Maida's

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Etc., Etc.

CHAPTER I.

For fifteen long years Hartleigh to bed. Hall had held its doors shut to friends and strangers alike; for fifteen long years a shadow had hovered over it, and the gloom of a dead past had filled it. The silence of a buried life had brooded there, and the people had learned to shun it. And now, of a sudden, the doors had been thrown open, and life and gayety, beauty and fashion thronged after a pause, which Guy occupied in its erstwhile gloomy chambers. Every window gleamed joyously with the warm blaze of light, and soft,

melting strains of music, mingled with the hum of sweet voices and the rustle of silks and satins; and white shoulders gleamed, and bright eyes flashed with Cupid's artillery, lawns and drives were gay drive-way crunched under spurning you guess?" hoofs and grinding wheels. And the gloom and silence of Hartleigh Hall do so. were driven away.

twenty years agone, and these were inheritance until my death." curious to see the changes time and sorrow had wrought in the man ful--' whose wild exploits had set the so-

And when they entered the drawing any good." Hartleigh gray-blue eyes and well- had not heard them, went on: formed mouth—a thorough specimen 'I have watched you carefully, and peared. Then again they searched, of old English nobility, who greeted I have so much confidence in you and again found her, only to be bafhis guests and welcomed them with that I do not now hesitate to ask of fled in the same way. Time and a courtliness which smacked of the you what, with another, I would manners of the old world that had make a condition of the bestowal of til it seemed to me she must be tryknown him as Mad Dick Hartleigh. this wealth." been closed to them for so many quick pride. years, but bore himself with the well "You would have resented the con- Now, she is dead." is doing: and with polished ease he made no effort to conceal. arm of his nephew, Guy Hartleigh, proud answer. as he went about introducing the young man and doing the honors of

the evening. tates. Guy was even less known than ask, as that I would grant, anytoo, had been spent near the Hall; honor." but since his boyhood he had visited 'It is true; but you must know the has disappeared again." the Hall only at stated intervals, request before you grant it."

saw that at a glance. He had in cle, there was one who needed his ment more than is necessary. I am full measure all the qualities for affection and support. He put his not only willing, I am eager to go." which his race had been famous. hand out with a frank, generous ges- "But, Guy, there is more to be carpets, furniture, bedding, etc., thor-Tall, stalwart, erect, and bold of ture, characteristic of him, and said." bearing as one of the ancient Vi- would have spoken; but the older kings, he was yet a patrician from man seemed to comprehend, for he the tawny hair of his head to the looked up with a smile as sad as it pression in Sir Richard's face. well-shaped feet which he used so was rare on his face, and taking the gracefully in the mazy windings of hand in both of his for a moment, the waltz. And, for all the strange- gave it a gentle pressure, which has?" ness of the gathering, he did not fail seemed to say, "I know what you to enter into the enjoyment of it would say, and I thank you." Then

The ball was a success, so every- to his feet, said, brokenly. body agreed. It was threatened to "Guy, you have known me as a ter the first feeling of wonderment at The cause you shall know." finding themselves in a house which He drew a tiny key from his pockmost of them had come to look up- et, and approaching what looked on as a tomb, they one and all like a large cabinet resting against abandoned themselves to the enjoy- the wall, inserted the key and unment of the occasion, and made the locked it. Two doors swung open, ous mirth.

It was three o'clock before the last guest left the Hall; and then the times had Guy stopped wonderingly tired servants hurried to extinguish before this seeming cabinet, but the lights on the lawn and in the never had he suspected what it realhouse, so that before Guy had re- ly was. He turned to Sir Richard turned after putting pretty Lady with a look of inquiry. Gladys into her carriage, he found "My wife," were the only words he himself, with something of the old spoke, and then turned away with boyish shudder, in the same gloomy such a look of agony on his face Hall of the past. His uncle, too, that Guy's kind heart went out to had disappeared; and Guy, with a him. shrug of his broad shoulders, told himself that, after the one gladdening glimpse of joyous life, the old cheerless life was to be taken up again. And if that were so, what looking up at the lovely face, which farther. At least, it shall not. not consent to bury himself there. as his uncle had done. He would in a trustful, tender way that bereturn to the Continent rather than spoke his confidence, in spite of the wife. And, uncle, I do it with a that; and with this thought in his have heard of her. By and by his giving." room and made his way to the library, where he could have a last ed him softly: smoke before retiring. A lamp was still burning in the library, and he false?" was about to light his cigar when a noise in the adjoining room attract- less way. ed his attention, and he turned his head to listen.

voice.

It was his uncle who had spoken. say 'love,' I mean all the word can to the teacher the following essay on The room was dark, and Guy won- mean. Adsration, worship, devo- the making of a British colony: dered what the old man was doing tion. I had been, as you have no Africa is a British colony. I will not be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard wild as few man and sold will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard wild as few man and sold will the sold will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard wild as few man and sold will the sold will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard wild as few man and sold will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard wild as few man and sold will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard wild as few man and sold will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard wild as few man and sold will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard wild as few man and sold will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard wild as few man and sold will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard wild as few man and sold will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard will be so objectionable, but it is one It was a sort doubt heard will be so objectionable.

up and smoke a cigar before going child."

> there is a candle there, bring that. Guy lighted his cigar, and, lifting the lamp, carried it into the gallery. His uncle sat in a great arm-chair with a weary, wistful expression in his usually stern, impassive face. He motioned Guy to a chair, and idly puffing the cigar smoke in circles from him, Sir Richard asked, abruptly, but not unkindly:

"Do you know why I gave this ball tonight, Guy?"

hearts were lost and won. And the your majority. Why should I wish with to introduce you now, more many colored lamps, and alive with three years ago, at the age when liveried servants; and the pebbled such things are commonly done-can

"No, sir; though I have tried to

"I know that, sir, and I am grate-

ber world agog. And others there now. Listen. The estate is a good her writing. I tore it open; I know sive measures are not inaugurated to numbers are not well ventilated. This which range from \$1,500 to \$4,000 just because it is live stock, but to were to whom he was only a name, one, and, by my will or not, you not what I thought to find in it; check its spread. There are three is especially true of places of amuseand they looked to see what manner will at my death be in possession of but, oh, great Heaven! it showed ways in which the germ of consump- ment. Workshops and schools should of man this was who had started life a fair income; but there is an im- her to me as white and spotless as tion may enter the human system: also receive more careful attention with almost unlimited wealth and a mense fortune, part of which I in- the angels themselves. She, who First, by being inhaled or breathed in this regard. It has been stated title that went back near a thousand herited and more of which I have had gone away in her innocence, into the lungs; second, by being eat- that the modern tendency to overyears; who had in his youth startled accumulated, which can be disposed knowing my furious anger and un- en with tuberculosis food; and third, heat private dwellings is very injur-England with his mad caprices, and of according to my own wish. I reasoning passion, had left that let- by the penetration of tuberculosis sub- ious to health. People should not who had lived a miserly recluse for have had you educated, and I have ter, hoping I would read it and fol- stances through a wound in the skin. breathe the suffocating air which fifteen years, only to end by opening always provided for you with the low ner for her forgiveness. I his magnificent mansion to feasting one idea of leaving to you this sought her then, but, alas! it was wealth, which has never done me too late. I hired three detectives to

room, what did they see? They saw Guy murmured something in the searched in vain; but at last they a tall, thin man, of perhaps fifty- nature of thanks for this promised were successful, and came upon her five years of age, with a clean-cut munificence; his uncle, however, took and her child in America. But just patrician face, distinguished by the no notice of his words, but, as if he as they were about to communicate

He was not a whit embarrassed; he "I am glad it is a request rather seek her myself, fearing, I know not did not explain why the Hall had than a condition," said Guy, with why, that if I did some dire misfor-

bred ease of the man who is aware dition, perhaps even refused it?' of nothing extraordinary in what he queried Sir Richard, with an anxiety with the assured step Guy had been feaned one white, thin hand upon the "I am a Hartleigh," was the almost totteringly. But it calmed tions on the part of the sanitary au-

"But the request?" "Is acceded to without hesitation. again: I make no reservation, for I know Heir as he was to the title and es- it is as little likely that you would

and for a brief period at these times. Sir Richard let his head fall upon and he spoke eagerly. His relations to the old man had his hand as he said this, and for "You will let me go for her? If the accidents of fortune and all the gay throng was more surprised than felt a new sentiment coming to life Where is she now?" he to see the old place radiant with in his generous young heart. It "In San Francisco. light and joyous with mirth and seemed to him that in the place of the hard, repellent old man he had Guy was a Hartleigh. Everybody accustomed himself to see in his un-

with all the zest and ardor of youth. he dropped it, and rising painfully

be stiff; but, as the little Lady silent, unloving man. A miser, some Gladys Vyner said, who could resist have called me; a misanthrope otthe infectious gayety of Guy Hart- hers. I have been neither, but a tify it." leigh? Nobody, apparently, for af- suffering, self-condemned wretch.

old walls ring again with their joy- and there was revealed to Guy's astonished eyes the portrait of a surpassingly beautiful woman. Many

He would have gone to his side and given him that silent sympathy Lady Gladys tonight." which men like, but felt that it would be wiser not; so he stood seemed to be smiling down at him, uncle returned to his side, and ask-"Could you believe her to be

"No," answered Guy, in his fear-

"Sit down. Twenty years ago today I married Constance Faulkrer. "Is that you, Guy?" demanded a She was young, and, as you see. rarely beautiful. I loved her, and I believed she loved me. And when I

there at such a time. It was a sort doubt heard, wild as few men are. tell you how England makes her col- of the most prolific means of propadae, I'll turn ye oot! there at such a time. It does not be such a time are tell you how England makes her color disconnected picture-gallery, and of disconnected picture-gallery, and of the said, with a sigh. "The name tells the story when the missionary has found a sigh. "The name tells the story when the missionary has found a specially beautiful and fertile tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the specially beautiful and fertile tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the specially beautiful and fertile tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the specially beautiful and fertile tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the specially beautiful and fertile tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the specially beautiful and fertile tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the specially beautiful and fertile tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the specially beautiful and fertile tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the specially beautiful and fertile tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the specially beautiful and fertile tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the specially beautiful and fertile tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the specially beautiful and fertile tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the specially beautiful and fertile tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the specially beautiful and fertile tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the specially beautiful and fertile tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the special tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the special tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the special tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the special tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the special tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the special tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the special tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the special tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the special tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the special tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the special tract dresses to wipe up and carry into the special tract dresses to er generations of the flartleighs.
"Come in here, Guy; I would like to say a few words to you if you are not too tired to talk with ree."

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Oh, he be involved the when all the equally divided between all it will be equally divided between all it w "Not at all. I was going to sit to we a sirl. We were very hap. . be British flag!

So happy that for five years we shut ourselves out from the world, content with each other; but then I one day met an old friend, one I had loved as Damon loved Pythias. invited him to the Hall, to renew the friendship of the old days. One day I returned unexpectedly to find him at the feet of my wife, speaking words of love to her. He slept not again in this house." The old man lowered his voice. "He went with me to France, and there I left him

dead. When I returned to my home, my wife was gone-my wife and my The prematurely gray head dropped "Bring your cigar in here; and if on the thin white hand, and the si-

> lence of anguish and despair fell up-Guy said not a word, but his broad chest rose and fell, and his eyes filled with a sympathetic moisture that did him honor. All the reserve and the coldness of the past melted away, and the young heart

and the old throbbed together. Presently the old man looked up with a pathetic smile and continued: "I did not seek to bring her back I doubted even that the child was mine. I asked no questions; I would were hers. I shut up the Hall and inhabitants. Each year the world "But you are three years past went abroad. Five years later I came back here, my heart hardened and full of scorn for myself. I went through the rooms, scoffing at my- plague. The interest in the them. I went even to her chamber, and tossed over the dust-covered articles on her toilet-table, trying to "You are heir to the title and es- make myself believe I did not care. low whisper, "as I turned over the laces and jewels that lay there I search for her, and for years they with her, she unaccountably disapagain the same thing happened, uning to elude me. I did not dare go!

> He arose and paced the floor, not scrupulousness of meat dealers, farso accustomed to see, but feebly and him, and in a few minutes he resumed his seat and took up the story likely to escape detection. For those

tune would befall her and the child.

"The child is found, a young wo- through weakened constitutions, the man now and it only remains to wisdom of preper physical exercise, bring her home. Home. Guy! Sir Richard, though his boyhood, thing that could not be done with dare not go, and every day I look strong food taken to the limit of difor a telegram saying that she, too

been of the coldest and most formal several minutes did not open his she disappears again I will trace her. acts of government." These celebratkind, never reaching the length of lips. There was so little of the old I will find her and bring her to you. ed words have a special meaning to affection, and always constrained. familiar firmness, and there was so It is what you would ask, is it not? those suffering with or predisposed To him the Hall had ever been an much of the depressed sorrow in his It is what I would do. Tell me to consumption. Families in which conawesome place, and no one of the uncle's tone and manner, that Guy what you know of her whereabouts. sumptives live should endeavor to

much to ask of you." "It is nothing. I shall be ready tionable odors to poison the air, nor

tomorrow. We will not delay a mo-

"More? What is it?" asked Guy, uneasily, for there was a strange ex-"Can you picture what my child must be, having led the life she

"But what does it matter? She is your daughter and my cousin. You doubt how I will receive one who is perchance, ignorant and uncouth? Doubt no longer. She is the victim of an injustice, and I, as well as you, will do what lies in me to rec-

you thought-do you-"

reserve, what is in your mind." place my daughter right before the

"And that is?" "By marriage with one who is her

then looked up with a frank smile. uncle said: "I understand you. This is the

"I noticed your attentions to the "She is pretty, and I was attracted. It might never have gone any will find your daughter, and, if she will have me, I will make her my

"Heaven bless you, Guy! I do not deserve this from you."

To be continued.

COLONIZING.

It was a boy at the St. Mary's Radcliffe School, Bristol, who handed in

SOME WELL-KNOWN FACTS ABOUT CONSUMPTION.

The Host Frequent Cause of Beatly in Ontario-Ways in Which the Germ Will Enter the System-Hints on the Prevention of Consumption.

The report of deaths in Ontario during March last, shows a total of 241 as compared with 2480 in February and 2330 in March, 1900. The increase is very difficult to combat: it is it costs the Hamburg line about of 81 over last year is even larger than it appears, for it represents reports from 87 per cent. of the population compared with 95 per cent. last the most prevalent, namely, con- every trip vapour representing year. Over 64. per cent. of the deaths from the principal contagious diseases during March resulted from relation to good health. Women es- sons when the cabins and the steerconsumption. This is now universally admitted to be the most frequent cause of death. About 8,000 Canadians annually are its victims. Eminent authorities claim that the yearly contribution of the United States "I understood it was to introduce not even look upon the things that to this scourge is over 150,000 of its yields up over 1.095,000; each day 3,000 of its people, as a sacrifice to this self, to see them just as she had left which is being waged against this disease is increasing very slowly. It has properly been called "The disease of the Masses" on account of its great Some there were there who had tate, but except at my will you And my heart was crying out all the prevalence among all classes of peo- Why should ladies' dresses be made to her officers and the chief engineer try to keep the lead in commercialknown the Mad Dick Hartleigh of could never enjoy a penny of your time! Guy," and his voice sank to a ple, and when it is known that ordindo the scavenger's dirty work? ary precautions of cleanliness and came upon a yellow, time-stained en- disinfection will curtail its ravages, "It is not for that I speak velope addressed to me. It was in it is very strange that more aggres- where people congregate in large! PREVENTION.

> The best medicine known to modern science is prevention. In fighting such a disease as consumption, too much importance cannot be attached to the necessity of keeping in good health and of nourishing the body well with good food, sunlight and fresh air. Tubexculosis or consumption is truly an infectious disease. but when its character is properly understood and intelligent precautions taken, it may readily be guarded against. To check it entirely requires the combined action of a wise Government, trained physicians and an intelligent people. The disease is altogether too frequently contracted through the carelessness of consumptives, or the unmers or dairymen, or through the bacilli that even with the best intenthorities and their co-workers are who are predisposed to this disease frequent bathing and abundance of gestive power is well understood. Lord Beaconsfield once said "that the Guy's handsome face lighted up, atmosphere in which we live has more to do with human happiness than all have the surroundings of the house But it is as sanitary as possible. They should never allow any dampness or objecshould healthy individuals be allowed to sleep in the rooms occupied by consumptives, without first having the oughly disinfected. Consumptives should have individual eating utensils which should be placed in boiling water after being used. Although tuberculosis is a communicable disease. it is distinctly preventable; that is to say, if we adopt simple and easily applied measures of cleanliness and

disinfection. THE GOSPEL OF CLEANLINESS. and his sleeping apartments are all "The White Plague." infected with disease germs, and he not only spreads the disease wherever he goes, but is in constant danger of re-infecting himself. He should see HE THOUGHT IT WAS A TROMto it that he does not endanger the lives of his fellow-man. If he expectorates in a receptacle intended for the purpose, which may be crematthe most uncleanly habits indulged his pocket, and began screwing them in by some people, viz., spitting in together. public places. Many people spit anywhere, everywhere and always. If process was completed, and then, the habit were only filthy, it would stealthily going up, he whispered;

ners of hotels and private dwellings. should cease if we ever hope to check the ravages of such diseases as con-

sumption. KEEP IN GOOD HEALTH.

A perfectly healthy man or woman s in very little danger of contracting that dread disease known as consumption or tuberculosis. Their powers of resistance are such that the germ is killed or thrown off, but evprecautions and avoid becoming in- does pay, and pays well, in the seafected. The disease manifests itself son when traffic is the heaviest on in so many different ways that it the Atlantic. It is estimated that found in the throat, in the bones, \$45,000 to run the Deutschland in the bowels, in the joints, in the across seas. The largest item of eximbs, in the form of his disease and pense is that of coal. She sends in many other forms, in addition to through her four monumental funnels sumption of the lungs. Too little \$5,000. Then there is the bill for emphasis has been put upon the im- lubricating oil, and the cost of the portance of comfortable clothing, in ship's immense laundry. In the seapecially should be careful to wear age are crowded, the ship's washing clothing which will permit free and usually consists of nearly 24,000 deep respiratory movements. They pieces, including table linen, blankshould be comfortable in every par- ets, sheets and the coats of the stewhow many millions of dangerous ba- which have electric laundries. cilli and micro-organisms are gath-

comes from the ordinary hot-air furnace. There should always be a constant inflow of pure air into the living and sleeping rooms. If people would sleep with their windows open it is probable that the death rate from consumption would be reduced

at least 25 per cent. As an illustration of the beneficial effects from fresh air during sleeping hours, may be cited an instance of the principal of one of the leading colleges of Toronto who was suffering | DEGENERATION OF THE FRENCH. from overwork and general debility who left his bed one sultry night last summer and stretched himself on a cot out on his verandah. He felt so much better in the morning that he decided to spend the next evening in the same place. He has continued the practice not only through the summer and fall months, but every night in spite of the winter's storm and oitter cold. The result is that now he enjoys robust health and is doing more work with greater ease than was ever possible during his prev-

ious history. keep in good health. CONSUMPTION AND DISSIPATION.

"dissipated," meant "dizzy-pated," which was his way of emphasizing of workers. an important hygienic truth. To That there are Frenchmen who come as soon as the public attention weaken one's system through any realize this declining tendency is ap- is drawn to the advantage of keeping form of dissipation is practically sui- parent from the occasional efforts to cide. It is difficult enough to sustain reverse the tide, as when the Govgood health with the best of care; ernment has been urged to give a yet, many people keep very late hours, bonus to persons who marry, to deny themselves adequate rest, gorge place a prohibitory tax on bachelorthemselves with indigestible food, poi- hood, to bestow prizes on the mothson their systems with spirituous ers of twins, etc. To promote mardrinks and destroy their physical vitality through participation in all A modern scientist has said that the sorts of questionable amusement and grade of civilization of any people can actual vice. If one were anxious to be accurately measured by the am- prepare his system for the germs of ount of soap they use. The truth he tuberculosis or consumption, it would wished to emphasize is that as peo- | be difficult for him to select a more "Ah, Guy; as noble as a Hartleigh! ple go towards cleanliness, they as- direct method. The disease germs do It applies to you as it never did to cend the scale of civilization. To be not fasten themselves readily upon me. But have you considered-have absolutely clear in one's person and healthy organs, especially when they to live in clean and wholesome sur- are supported by pure and strong "You hesitate. Tell me without roundings is the greatest safeguard blood, but they make disastrous inagainst contagious and infectious dis- roads upon weakened organisms when "Guy, there is but one way to eases. This is especially true with re- the system is, for any reason, in an ference to consumption or pulmon- enfeebled condition. Alcoholism is reary tuberculosis. The consumptive in- sponsible for predisposing a great dividual even at a period when he is many cases to pulmonary consumpnot confined to his bed may expection. Even the children of alcoholic torate enormous quantities of bacilli. parents are particularly susceptible Guy looked down as if studying If this expectoration or spittle is care- to tubercular diseases. Those who the full meaning of the words, and lessly deposited here and there so plunge into all forms of dissipation that it has an opportunity to dry become exceedingly careless as to and putting both hands out to his and become pulverized, the least draft | their personal habits, particularly or motion of the air may cause it with reference to cleanliness. This to mingle with the dust and thus condition makes them doubly susceprequest, that I marry your daugh- prove a means of infecting those who | tible and at the same time highly danare temporarily or permanently en- gerous to those with whom they feebled. Such a condition may be in- come in contact. Dissipation means herited from parents, or acquired weakness, weakness means disease and through alcoholism or drunkenness disease means death. A note of warnor through intemperate habits, or ing cannot be sounded too loudly or through privation or disease. The too long to this generation to abconsumptive, if he is careless, may stain from weakening the body and soon find that his clothes, his hands thus avoid becoming the victim of

To be Continued.

A parish beadle was lately much exercised at the appearance of a ed after use, he reduces this danger strange old gentleman, who, when the to a minimum. In this connection, we sermon was about to begin, took an desire to direct attention to one of ear-trumpet, in two parts, out of

BONE.

The beadle watched him until the

EXPENSES OF OCEAN LINERS.

Deutschland.

It was printed frequently just after the swift Cunarders came out that they were not paying ships. This was believed by representatives of the German lines, but it is not so The sea express, even so mighty a

gets a bonus. The British lines think this system of reward has a endency to make commanders more careful. The pay of an engineer on the German lines ranges from \$1,200 to about \$2,500 a year. The pay of the British engineer does not differ materially from these figures, but he also receives a bonus if his engines run without accident during the

Rapid Decline in the Vitality of the Republic Alarms Frenchmen.

A few years ago that volatile and of identifying criminals and expert says that flocks of a hundred or witness in the Dreyfus case) emitted doleful cry which should have startled his countrymen. He ex- soon become a common adjunct to the early extinction; that in 1859 the the full limit of the ability to feed long declining birth rate had fallen Those who are predisposed through | below the death rate, and that there | weakened constitutions to disease had been an actual loss of popula- discover the value of a flock in two should spend the greater portion of tion. From the beginning of the past | ways, one for the direct profit of the their time in the open air. As an century the birth rate of France had sheep, and the other as sustenance to occupation, farming and gardening been steadily falling, while there had the fertility of the land, they will cannot be recommended too highly, been no appreciable decline in that drop into the habit and every farm In fact, the trend of the population of the other European nations. The will have its flock. Then the sheep from the country to the city should French tongue had ceased to be the will become a constant part of the be reversed and people would pro- language of diplomacy and of polite farm stock, and gradually the numlong their lives and increase their en- society in other lands. Although at ber of sheep kept will increase to the joyment if they would spend more the beginning of the war of 1870 easily managed proportion of at least time in the fields and woods study- France and Germany had the same four or five to every cultivated acre. ing Nature's necrets and learning the number of soldiers, in 1895 Germany | The present bugbear of the predatory first principle of life, namely, how to was able to put in the field twice as | dog will then cease to be any obstacle, many men as France could command. M. Bertillion also noted that there had been a corresponding fail-It was Joseph Cooke who said that ure to increase the value of French exports because there was no growth | suitable dogs instead of the miserable

riage (and especially the union of men and women of superior physique), the late Count de Pierrecourt has left to his native city of Rouen francs, on condition that every year shall marry each other.

DANGER AHEAD!

charged before a magistrate with churned more than this it will be imstealing a pair of trousers. The possible to get the butter evenly evidence against him not being washed and salted without spoiling strong enough to convict him, he the grain. When a piece of good was acquitted, after a patient inves- butter is broken, it should have the tigation of the case. The accused, appearance of broken cast iron, and however, to the surprise of every- not the salvy, greasy-looking article body, remained in the dock.

did not understand the magistrates right size the butter-milk should be decision, the lawyer who had been de- drained off, and the butter thoroughfending him told him he was at lib- ly washed with pure, clean water, erty to go about his business, if he at a temperature of 59 to 6) degrees had any. The man, however, shook Fahrenheit. This should be conhis head slightly, but did not move. | tinued until the water coming from "You are discharged. Why don't the butter ceases to have a milky apyou go?" asked the lawyer. By this time the court was nearly

empty, and the accused, leaning forward, whispered to his defender; I can't leave the dock till all the witnesses against me are gone. Why? asked the man of law,

Because of the trousers, answered the other. Don't you understand? Most certainly I do not! said the solicitor. What about the trousers? Only, this, sir-I've got them on!

THE OPTIMIST. When I am in the dentist's chair I do not make a fuss; I thank my lucky stars I'm not

A hippopotamus. When careless porters smash my trunk, But mentally I say I'm glad

I'm not an elephant. When my new shoes are hard and



BREED THE BEST OF LIVE STOCK.

While I am financially interested in Shorthorn cattle and studied them more closely than any other kind of farm stock and believed them to be the par excellence of farmers' cattle for use on our farms by the small farmer with his two or more cows, as well as for the breeder who has his hundreds, and the western ranchman with his thousands, writes Mr. W. R. Wills. While I believe this to be true, I can see value in all other breeds of cattle, horses, hogs, sheep, mules and poultry. I have my pets and my opinions and want every other man to have his. I believe the time is now here when farmers should use pedigreed or thoroughbred males all the time and I believe that they ticular. Again, ladies cannot be told ards. The laundry bills for a single should start with the kind that they too often to abandon the unhygienic trip vary according to the number like the best and try to improve their fashion of trailing dresses, at least of passengers carried, from \$300 to stock by breeding to the same kind in the street. They should be brave \$500. There are only two ships in every time. Then they will become and show the world that they care the service that do their washing thoroughly acquainted with their more for their own health and the aboard-the cruising yacht Prinzes- peculiarities and know how to breed welfare of others than for the dic- |sin Victoria Luise and the excursion | better farm stock. While I believe tates of fashion. When one considers steamship Auguste Victoria, both of in Shorthorns, I do not wish to quarrel with those who do not. There Next to the cost of coal is the ex- is room for all the improved breeds ered up with the dust and brought penditure for wages. The board of in this country. They have a misinto the house by this unhealthy mode the Deutschland's crew of 557 per- sion to perform; that is to extermof dress, further argument is hardly sons, the cost of providing her 700 inste the scrub, because he is unnecessary to prove that the wearing or more cabin passengers with profitable and he is ungainly and not help to swell the list of expenses. ism is to seek to breed the best of The question of ventilation should The commanders of the German ships all kinds of live stock and breed it so receive far more attention than is receive more pay than those of either generally that we can raise it cheapgiven it at present. Most buildings the American or British lines. er than the nations of Europe car a year, they have a share in the help us make the farm pay, for the earnings of their ships. On the profit there is in it, and as the pro-British lines the captains receive fit is much greater in any of the imfrom \$1,500 to \$6,000 a year with- proved or thoroughbred stock we out perquisites. If, at the end of should all work together to rout the year, a British commander's scrub. Most all farmers have a ship has met with no accident, he longing for the things beautiful about them and especially when they can make the farm pay better by having beautiful things about them, and what is more beautiful than fine horses, fine cattle, fine hogs, fine sheep and fine poultry, and having all of one kind, not mongrels. The very best is none too good for the farmer. The time has now come when on our high priced lands the farmer cannot afford to handle the scrub stock, but to breed the very best and then take good care of it.

> WHAT AN OLD SHEEP GROWER SAYS.

A sheep breeder and grower of long and patriotic French statistician experience gives some good thoughts Jules Bertillion (author of a system on keeping sheep and the profit. He more, in some cases less, must very claimed that the French people and farm, there is profit in the large the French language were doomed to flocks sufficient to keep these up to them. But as soon as the farmers for if in no other way this will come in this, that if the large majority of farmers keep sheep, every one will take the sufficient care to keep only mongrels kept now. This will sheep, and it becomes a habit of keeping dogs, every one of which is supported at the cost of keeping of at least five sheep. And when this fact becomes generally recognized the sheep keeping habit will be general.

CHURNING ADVICE.

Cream should be churned ut as low a temperature as possible and his entire fortune of ten million have the butter come in from onehalf to one hour. Warm cream and a bonus of \$20,000 shall be given to rapid churning mean a large quantity the tallest man and woman who of butter lost in the buttermil's, as well as soft butter, which is hard to handle after it comes. The churn should be stopped when the butter is in a granular condition, about one-A knavish-looking fellow was once twelfth of an inch in diameter. If that we often see at the store. When Thinking he could not hear, or the butter granules have reached the

TOLD OF THE MARINES.

A marine captain, desiring to reprimand some chronic growlers in his corps, arranged for complaints to be made after morning parade. During parade, having previously noted the grumblers, he ordered them to tighten their helmet chin-straps by four links. Of course they obeyed. When complaint time came the men could not open their mouths!

Faith, the cap'n's an aisy man intirely, said one, whose sense of fun was proof against tightened straps, givin' us iv'rything we ast for the

An orderly officer, on a day when chin-strapa were loose, asked the

stereotyped question: Any complaints? Yes, sir, the spuds ain't done, ans-

wered the marine. What? said the subaltern. The spuds, sir, repeated the man.