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teauty. Such large, liquid, soul- a voice of authority. s; such rosebud lips and pearblack tresses with the lace man- soon he began to talk noisily with the black mantua of silk or wool- others. The latter is the only correct hore becoming to the Castilian beauty than the most elabor-

HIS OWN MAKE.

his own excuse for

Kareo Wanderjahr.

Charlie Jenkins had resolved to see life. He was tired of the monotony where for twenty years he had led a placid existence disturbed only by locusts and hailstorms, enlivened at times by visits from stolid Dutch farmers. Old Mr. Jenkins had come out from home and built up a competency rica. He was content now to sit among his flocks to watch his ostriches had no ideas about things beyond her own household. But Charlie wished to escape from the lethargy which hangs so heavy upon African farmers; he wanted to know something of the world. He was restless rather than ambitious, for his aspirations were

And now he was bound to Kloofburg. and perhaps to places as great and wonderful as Port Elizabeth. He had been reading books that unsettled him, for curious waifs of literature penetrate to remote parts of Africa, and he had picked up some cant phrases about the necessity of a "Wanderjahr," for some people. He could no longer bear a life which was simple er. as that of the unthinking Hottentot herds on the farm. In Kloofburg he would meet men who knew the outer world.

It is curious that the mass of Afrikanders are so lazy and apathetic, for there is a mysterious influence in of their country that makes for restlessness. As Charlie cantered along the rough track he passed gaunt ironstone kopjes of fantastic shapes, fringed by clumps of prickly pear, whereon began to ache, and the soldier's storrock-rabbits basked impudently at the mouths of their holes; the noise of his horse's hoofs drove gay lizards scurry- Hickson had for some time vanished ing into the low shrubs, and startled some stately secretary birds, who called his name as he struck a match. paced solemnly away in dignified security, conscious that they were un- tering match revealed Hickson lying der the protection of the law. Charlie on his bed with his face to the wall. rode on until, from a height, he saw Charlie approached him, when he sudthe square tower of the Kloofburg denly saw that the sleeping man's Dutch Church enshrined in rows of hand held a revolver. He bent to take Lombardy poplars. He was soon trot- the weapon away, but as he touched ting down the dusty street past small the hand a shiver passed over him. iron-roofed houses. The place was life- Hastily Charlie raised his candle to less enough. A. few storekeepers in look at Hickson's face, but when he shirt sleeves lounged at the doors of saw it he cried aloud and staggered an act of heroism. their shops, and one or two drunken back. Hottentots were chattering round the well in the market square. He passed a square patch of sand, on quet. A pompous little man, whom was the shot we heard!" Charlie recognized as the postmaster, was strutting about for he had just got

ly than Charlie could hope to see it, Old mortgages paid off on the off to amateur theatricals, organiz- that Cugna lived to the remarkable bealterms. Fire and Life Insure ed with the purpose of giving a new age of 370 years. tetedin the best Stock Companies window to the diminutive English They were for a time contemporanrates. Correspondence to church. Jenkins would have gone to eous with the three-times centenarian, see this phase of life, but was disheart- but of course they may have made a ened by a ratlike man on the stoop, mistake of a century or two. Local Newspaper in selves. This was a storekeeper who ity in his mode of life, and hisfaculdisapproved of the drama because the ties were unimpaired by age. But, to Charlie, ignorant of these details, the man seemed to speak with

seen several continents, and tried many

trades. Like so many of the world's

failures, he had come to South Africa, to try his luck afresh. Charlie's nai-

vete seemed to amuse him, and he held

And so he joined the knot of loafsuch dainty hands and feet, ers, men who considered the year wastarms and graceful figures it ed if they had not spent 365 evenings at a drinking bar. Now Charlie had hard to find so common any at a drinking batemiously, for his faplace in the world. A few of ther, like many African farmers, kept bit ultra-fashionable wear mod- no spirits in the house, thinking an and bonnets for state occa- occasional spree in Kloofburg more salutary than the presence of an inthe majority still cover their sidious liquor in his dining-room. And sidious liquor in his dining-room.

Hickson was holding forth upon suithe church wear among young cide and praising prussic acid. Jentich and poor, and a bonnet kins from a spirit of contradiction, adthan a gentle word during the vocated the superior merits of pistols. than a gentleman in the north is expected to go to the com
altar with his hat on his head.

The mantua, is no learn the superior into the guestion and was soon dropped in favor of one, and was soon dropped in favor of the hours, latter and bined ages of the Rovins, latter and mother, amounted to 388 years, the mother, John Rovin, being 174, and his father, John Rovin, being 174, and his father, John Rovins, latter and mother, amounted to 388 years, the mother, amounted to 388 years, the father, John Rovins, latter and mother, amounted to 388 years, the mother, amounted to 388 years, the father, John Rovins, latter and mother, amounted to 388 years, the father, John Rovins, latter and mother, amounted to 388 years, the mother, amounted to 388 years, the salter with his hat on his head. mantua, is no longer worn as a discussion on sheep scab. As he had that they were married 147 years, and that only one eye of the come to Kloofburg to escape from less connection is fastened with sheep and their ailments, Charlie was less coquettish effect, and is glad when men began to return from

the theatricals. The landlord of the inn, a jovial looking man, came into the bar with a banjo in his hand, and was greeted with cries of "Give us a tune, Jacky!" "Let's go and cheer up poor old Gor-Tet's go and cheer and everyone assented. Gordon, Charlie learned, was

last night on earth would be a merry one. The whole gathering trooped into the little smoking room where Gordon ensconced in an arm chair. Jacky, the landlord, broke into a childish song with a banjo obligato. He had in his of his father's farm on the Great Karoo eventful career once been a public entertainer, but little talent remained except an air of assurance and an adroit handling of his instrument. Song succeeded song until at last burly doctor, in the corner cried: 'Won't you give someone else a chance Jacky?" The artistic temperament was wounded; the landlord rose, picked up after years of struggle in South Af- his instrument, and bolted. Hickson volunteered a hunting song. Then there were cries for "Potgieter," and the ratlike storekeeper stood up, smirkand his angora goats, and to pass his ing and said: "I'm afraid I can't only old age in peace. And Mrs. Jenkins give you a recitation, gentlemen, and I hope you'll tell me when you've had enough." So saying he started one of those melodramatic pieces endeared to the suburban drawing-room by spasmodic lady reciters. He had just come to the description of the cherubic child, which is inevitable in this knd of literature, when a sepulchral voice from the doctor's corner whispered: "That's enough!" But Potgieter was not to be daunted, and led his yawning audience to the point where the infant is run over by his mother on a bicycle. He sat down amid a storm of

> drinks. The room grew noisier. Charlie found himself beside a dilapidated soldier, who began to tell him thrilling tales of his Indian adventures, emphas- kon." izing the points with a shaky forefing-

applause, broken by a proposal from

the doctor, that they should all toss for

The room was full of smoke. Three men were singing at once, and their voices were hardly audible above the clink of glasses. In the corner Gordon lay in his

chair, pallid, fighting for breath. Suddenly a report, as of some fire- are. arm, was heard, "What's that?" said the doctor. "Oh, I expect it's old one ever does things as they should the scenery and the very atmosphere Isaacs," some one replied, "trying to be done. shoot an owl. There's an owl that comes round his house, but he always sees two owls, and he's sworn to shoot | jokes. them both."

The revelry went on. Charlie's head ies, which were steadily growing in strength, somewhat disgusted him. He rose and made his way to the bedroom. from the smoking room, and Charlie

There was no answer, but the splut-

into the room. "Are you two fellows | man of short sentences, fighting?" one of them asked. But a Many a man who has the sand to speed of 35.2 knots, or 68 kilometers, which the ladies of the place, gorge- look at the figure on the bed told him propose to a girl lacks the necessary or 40.8 statute miles. This exceeds by ous in satin dresses, were playing cro- the truth. "My God!" he cried: "that rocks to get married on.

Such an event was bad for his house, cle repair shop. promotion, and as he had endeared he said. He seemed to be more anhimself to the local gossips by a habit noyed than shocked. Charlie broke should remember that the minstrel is of divulging telegrams, he was now away from the crowd, now sobered never as black as he is painted. being honored by a farewell tea at the and soon left the hotel behind. As lie rode on until he reached the princi- cough. Soon he was on the open veld. trying to get capital without labor. al hotel and, , handing over his pony The distant kopjes looked grim and shady stoop, where one or two inval- harsh note of the night-locust jarred boy is acquainted with a woman 150 years ago a dark-haired person ids were lying, languid, in deck chairs, on his ear, and far away a jackal switch-tender. The hotel was full, but Charlie found was howling. The splendor of the that he could share a bedroom with a southern cross over his head seemed young Englishman named Hickson. to him an irony of the heavens.

At early done Charlie rode home. His Wanderjahr was over.

MODERN METHUSELAHS.

The Greatest Age to Which, Some People Have Attained.

forth to the young farmer on the un-Niemens De Cugna, a native of Bensatisfactoriness of life, telling him gal was the Methuselah of modern many new things, and nothing cheerful. He had seen life more thoroughtimes, if Maffens, the historian of QUEEN, ORCHARDVILLE, has and the survey had, it seemed, brought the Indians, and Lopez Casteguods, historiographer royal of Portugal, can any amount of money on real After dinner most of the people went be believed. They solemnly averred

who was saying that he did not care It is said of Cugna by the historians "Chronicle" is the only to see people making asses of them- that he observed the greatest simplic-

stage manager had lately detected an At the time of his death he was notinaccuracy in his account and had ed for his memory as well as for his transferred his custom to another store longevity. He was unable to find a wife who possessed his remarkable hold on life, and during his 370 years

was forced to marry many times. His hair and beard changed several times from black to gray and from gray to black. The ignorant people of Bengal attributed his long life to magic. Cugna declared it was the result of a good constitution and tem-

perate habits. Peter Loctron, a French peasant, who died Jan. 25, 1724, at the ripe old age of 183 years, comes next to Cugna on the longevity list, as it is reported.

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At the time of their death this venerable couple, had three children living. the baby being only 116 years old. England also furnished some remarkable instances of long life. Henry Jenkins, a native of Yorkshire, lived to be 169 years old. In his time three

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

It takes a pretty good carpenter to floor a pugilist.

Cruel words seldom cut a lazy person to the quick. Many a man punctures his tire on

the road to wealth. Weather-strips will soon be classed

s long felt wants. The more bread the baker makes

the more he kneads. Some people spend the most of their time in nursing animosity.

Some men become crooked in trying to make both ends meet.

The more innings a man has the more he enjoys his outings.

It is sometimes difficult to get even with a man who credits you. Nothing worries some people like the

absence of worry in others. The early milkman catches a glimpse of a woman's true complexion.

The heiress who invests in a title doesn't always purchase happiness. Work is nature's physician, but most

people prefer some other doctor. A woman's idea of religion is to have | THE JOB :: kindly thoughts of her rival.

Women probably talk most because men are too polite to interrupt them. Perhaps it is the microbes in kisses that cause people to fall "dead in love." A few men "think," others "guess," some "fancy," while still others "rec-

Some people prune their genealogical trees by cutting their poor relations. The end of one man's failure is ofttimes the beginning of another man's Contains . .

The less thought some men give to a subject the more liberal their views

With the exception of ourselves no

It must be hard on the fingers of the jolly mute who is always cracking It always makes a man feel cheap to Its Local News is Complete

be caught looking at a photograph of Social etiquette doesn't interest the man who is wearing a porous plaster

on a hot day. The happiness of some people depends upon their ability to make others

unhappy. Nothing contributes more toward alleviating domestic storms than a clear conscience.

Some men go abroad to complete their education and others marry for the same purpose.

Two or three of the revelers came of few words, but he is not always a average time for the runs being 32

Love may laugh at locksmiths, but

The landlord came grumbling in. it never smiles at the owner of a bicy-People who denounce the stage

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BLONDES ARE DYING OUT.

Fair-haired people are said to be Capital and labor would commingle | becoming less numerous than formerhands of the Croquet Club. But Char- he passed he heard Gordon's racking better if there weren't so many men ly. The ancient Hebrews were a fairhaired race; now they are, with few A southern railway has a female exceptions, dark. So it is in a lesser to a Kaffir groom, he passed on to the threatening in the moonlight. The train dispatcher. Nearly every small degree with the Irish, among whom was almost unknown.

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