# THE SWITCH TENDER.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* (From the French of Francois Coppece.) , ahead as we are." Her Majesty the Sueen of Bohemiathere is always a kingdom of Bohemia hour here in this weather? Why, the for the convenience of story-tellers- water-bottles are stone cold!" was travelling most modestly and strict. "But what can we do, sir? They have ly incognito under the name of the telegraphed to Tonnerre for a snow-Countess of the Seven Castles and ac- plough. But, as I said, we won't move companied only by old Baroness de Geor- from here for an hour." genthal, lady of the bedchamber, and

Gen. Horschwitz, her gentleman usher. and the furs which were piled around her the queen felt cold and, tired of her novel and the General's continued knit- queen. ting-for the old soldier was an expert | The general understood that the mo-

in the very middle of the winter, on a to him in a whisper. trip to Paris to see her mother, when | "But I couldn't do anything if it was she had only to wait till the spring, the Grand Mogul himself," replied the when her mother would have joined her guard. "Still, I think the switch tender at home. The queen was accustomed to lives somewhere near, and he ought to consult only her immediate wishes, and have a fire, if the lady wouldn't mind regardless of the thermometer being 10 walking a step or two. Here, Sabatier!' degrees below zero she shook up the A second lantern approached. Baroness from her rheumatism and her warm seat by the fire and summoned fire in his house." thegeneral, to his despair, for he was | Fortunately, he did have. The genobliged to leave a magnificent afghan eral was more delighted than if he had which he was knitting for his daughter | won a battle or finished the last strip of and glory of earth for what are called and take only a modest pair of stock- his famous afghan. ings to beguile the weariness of the jour- He returned to the compartment, made stant, so continualy in progress in all

Europe was covered with snow, but at | their feet to get off the snow that had even to criticise it. Certainly objection last they were reaching their destina- accumulated beneath their shoes, stood has very little effect, for example, on tion. They had had a hasty supper at | before a glowing fire in the little house the complete reduction of the great Nia-Macon, and now, although the hot bot- while the switch tender piled the dry logs gara waterfall to dribbling thin streams tles were scarcely warm and outside the apon the flames. big flakes were falling fast, the Baroness and the General, in their corners, dreamed contentedly of their arrival in Paris, where the old lady would perform a little special devotion and the whitehaired | gloves and looked about her. soldiers would repair to a certain shop of wools and yarns where he could match shades to perfection. The queen, however, was not so con-

into the blackness of the night, listening wearily to the rattling and grinding of wheels on the rails. In memory she was living over her short life, the poor little queen, and she felt that no one was so unhappy as she,

Her thoughts went back first to the time when she had a little Princess, short and plump, with red hands, playing with rer twin sister, the sister whom she loved so dearly and who resembled her so closely that they had always been obliged to wear different colored ribbons to distinguish them. This was before the insurrection had overturned the throne of her parents, and she had loved the calm, peaceful atmosphere of the little Count of Olmutz, where etiquette was tempered with good-natured fellowship,

This was during the days of her father's reign, good King Louis V., whose custom it had been to walk unescorted across the royal park, dressed in his court clothes, to the little Chinese pavilion, covered with woodbine and honeysuckle, where he drank his cup of afternoon coffee with his sister and watched the river, like a necklace of gleaming silver at the foot of autumn colored

Then came her marriage and the great ball of the presentation on the beautiful July evening when, through the open windows she had heard the murmur of conservatory with the young king!

She loved him already: she had loved him from the first instant she had looked at him, as he advanced toward her, so graceful and proud in his blue uniform, of my work . with the diamond orders glittering on his

become my wife?

triumph and enthusiasm. Alas! so brief a period of happiness. and then her joy had fled forever. Then |

she learned what everyone else had known-that Ottokar had no real fove for her and that he had deceived her con-Something seemed to freeze then in her

heart, something that never melted even at the sight of her son, the little Vladislas, who was only a miniature copy of his father. Besides, she never had him to herself. There was always a swarm of duennas

and stately nurses with enormous bonnets hovering around the royal cradle. and whenever the queen wished to inquire for her son and embrace him a little, she was solemnly informed, "His Royal Highness has coughed a little today," or "His Royal Highness is suffering from his teeth." There was always a barrier raised between them. No, she could not stand it any longer;

life was too bitter. She had obtained permission from the king to go and see her mother, the queen of Moravia, now exiled in Paris, and there she would ery out all her grief in her mother's arms, Only she had been obliged to leave her baby, for the tradition of the Bohemian court forbade that the Crown Prince

should travel without his father. Suddenly the queen awoke from her revery. What had happened? For some

the night? The baroness and the general awoke abruptly, vaguely anxious. The latter,

stopping for?" he demanded.

"What! Will we have to spend an

The man disappeared with his lantern, i "Gracious! Such a thing is abominable! In spite of the hot stones at her feet Your Majesty will certainly take cold," complained the baroness, shivering. "I am chilled through now," replied the

with wools-she rubbed impatiently at | ment had come to be heroic. Wrapping the frosty window to see what was his coat tightly around him, he jumped from the compartment, landing in a drift It was a sudden and irres:stible ca- of snow to his knees, and once more stopprice which had started her majesty, ped the man with the lantern. He spoke

"Go and see if the switch tender has a Blighting Touch of Commercialism De-

known the result of his search, and a mo- quarters, that it seems mere folly to There is, perhaps, no disease so sur The travelling had been hard, for all ment later the three travellers, stamping interpose for a moment a protest, or

> The queen took her seat close to the ledges over rocks revealed ni their ruin, grateful warmth, and, throwing her rich all the mystery dispelled of their cavcape over the back of the little straw- erns beneath the veil, and their poetry bottomed chair, she pulled off her long transmitted to mere mill races and over-

was rough and uneven, bunches of onions it is easily calculable, and has in fact hung from the blackened rafters, an old been calculated, that the grandeur of gun was suspended by two nails above the falls will in a few years have been the fireplace and a few flowered plates quite destroyed. The money fever has Feverish and shivering beneath her stood on a table against the wall. But done it, and the objectors are met with wonderful cape of blue fox, her head, the young queen's atention was fixed the superior statements that to make with its wealth of straw-colored hair upon a cradle of wicker work, half hid- more power for manufacturers and furtumbling from beneath her dark hat, rest. den by the curtains of the big bed, nish more electric light and trolley faing on her arm, she was staring ahead from which came the cooing of an awak- cilities for cities is more important than perament of the animal; the lively the weeping of both men and women

and turned to the cradle, rocking it, one of the wonders of the world.

"Go to sleep again, little one, go to sleep. There's nothing to be afraid of; this guise, and have journeyed far to about without fixed purpose, hiding in these are some friends of papa's." this man with the hardened skin and the bald pate of St. Peter, the bristly moustaches of an old soldier and the two deep lines which told of sorrow. "Is that your little daughter," demanded the queen, interested.

"Yes, madame, it is my little Cecile. She will be 3 years old next month." "But has she no mother," inquired her majesty, hesitating, and as the man shook his head. 'You are a widower?" But he shook his head again,. Then the queen, much touched, rose from her seat and approached the cradle. The little girl had fallen asleep again, hugging a wooden dog tightly to her breast. "Poor child," she murmured.

"Is it not sad, madame?" said the switch tender, in a heavy voice, which broke slightly, "She could not have had much heart, a mother who would leave her baby at that age. But, after all, it is my own fault that she left

"I did wrong to have married a girl so much younger and gaver than I-but I the gathering crowd in the brightly il- loved her so-and I should not have left luminated gardens. How she had trem- her to go alone to the city. But how

breast. After the first waltz Ottokar had her crying and hungry when I hear the ravages of trap-rock quarrymen, for animals are similar to those in the spent money on it and advanced the stature. taken her arm and led her into the long. train whistle-but during the daytime the mere purpose of making roads, dog. cool corridor, where they had sat down she is as good as gold, the little jewel, That roads must be made is true Bites upon the hands, face or other forth. together beneath a spreading palm, and I can take her with me and she enuogh, but there are many places exposed parts of the body are more then he had looked deep into her eyes, never gives a cry when the engines come where the material can be obtained likely to result disastrously than those thundering along. "Princess, will you do me the honor to | "Yesterday I held her with one arm none of these will serve because certain flow of blood from a bite must also

while I turned the switch with the other contractors own the right to rob the She had blushed and looked down as hand, and she only trembled when the she replied in a voice which she tried in express went by. But the hardest part, spot for transportation. So that while vain to render natural: "Yes, sire!" and I you see, is to make her dresses and bonin the ballroom the orchestra breathed | nets. It's a good thing I got acquainted the notes of the wild march, a paen of with needles and threads while I was a eorporal in the Zouaves." "But that is too difficult for you, my

man," said the queen. "Listen, I should like to help you. There must be a village near by, with some good woman in it who would take charge of your daughter. It it is only a question of money-" But the switch tender shook his head.

"No, no madame, although you are very kind. I am not proud, and I would accept anything gladly that would help my little Cecile-but I can never let her be separated from me; never. Not even. for an hour." "But why?"

'Why?" replied the man, sorrowfully. Because I will trust no one but myself to teach this child to be what her mother never was-a good woman. But pardon, will you be so good as to rock Ceeile for a moment? They need me on the road." No one ever knew what the young Queen of Bohemia was thinking about on that winter night, when for nearly an hour, she rocked the cradle of the switch tender's daughter. At last, when door opened and the guard came to say that the train was once more ready to start, her majesty laid her pocketbook, full of gold pieces in one corner of the

of violets from her belt. The General had barely time to match his wools when they finally arrived in moments the train had been gradually Paris, for scarcely had they reached adam, though they cannot supply the slowing its speed and now it had stopped there when the queen turned around glory of the earth. However that may a model helpmate that his legal spouse bealtogether. What did it mean; stopping and went home. After this she rarely here in the open fields, in the middle of went away again, but spent all her time devoting herself to her son's education. The withered governesses and stately

nurses whose large bonnets cast so wide ture's loveliness will be checked in lesser catching sight of the lantern of a guard, a shadow over the young prince's baby- places. sprang from his seat and put his head | hood became mere sinecurists, And if

"What has happened? What are we little Vladilas grows up, he will be what tracts, and sometimes there is a result "What has happened? What are we fittle vinding good king. Ike the Mount Tom, Greylock and Wastopping for?" he demanded.

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was the reply. "We are stalled here for mother on the good trains of Bohemia doom.—Springfield Republican.

"Step for the steps of the altar he per can be, a good king. Iike the Mount Tom, Greylock and Wastopping for?" he demanded.

Already at the age of five, he is very chusett reservations in this State. But unprepossessing appearance, who was the reply. "We are stalled here for popular and when he travels with his dentily not averse to the proceedings—sat on a stool at her feet. Blds came briskly, and Journal. an hour or more; can't possibly get mother on the good trains of Bohemia doom.-Springfield Republican.



Mr. Sinclas (who has just been knocked down)-Whaffo yo' do

Mr. Plunkot-Yo done ben an' tol' lies about me. Mr. S.-'Taint so! Dat's mah twin bruvver Rufus. Mr. P.-Well, yo' look 'nough lak him to desarbe a lickin'

and sees, standing by the door of the royal compartment, a switch tender with a baby on one arm and a flag in the other hand, at a sign from his mother, the young prince always blows the little

## MARK OF THE DOLLAR.

stroying Natural Beauties.

The despoilment of the natural beauty purposes of utility is so common, so confrom a narrowing and shallowing bed of flows. The mill races are now as much It was the room of a peasant. The floor in evidence as the falls themselves, and to retain the merely picturesque and The switch tender hastily left his fire poetic which have made this cataract morose; the unaffectionate may

have counted on seeing Niagara in is apt to be great restlessness, moving do so; we remember the eloquent de secluded spots, starting suddenly His was the voice of a good father, scription of Chateaubriand of the magnificence of the waterfall in the eyes following phantom objects, A wilderness-fancy sketch though it was | praved appetite is usually present; the from the mere allusoins of La Salle animal not only licks stones, metals and the pioneers of New France. We and other cold objects, but he chews ishes recall the high thought it has touched, and swallows all sorts of foreign for centuries, and the noble paintings objects, sticks, stones, straws, paper by great artists. We go on to con- pins, nails, etc. Any such symptoms sider that these things, and what they as these should be looked upon with coasts they built prisons of wood. represent-the divine marvel and in- suspicion in infected districts, and warspiration of the soul in the presence of | rant immediate isolation and strict mighty forces and consummate beauty | quarantine. pressions of something much greater two very definite characters, which has red. than all devices for money making, and helpless; there is no desire, and ger than all the fortunes that may | themselves In the furious form the us in fires of sulphur. as we observe the power of the donar goes on to the next object, unless the gins to bloom. to convert to private profit the right attack is returned. He may run for

> result of this tendency without ruining great scenic beauty, inflicted through the clothing. A free public at this particularly convenient infection. at some parts of the palisades the work has been checked by the States of New York and New Jersey, it was not until familiar and historic points had been blasted to fragments, and that imposing cliff face scarred for generations-and at other points the ravage is still going

when the same pocket greed has been allowed to ruin one of the most inter esting spots of beauty in our own neighborhood-the Notch of the Holyoke range, now disfigured by stone crushers, which have already cracked into macadam the talus that it took a hundred thousand years to accumulate at the foot of the volcanic cliffs, and to cover with shrubs and flowers, ferns and through the defile? There is a traprock crusher on the west side of Mount cliffs which make that range one of the most excellent presentments of the way of nature in making the earth that we can have. All these places of beauty go because some man can make a dollar and a half-and at the expense of his fellow beings. Will there ever come a wicker cradle, and beside them a bunch time when the benefit of all will preserve beauty for all, and give to us a humbler source of supply? For there are lesser heights enough to supply macbe, it is sure that since Niagara Falls is gan to regret the transaction and made admost vani to hope tha the ruin of na-

# HOW TO TELL A MAD DOG.

Symptoms of Rabies Described by an Expert. At the quarterly meeting of the Mas-

sachusetts Association of Boards of Health recently at Hotel Brunswick Dr. Langdon Frothingham of the Harvard Medical School presented a paper on rabies. He said in part: "I believe that Aristotal was the first

observer who left to the world a careful description of rables. This was 400 years before the Christian era. There rounded by myth and superstition. Rabies is an acute infection which may affect all animals, and even birds. 1 know of no warm-blooded animal which is naturally immune, but it is most common in dogs. The saliva of this animal carries the infection and it is therefore, transmitted by his bite. He is a bitter. He bites without provocation and without discrimination. There is no other animal with so many objectionable habits, that is permitted such unbridled liberty. He walks about unmuzzled, unrestrained and unaccompanied, and often unlicensed and own-

The symptoms of rabies in a dog are manifold. The first that is noticeable is a marked change in the natural temamiable dog, may become come fawning and demonstrative; the We reflect upon the thousands that noisy, silent; the silent, noisy. There listening to imaginary noises, or the

oined, will always remain as ideal ex- The symptoms then assume one of veritable values of the soul. The dollar | dogs and other animals. He bites with | abuse; they treated without mercy. possession of beauty by the people, we miles. Not uncommonly the dog acts are at no loss to recommend as if endeavoring to remove a bone or degradation of the national life as a other foreign body from his throat.

We hear now of the destruction usually first observed about the mouth, not equal in value to the half of the officers, Messrs. Oloufsen and Philipsen, bled when they had left her alone in the could I dream that she would leave her which railroad companies are wreaking The lower jaw hangs partly open, limp smallest copper cash. in the Delaware Water Gap, one of and helpless; there is no desire and The eighth month is the month when "Was it not cruel? Well, it means that the most nobly impressive scenic won- probably no ability to bite. One can the cinnamon sheds its sweetness. I shall have to bring her up all alone, ders of the country. It cannot be never forget the truly pitiful face, the poor little thing. It is hard, too, because stopped, for there is money in it, hind legs, and advancing forward Chamber of Commerce is one who bears what they say. In parts of the Pamirs, it There have been attempts to save the there is complete prostration and death the name Tseng Seu Ching. This man the very animals of the district, wild and "Often in the evening I have to leave palisades of the Hudson from the in a few days. The symptoms in other planned a most civilized method, he domestic, are correspondingly diminutive in

be looked upon as a safeguard against

### WIVES SELL HUSBANDS. Many Instances in Which Women Have Disposed of Their Spouses.

During the recent hearing of a case at Paddington Police Court, Sydney, New South Wales, it transpired that the plainting But why should we go so far afield, had sold her husband, against whom she was now proceeding for using threatening language, to a lady to whom she had given an agreement "not to in any way hereafter molest the buyer or take any proceedings against her or join her in any proceedings in any court of lay or equity." Tue document went on to state: "In the event of any breach of this agreement by me I do hereby bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators to pay the said

purchaser the sum of £500 as and for liquidated damages." Despite this being quly signed and witnessed, the defendant's solimosse that delighted the eyes and citor alleged that the wife had repented hearts of everyone who drove or walked of the transaction and was taking proceedings for a judicial separation. The summons was eventually dismissed. At Munich recently a woman sold ler Tom that has for years been eating up husband, good looking, ne'er-do-well, and the talus and undermining the superb was pleased enough with her bargain until on a distant relative's death, he came into a considerable fortune. Then she attempted to resume her marital rights, but she was so effectually resisted by her ex-husband's present possessor that she resolved to have recourse to the law's intervention. To tais end she consulted a lawyer, only to find tion that, through some technical flaw, her own marriage was illegal, and her claims on her husband, whose laziness and intemperauce seemed incorrigible, to the proprietress

man and fortune consequently invalid.

For 100 francs a Parisian inundress sold to his little girl to play with. The child ored by the father, the girl repeatedly of a rival estableshment. Under the new regime, however, the man was compelled to turn over a new leaf, and soon became such vances to regain possession. These the purand disappear into tradition, it is al- from the seller to her husband, repaired to the former's house with a stick, which she wielded with such vigor that the viching series reached the ears of a passing po-

liceman whose authoritative appearance put words together, with some indica-

if mature, widow, with whom he left the hostelry, evidently on the best of stowed on him. the man must have had five shillings and a gallon of gin. A slightly better price was paid for a Southampton man, who in 1801 was sold by his wife, a Mrs. Bruce, at an inn in tas Hampshire town. He was fastened around the neck with a halter, which was held by his wife, who, having assured those present that her husband was faithful, industrious and reasonably sober, invited bids. These came briskly, a guinea and a bottle of brandy ultimately placing the husband in posof the proprietress of a chandler's

the man was ultimately knocked down to s

At Manchester a few years previously a man named Price was sold in the market place by his wife, who, to stimulate the bidments, whereof the wide range extended from bootmaking to flute playing. This admirable Crichton was the object of a keen contest and it was not until a guinea, a new dress and a pair of fowls had been bid that he was knocked down.—Tit Bits.

## AS THE CHINESE SEE IT.

Circular Issued in Shanghai Urging Boycott of American Goods.

This is a translation of a circular issued in Shanghai in connection with the Chinese boycott on American goods: The first month of the year is frag-

rant with the fragrance of the plum tree On the western side of the world there

In that sea there is set the country of the flowery banner. are people to-day who deny its existence. The affairs of that country are con-The second month is beautiful with

the beauty of the flower of the red

We men of China who went forth to labor suffered many hardships. We successfully opened many mines of silver and gold. For the American people we built and completed all the roads where rails are

The third month opens with opening dies and shift his pain from one place to of the flower of the peach tree. The men of the labor unions, forget ting the work we had done in the past, devised other and newer ways.

They consumed with fire the streats of Dong Sung Ka. They burnt us natives of China until was pitiful to hear.

The fourth month is the month of all est word in any language was equanimity. the flowers and plants and harbs. We too, have been sent into the world by Heaven; why should the treatment;

The fifth month is the month

As for the men of the labor unions of America they carried out the scheme | Imity, work and love! of injustice they had planned; on their In them they confined us, the natives

The seventh is the month in which the flower of the lily takes on its line of

After taking us into the prisons of and in their essence must endure lon- "dumb" rabies These terms explain wood which they had built, they scorched be made from them. Then we say, dog tends to roam and bite everything Officials of all grades and students of

this practical age is mistaking the that comes in its path more especially all ages received the same measure of has become dominant over the idea, and out preliminary snarl or growl, arnd In the seventh month the hyacinth be Hardships such as these we have suf-

fered for more than twenty years. It is a great pity that we men of China whose numbers are ten thousand The bumb or paralytic symptoms are times ten thousand four times over are

righteous cause, and his fame has gone

yellow chrysanthemum. Let us all assemble together and discuss its details. It is best not to use American goods, teus are said to infest the hills.

beautiful flowers become green. We advise you men and women, and children of China, if you want to eat your rice in the future in peace to at tend to realize the importance of this In the eleventh month the flower of

the reed is blown about by the wind. We all of us must remember and not forget too soon the Pin Head Cigaretes and scented soap of the American Trad-Furthermore let us remember not to

again use the American piece goods. In the twelfth month the flower of the binds are many. All you gentlemen who have listened to my song be civilized and retaliate.

Do not learn or imitate the barbarous way of the Boxers of Pekin. If we do not act which is wrong or mischivous we shall eat our bitterress.

# Crow Taught to Talk by Child.

George Noyes, a quarryman who re sides in Winslow Mills, in Waldoboro, has a young crow that not only can talk but is really quite fluent in conversa- our Geneva correspondent. Mr. Noves captured him about a year

ago, and clipped his wing and gave him noticed that the crow, in making the unmusical croak natural to him, plainly articulated words he had heard often. taken with his education.

his little mistress. He is beginning to which would ruin his life. tion that he comprehends their meaning.

a stool at her feet. Blds came briskly, and Journal.

By Elbert Hubbard

and in fact, never missed a meal through inability to eat. As for the author of "A Message to Garcia," he holds, conteriously. to the idea that the hot pedaluvia and smarl doses of hop tea will cure most atiments that are curable, and so far all of his own ails have been curable,-a point be can

value of the pedaluvia lies is tendency to equalize circulation, not to mention the little matter of sanitation; and the efficacy of the hops lies largely in the fact that they are bitter. Both of these prescriptions give the patient the soothing thought that something is being done for him, and at worst can never harm

My father and I are not fully agreed on all of life's themes, so existence for us never resolves itself into a dull, neutral gray. We have daily resorts to logic to prove prejudices, and history is ransacked to bolster the preconceived, but on the following points we stand solid as one man; 1. Ninety-nine people out of a hundred who go to a physician have no organic disease, but are merely suffering from some symptom of their own indiscretion. 2. Individuals who have diseases, nine times out of ten, are suffering from the accumulative evil effects of medication, 3. Hence we get the proposition: Most dis-eases are the result of medication which has

4. Most of the work of doctors to the part has been to treat symptoms, the difference between a disease and a symptom being something the average man does not even

been prescribed to relieve and remove a

eneficent warning symptom on the part of

The poeple you see waiting in the lobbies regular sleep, or holding the thought of fear, jealousy and hate. All of these things or any one of them, will, in very many perons, cause fever, chills, congestion, cold feet and faulty elimination. To administer drugs to a man suffering

"get even," and a lack of fresh air, is simply to compound his troubles, shuffle his main Nature is always and forever trying hard

to keep people well, and most so-called "disease"-which word means merely the cure !tself. If you have no appetite, do not eat. If you have appetite, do not eat too except fresh air and sunshine

As for us, we men of China, we ed the greatest thing in the world was thought upon the bitterness of our lot, love. Moderation, equanimity, work and love-let these be your physicians, and you accorded to dead pigs be meted out to tion agreed to by all physicians, against which the flower of pomegranates flour- | by Epictetus, the slave, to his pupil, the

which has been known to every thinking

man and woman since. Moderation, equan-

PIGMY FREAKS OF PAMIR

Roman Emperor Marcus Audelius;

#### People and Animals Diminutive—Dwarfs of the Amazon.

The pigmies at present in England are giants compared with those of the tribes of natives who inhabit the wild, desolate and almost unknown Pamir plateau to the north west of the Hindoo Kocsh range of mountnins in Central Asla. So great is the altitude of this great tableland that geograph ers refer to it ar "the roof of the world Few, indeed, are the travellers or explorers who have ever ventured even on to its southern fringe, lying just beyond the north-

But the scientific world is being startled by the news which is leaking out of the rewho have recently penetrated into some strange corners of this hitherto mysteriou-Among the members of the Native- over 300 photographs incontestably proving

ly a yard high. Their donkeys and their horses, which in appearance resemble our The ninth month is the month of the smallest ponies, are about the size of large dogs. The bulls and cows-fierce little creatures-are no larger than a new-born European calf, and the sheep are about the size of small poodles. Tigers no larger than kit-Smaller and lower even in the human To oppose America is our safest course. scale, however, than these Asiatic pigmies, The tenth month is the month when are some creatures which the natives of the great Congo basin in Africa call Kaieke, and will insist are men and not beasts.

> hair, smali, keen eyes, to be very wildnever coming into towns-and only to be seen in the bush, where they sometimes try to hold converse with the natives. Another race of dwarfs, discovered by a J. D. Sullivan, on one of the tributaries of the Amazon, are a people remarkable chiefly for their ugliness. Their stomach, which is distended in the back as well as in front, is out of ail proportion to their tiny spind ling arms and legs. This is because of their habit of gorging. After a hunt they will eat like animals, and then lie listlessly in the

The Kiacke are said to have very long

hot tropical sun for days, till hunger again impels to get more game. in the same way among the wandering American pigmies a slain elephant becomes the site of a new camp until all its flesh is consumed, while the little men move off in search of a fresh quarry, which they blind before spearing to death by shooting poisoned arrows into their eyes. Individual pigmies, however, it is said, may also be encountered in the villages of the big negroes, where they are petted as curiosities.-From Pearson't Weekly.

#### ---Swiss Curate's Appeal to a Bride.

A romantic scene took place at the altar of the little church of Claro, a village in the Canton of Tessein, writes The Swiss curate, a young man named

Guetta, fell in love with a farmer's daughter, but, although his suit was favwas fond of the bird, and spent much refused the curate's offer of marriage, time talking to him. Before long it was and subsequently she became engaged to

The marriage day arrived and the curate was obliged to perform the cereand since that some pains have been mony. When the bridal couple arrived at the altar Guetta lost control of his He now has quite an extensive vocalu- feelings and passionately pleaded with

At last Guetta, realizing his false posihood became mere sinecurists, And if Let us not forget that there are move hood became mere sinecurists, And if Let us not forget that there are move there are still kings in Europe when the ments for the preservation of beautiful at an inn in Crascow when a woman put the echoes with cries of "George, get ing to the steps of the altar he per thusband to section. She hered to be excussed for a rew min-

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