freely into the district during the season but it is to be feared that an undue proportion of it has found its way into the pockets of speculators rather than into legitimate mining. In Rossland and vicinity, although there has been a good deal of scarcely warranted speculation, much conscientious development and prospecting work is being carried on, the result of which in large part will not be known for some time yet, as the hard eruptive rocks of the district necessarily make mining a slow and ex-

pensive operation.

COMPRESSOR PLANTS have, however, been erected at a dozen or more of the principal mines, and machine drills with their quicker results are rapidly supplanting hand labour. The Le Roi and War Eagle are still the principal producing mines in the camp, but considerable shipments at irregular intervals have also been made from the Josie, Iron Mask, Cliff, Evening Star, Crown Point, and others, and it is highly probable that with the extensive development work now in progress the output from these will be largely increased in the near future. The Rossland ores as a rule are not of high grade, and a large proportion of those in sight cannot be profitably worked under present conditions. The cost of freight and treatment is given at \$10 to \$14 per ton. If the cost of mining, a variable factor, is added to this, it will be evident that ores carry- may as well be frank and say that ing less value than \$15 per ton can only be worked at present at a slender profit, if at all. In order to utilize this material, reductions in both freight and purpose where the intention is not to smelting charges are imperative, and deceive. Straightforward purpose within will doubtless be made as the treatment of the ore becomes better understood and competing lines of communication are opened up. Should the rail- evidence itself in deeds of tenderness, that a twenty-six foot channel was re-

ONTARIO'S GOLD FIELDS.

vein in the case of the former of these traverses both an intrusive area of alternate hornblende granit, and a Keewatin diabase, the line of contact be-REPORTS OF EXPLORERS ON THE tween the two cutting the drifts in the mine, and showing an overlap of the diabase by the granite. At the Sultana the vein occurs in a very much crushed and sheared hornblende granin the Development of Mining-Output ite, which occurs here, as it does generally, as an intrusive mass not far from the contact between the biotite-The annual report of Mr. Dawson, the | gneiss area and an area of Keewatin director of the Geological Survey, which rocks. The Scramble mine, which lies is just issued from the press, is par- to the north of the railway, within six ticularly interesting this year, as giv- miles of Rat Portage, occurs in a edge of the Rossland granite area. Some surface stripping has been done of the past season in Ontario and here, and a shallow shaft has been British Columbia. Mr. Dawson has sunk on a band 25 to 35 feet in width summarized the reports of his staff, made up largely of quartz and heavily charged with iron pyrites, occurring both in thin sheets along the planes of densed shape. Speaking generally on cleavage and irregularly distributed the mining boom, the chief of the sur- through its mass. Parts of the band were found to pan well, and an average value of more than twenty doltions:-"During the past year very lars to the ton is claimed for the notable progress has been made in the whole band. Considerable activity development of the mineral resources has been shown in developing and exof Canada, both in the way of actual ploiting gold properties about Lake of the Woods generally, and attention work and in attracting the attention is being again devoted to various proand interest of capital. British Col- perties which have lain undeveloped for

NEW DISCOVERIES

of gold-bearing veins have been made in various places in the district, notably about Shoal lake, where the Miktracting attention. Here, as in the Seine river country, the gold has been found in every case of which we have intrusive granitoid rocks, which occur most frequently as narrow rims along sive masses. I know of no case where gneiss areas, which we have classed as Laurentian. On a preliminary edition of the Seine river sheet, the rocks, in which the Saw Bill vein occurs, were so classed, but this was owing to a misinterpretation of the notes of the late The details of the investigations of Mr. W. H. Smith, and it has been corof the Wabigoon lake area. Specimens assayed gave small quantities of gold, ber of claims have been located along the shores of Manitou lake, as well as about little Manitou lake.

FACTS ABOUT GREECE.

The kingdom has a population of 2. The flag of Greece is a white cros on a blue ground.

About one-half of the people are farmers and shepherds. The area of the country is about 24,

No part of Greece is forty miles from the sea nor ten miles from the hills. About 70,000 of the inhabitants speak

the Greek language only, and all but 20,000 profess the Christian religion. The chief characteristics of the average Greek are his inquisitiveness, fond-

learning and aggressive patriotism. | and vastness, can be completed in a its confines, speaking different lan- of the globe. The attempt is even guages, wearing different costumes and to be made to have the census taken holding little social intercourse with on one and the same day.-Pittsburg each other-the Greek, the Albanian Dispatch. and the Wallachian or Roumanian. The present King, George I. came to the throne in 1863, in his 18th year. He draws an income of \$260,000 annually,

including \$20,000 from Great Britain, France and Russia. He is the son of the present King of Denmark, Charles IX., and brother of the Princess of Wales, and the Dowager Empress of Duchess Oiga, eldest daughter of the grand-uncle to the present Emperor of Russia. She has six living childrenfive sons and one daughter.

The King has a palace at Athens, built by Otho, at a cost of \$2,500,000 and a summer residence at Corfu. He shares the legislation with a single chamber called the boule. members of which are elected by the people every four years. There are seven miniserts of administration, whose salary is \$2140 a

For purposes of local government, Greece is divided into thirteen monarches, under officers called monarchs. It has an excellent legal system based upon the old Roman law.

Its regular standing army consists of 16 280 infantry, 3120 cavalry, 3842 artillery, 1080 engineers and transportation men, 3400 officers and men, making a total of £8,470 troops in the land

JUDGE WITH CARE. It is extremely difficult to dissassociate the individual and the act. We it is an impossible task. An act becomes the interpreter of the heart's presents itself outwardly in clean,

CAUSED BY GUM CHEWING.

An operation was performed the other "How annoying you are!" exclaimed Phyllis. "Just when everything was settled. Look here, Maud; write him a nine little aste and ask him to lunch or nice little aste and ask him to lunch or little aste little aste and ask him to lunch or little aste little aste and ask him to lunch or little aste and ask him to lunch or little aste little aste and ask him to lunch or little aste little aste and ask him to lunch or little aste little as day upon Dalton Query of Blue Ridge,

CENSUS OF THE WORLD.

Gigantic Project Planned for Opening of the Twentieth Century.

As impossible as it may seem at first glance, it is nevertheless certain, remarks a foreign newspaper, that an earnest effort will be made to take a census of the whole earth in the near future. This gigantic project is to become a fact with the advent of the twentieth century. The plan was put into tangible shape at the recent convention, held in Berne, Switzerland, of the International Statistical institute, the original proposition having been made by Dr. Guillaume, the director of the Swiss bureau of statistics. The convention appointed a committee of ways and means, consisting of prominent statisticians, savants, travelers and geographers, who are to propose an acceptable method of realizing this grand scheme and report to the couvention at its next biennial meeting.

Nationally it is an impossibility to secure even approximately the exact data in many regions, such as the polar, many parts of Africa, Asia and elsewhere, which have never been visited by the explorers, and which a census enumerator would never reach. The population of the globe is now estimated at 1,700,000,000, these being the figures of Profs. Behm and Wagner, of Gottingen, recognized as the leading authorities in this department. ures are not absolutely reliable, and are largely calculations based on the more or less reliable reports of travel-This is, for instance, the case ledge that as far as China is concerned

the figures may be MILLIONS TOQ HIGH OR TOO LOW, and that the estimate of Africa may be 50,000,000 out of the way, and that errors in proportion may exist in the figures claimed for Persia, Siam, Afpromising veins of gold have been re- ghanistan, Turkey and other lands, ported north of the C. P. R., along China, however, has decided to undertake an official census. This promlin only lately. The governments of Turkey, Persia, Siam and Afghanistan are to be petitioned to assist the agents of the statistical institute in taking the census of these countries.

Quite naturally the scheme of the institute can be realized only by the expenditure of considerable money and the application of a great deal of diplomacy. But the institute is sanguine. Then, too, quite a number of alnds must yet be explored before 1900. But if geographical research is pushed in the next years as vigorously as it has been during the past decades, then there will scarcely be a mile of territory in Africa which will not have been explored by travellers before the beginning of the twentieth century, and a census can be made, at least approximately. Then, too, in the year 1900 Russia will have almost completed her two vast systems of railroad across the continent of Asia, traversing all Siberia and the wild regions of Thibet, and these districts will be open to the traveler. It is, accordingly, proposed to send a large colony of energetic travelers to these regions in 1900 to make a report on the unnumbered millions desire for knowledge, an aptitude for census, notwithstanding its greatness There are three distinct races within | single week, in all the civilized nations

COSTLIEST BOOK IN THE WORLD. The Official History of the War Cost \$22, 785 Per Volume.

The most expensive book that was Russia. He married in 1867 the Grand ever published is the official history of the war of the rebellion, which is now issued by the Government of the United States. It has cost up to date, \$2,334,328. Of this amount \$1,184,291 has been paid for printing and binding. alone. It will require at least three years longer and an appropriation of perhaps \$600,000 to complete the work, so that the total cost will undoubtedly reach nearly \$3,000,000. The history will consist of 112 volumes, including an index and an atlas. Each volume will, therefore, cost an average of about

> Copies are sent free to public libraries, and 1,347,999 have already been so distributed. The selling price of the atlas is \$22. The remainder of the edition is sold at prices ranging from 50 cents to 90 cents per volume. There does not seem to be a popular demand since only 71,194 copies have been sold, for a total of \$60,154.

THE RIVER THAMES.

If the plans now under way are carried out as anticipated, the great work of widening and deepening the River Thames will before long be an accomplished fact, and the commercial importance of that river thereby greatly increased. It being clear to the aubroad, generous living. It must always consultation with engineering experts, the width is to be about 500 feet and the depth twenty-two, and from the latter to the Millwall Docks there will be a channel at least 300 feet wide and eighteen feet deep.

EXTREME PROVOCATION. Did you strike this man? asked the

I did; but he made the first assault. How was that? Struck me for \$10.

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complishing the tas who was far from gra gift, but who overca to the attainment of culty, tells how sh through my girlhood, mother sectured me awkwardness. My wa my sitting down a were a series of ang simply intolerable to h But it never seemed could help it. I was '

and how could I ch "Well one day I c of an actress who all parts before a full le order to be sure the were graceful. It car tion in some way, a it many times in the At last I came to a lution that I would as see what would come all my spare hours w drawing room, where large pier glass. I there to read and cho ed armchair to sit in. ly looked at my r was seated, and actua ungainly angles. The figure, approaching t jerky steps, and bl I was as disatisfied poor mamma, and b my endeavor to impre tures and copied th closely as I could. the theatre I gave to the movements of when I went home

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