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It was the flat, waste coast of A-County, on the Chesapeake. It was evening, and clouds sat upon the face of the deep and the spirit of the storm moved on the waters.

Eastward the darkened sea spread till it met the lowering sky. Westward and the forest lay a desert of level sands. It was not dark, for the moon clouds, shed a sombre gray light over the scene.

A sullen, drizzling rain was falling. and through this rain, over the dreary coast road passed a wretched little wagon drawn by a donkey and filled with three weary-hearted travellers.

The first was a woman, of tall and powerful frame, whose fine proportions could not be concealed even by the voluminous brown cloak that wrapped her form. The hood of the cloak, which served also as a bonnet, had fallen back, revealing a well-set, resolute head covered with coarse black and gray hair, and a face with large, strong, clear-cut features, and a stern, determined expression. She sat forward in the wagon, driving the donkey. But as her hands mechanically guided the reins, her the city eyes were fixed with a fierce, devouring gaze upon the prospect before her.

The second, her companion, was a young woman of slight and graceful form-or rather it seemed so-for she sat closely shrouded in a black shawl, with her white face pressed upon her whiter hands-bowed, collapsed, shuddering and silent, except when trying to soothe the weeping babe upon her lap or venturing some anxious, whispered question to the stern driver, as: "Mother, mother, are we almost there?

Can you see the lights of the city yet?" was her silence, which seemed to be understood by her daughter.

Many weary hours had the wretched little party plodded on their way they neared their journey's end. And well might the mother send her burning glance with passionate desire into the far distance. And well might the daughter question with eager, breathless anx-

Their errand was one upon the issue of which hung life or death. The only son of the elder woman, the husband of the younger, the father of the infant, lay chained and fettered in a condemned cell, doomed to die before 12 o'clock of the second day a felon's death upor the scaffold! A crime that had filled the whole community with horror had been traced to his door. And so in evidence against him on his trial that strong were the circumstances produced the whole tenor of his previous life had been unavailing to effect a verdict in his favor. He was found guilty and

condemned to death. Only one still hoped-his young wife. And this was the ground of her hope: The old Governor's time was up and a new Governor had been elected to succeed him-a young statesman whose name and fame made the poor wife's heart thrill with new life and expectation, for he was one who had known want, sorrow, toil and struggle, and who had conquered them and his own destiny, and who was now borne victorious upon the very topmost crest of popularity. It was natural to suppose that his bosom was filled with all gracious affections, benevolent emotions and generous impulses. He was to be inaugurated into his office the very day before that appointed for the execution of the prisoner. Was it not most reasonable to suppose that his very first official act would be an act of mercy Youth was always generous and merciful, and this new Governor was young. Was it not likely that he would rejoice at the opportunity of signalizing his coming into power by the salvation of a fellow creature's life? a life the public were so eager to have saved-whose pardon would therefore bring him so much more popularity? And oh! besides! oh! more than all! the new Governor was himself a young husband and loved, only babe-would not the pity of his heart grow strong for the wife and child of the poor condemned? Oh! altogether, when she came to think of it, an of about forty years of age, but ation, impartiality and humanity. The it was unlikely, it was impossible the whose tall, gaunt figure, dark complex- trial has been conducted with the due Governor should refuse to hear her And so she had urged the prisoner's mother to this journey, and now, as she rode on through the driving | mere girl, scarcely twenty years of age, rain and mist, her hopes grew so strong | whose slight figure, fair complexion and by cultivation that she raised her cow- soft, delicate ftatures made her seem

"And yet, Nelly, you shudder and sigh | and wife of the convict passed in. horrible!" and the poor girl groaned.

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found none so proud as the prosperous and none so heartless as the happy!" "See, mother! see, the lights of the Are not those the lights of the

"Yes, we are drawing near A-Nelly! Still that wild, eager heart of yours, woman! What is the use of wish ing, longing, hoping, fearing about any thing in life? 'Tis but three score wears and ten at the longest. And 'tis soon over and all is swamped in death, and was at its full, and, though obscured by prince and pauper, kin and convict are equal in the grave!"

Nelly pressed the infant on her knees closer to her bosom, as she bent forward and looked into the mother's face. It was white, and stern, and set, but the eyes burned with a wild fire. "God preserve her sense!" said the

At last they reached the city and enthe new Governor.

CHAPTER II.

From within us comes often all the "Father! my son is guiltless! You doom or beauty of the scene around know my son is guiltless!" cle with another party on their way to priest.

outrider mounted on a fine saddle horse. again. The carriage contained four persons. On the back seat reclined a handsome lovely child of six months old.

justly be very proud. He was a man tumult and excitement of the day. And And the dark woman's only answer of the people—the son of a country he sits alone for nearly half an hour. blacksmith-"low born, self-educated." And then the door opens and a footman Taking for his sword and shield in the enters, announcing, "Mr. Bomford, the battle of life, simply right, reason and marshal of the State." And the State's Christian principles, he had fought every marshal enters, and advances up to the inch of his way, through the successive Governor, and, bawing, says: stages of reputation, distinction and em- "Mr. Hunter, I crave your excellency's inence, even to his present high official | indulgence for my intrusion at the pres-

And she who now bore his distin- utmost importance." guished name and shared his honors, the Sir, I am very happy to see you; take lady who sat by his side, was one of a seat and let me know how I can serve England's proudest daughters. Not won you.' in the days of his great success, buton Daniel Hunter's protection while she was yet an infant and he a boy. Much trouble of every sort had the young patrician given the boy, the youth and he man. But he had carried her in his strong arms above every want, and care, and sorrow, loving her more tenderly for every burden he bore for her sake, priing her higher for every fault he conquered in her character. And now she

sat by his side his happy wife. The marriage, on his side at least, was not one of passion. Daniel Hunter had but one grand passion-ambition-and even that was dedicated, consecrated, to high and holy purposes. But from childhood he had loved, served and protected her. And now he cherished her with the old, tender, unchanging affection. He, her guardian and teacher, as well as her lover, had had some difficulty in winning her heart and hand, but when at last she gave them, they were yielded up utterly, eternally, without reservation, with passionate abandonment. He was a man for a woman's worship-

it was his right, and he received it. CHAPTER III.

The young wife of O'Leary might weep and wail, but her sorrow was nothing to the fierce, bitter, burning passion of grief and terror—the very agony of rief and terror—that fired the mother's heart and scorched up the fountain of her tears through all that live-long night and garish, maddening day!

At the earliest hour of the morning that the prison rules would sanction, the mother was at the gates waiting for admission. Nellie was with her. There could scarcely have been a greater contrast in any two human beings than in these two women as they stood waiting

Norah O'Leary, the elder, was a womion and harshly cut features made her formality, and with the utmost deliberlook full ten years older.

Ellen O'Leary, the younger, was a

Soon the gates were opened and they performed their duty in convicting and wagon driving so mechanically, with her presented themselves for admission. An sentencing this man. I am glad that burning gaze fixed with such fierce, hun- under turnkey conducted them up the neither the youth, beauty nor genius of gry desire upon the forward vision of broad, paved walk that led to the prin- the accused, nor his most interesting "Dear mother, cheer up cheer up, passage to the criminal ward, about enough to turn aside the sword of jus-I know that all will be midway of which was situated the con- tice. They have done their stern duty; well: The new Governor cannot fail to demned cell occupied by young O'Leary. and, gentlemen, with God's help, I will hear us, and to grant us his life! Oh, The turnkey paused before this door, do mine!" opened it and held it while the mother

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cipal entrance, and along a dark, close family relations, have been eloquent CHAPTER V. While this scene was going on in the library of the executive palace, Mrs. "Yes, mother, because, oh God! the cot, and the clergyman stood near him Daniel Hunter sat in her dressing-room, Aubrey Lanston, in the Bohemian for and they did not seent me. on the second floor of the same man- September. William O'Leary, the prisoner, was sion, preparing for the inaugural ball of

to her dress or hair.

A footman stood without, saying that the paper bags in which they are sent two women had called to see Mrs. Hunt- from the shops. Paper has a deleterious er. They refused to go away, and in- effect on any foodstuffs-containing sisted upon being admitted. Augusta much moisture of themselves-when allooked and listened with surprise and lowed to come in contact with them, and curiosity. But Letty said, impatiently: for this reason they should be emptied.

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neight, of slender, yet elegant and firm- for such visitors! Some one who wants ly-knit frame, of fair complexion, with some petty office or other secured to light hair and blue eyes and a Grecian some son, or brother, or sweetheart, and profile. A great joy leaped to his gloomy wants your interest in it, Augusta, and ountenance and burst forth in his tones | are determined to be in time. Let them as he started to meet his visitors and wait a little. Tell the man to send them folded them alternately to his bosom, away, Stella."

"Mother! Nelly! dear Nelly! Dearest Nelly! Don't cry, darling! It is all ing hearts; I know it. The least I can over! the danger is all over! Don't cry do is to hear them. Tell the man to admit them, Stella. And his mother groaned from her

But even when Augusta spoke, some one without exclaimed, hurriedly, ner-And his wife sobbed in silence on his

"Yes, mother; poor mother, the agony is over! The governor has promised Lady Augusta Percival's." a reprieve! I shall be pardoned, mother -pardoned for a crime I never commited!" The clergyman took his hat to retire. "Don't go, father," said William "Mother, this is my kind, most excellent friend, Father Goodrich! And, sir, this is my mother, and this is Ellen, my wife, who you see has cried her eyes out for

The two women arose, and the good priest shook hands with them, and then would have left the family together, but the poor mother held and clasped his hands while she thanked him in a broken voice for his kindness to her son. "Will is innocent, father," said Nellie,

oursting heart:

weeping afresh.

"My son! My son!"

The priest looked pitifully at the poor young creature, who had involuntarily, poor girl to herself, as she sank back in- unconsciously clasped both arms around the form of her husband and was holding him with a trembling pressure as if gaged rooms in a tavern which was al- to protect him. And while he was conready crowded with guests come to greet | sidering what to say to comfort hed, theh jealous mother's heart misinterpreted his silence and she exclaimed almost threateningly:

us. On that same night, at that hour, "Of the crime imputed to him-yesand by that road, passed another vehi- as guiltless as the angels!" said the

Th priest spoke hopefully, and Wil-It was a very handsome, spacious trav- liam O'Leary led the others to speak of elling carriage drawn by a pair of su- outside things and of their plans and perb coach horses and attended by an hopes when he should be a free man

CHAPTER IV.

man in the early prime of life, and a | The last speech has been made, the beautiful woman in her first bloom. Op- last toast drunk, and the last guest has posite to them sat a neat, pretty mulat- departed-the State dinner is over at to nurse-maid, and on her lap reposed a the Government House; and Daniel Hunter has sought the retirement and seclu-Daniel Hunter, the Governor-elect, was sion of his library, there to collect his one of those sons of which America may | thoughts, and compose himself, after the

ent hour, but my mission is one of the

The marshal lays upon the table, bethe grandchild of an expatriated Jacob- fore the Governor, four cards, saying: ite nobleman-hy the strangest vicissi- "Sir, the gentlemen, whose names you tudes of fortune she had been thrown up- will see upon these cards, request an audience upon a matter of life and

The Governor lifts the cards, one by "William Storrs, Bishop of M-," "Robert B. Turner, Chief Justice of the upreme Court," "Major-General John

Ryder, U. S. A.," and "Commodore Walter P. Rutger, U. S. N." "It is the petition," said the Governor. "Pray, sir, bring them in."

When they had entered, the Governor asked the prelate to read the petition. This set forth at large, and most logically and elougently, the causes why, in opinion of the petitioners, the sentence of the law should not be executed upon the prisoner. It was signed by so large a number of persons—all of the first respectability—that the bishop only turned the pages, and showed the Governor the length of the list. When the reading was concluded, the prelate laid the document on the table, saying:

"Your excellency has heard all we Que., says: "I cannot speak too highly aging. behalf of my friends here present, and myself, that no small interest in the fate of the prisoner would have brought us to your presence on such an errand."

The Governor bowed to this remark, and, turning toward them all, said: "Gentlemen, I cannot too strongly avow my sense of the humanity and kindness of heart that has brought vor here this night. Nor can I adequately express to you the pain I feel at being compelled to refuse your petition." Here an expression of deep pain came

"Gentlemen, I have made myself thoroughly well acquainted with the case of William O'Leary before to-night, and ation, imaprtiality and humanity. The guilt of the prisoner seems to be an indubitable fact. I cannot have the slightest doubt of it, nor do I think it possible that anyone else can. Gentlemen, I think that the judge and jury have

"Hope nothing, Nelly. Hope nothing very unlike his mother. He was not yet the evening. It was an airy, spacious from what you have advanced. I have twenty-three years of age, of medium chamber, elegantly fitted up and well lighted. Augusta sat on a dressing stool Grampian attained a speed of 16 1-2 in front of a high Psyche mirror. She knots on steam trials at the Clyde. The was attended by her pretty maid, Stella. | vessel is 502 feet long and 60 feet broad Her sister-in-law, Letty, already attir with accommodation for 200 first, 350 ed in her pretty, simple evening dress of second, and 1,400 third-class passengers. white crepe and white roscs, was also in | She is expected to make the trip from the room, hovering around the lady, and Glasgow to Quebec under seven days. adding here and there a finishing touch

"No," said Augusta; "many of these petitioners have anxious, almost break-

"Mother! I know that voice-I know

trolling her violent impulses, hurried light of a slow recognition dawned in her

dilated eyes and arched brows. "Yes, Lady Augusta; it is I-my own

what is the matter with you. Stella, wheel forward a chair here. Sit down, dear Ellen-sit down. You tremble so much! A glass of water for her, Stel- very materially to our present knowlla. Take it, Ellen; it will calm your edge of the problems of corn breeding,

Nelly had sunk into the chair offered, and Mrs. Hunter still remained standing, with one hand resting upon the dressing-table. Nelly quaffed the water presented to her by the maid, returned the glass, and seemed somewhat calmed by the cold sedative.

Recalled from her momentary wandering, Nelly sighed deeply, and said, continuing her manner of address by force

"I made a mistake by entering this room, Lady Augusta; but now that I "Tell me what I can do for you," said

Mrs. Hunter, seeing that her visitor had paused and sighed deeply "First of all, before I dare ask any thing else, forgive me for the miserable

"I had forgotten whether there is anything to forgive, and would rather not recollect," replied Mrs. Augusta, as a shadow fell upon her brow. "Well, El-"I said I came here in mistake. I was year. search of Mrs. Hunter, the govern-

itor. Will you be so kind, Lady Au- northern dairy districts, it is necessary the northern limit in which corn can be gusta, as to procure an interview for to send south for the seed, and during grown in America, and since the growprise, saying :

"Certainly." "Stop!" said Nelly, as a light full of

the humblest of the people. Can it be possible that he is the one we once knew as Daniel Hunter of the Forge?" (To be continued.)

More little lives are lost during the

BABY'S DANGER

hot weather months than at any other time of the year. In the summer months little ones are the victims of diarrhoea, GOOD HUNTING INDEED. cholera infantum, dysentery and stomach troubles. These come suddenly and without warning, and when a medicine is not at hand to give promptly the short delay may mean death. During the hot weather months Baby's Own Tablets should Lower California, comes a hunting tale probably I could have got another deer. be kept in every home where there is a young child. An occasional use of the Tablets will prevent stomach and tingle. It is merely a simple incident of side I heard them firing. It seems one bowel troubles. Or if the troubles the old line of march from the ocean of the bucks came straight on for Billy come unawares a prompt use of this back 200 miles to the mountains, marked and the man, and as Billy expressed it. medicine will bring the child through years ago by the aboriginals, who pick- he 'really thought it was tame.' He got safely. Mrs. J. Renard, New Glasgow, ed out the highest places for their voy- him, and then we all went for the lion have to advance. I have only to add, on of Baby's Own Tablets. One of my It was a fish trail. That is to say, the "The two other men were standing ten which the Tablets promptly cured." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams Medi-

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cine Co., Brockville, Ont.

From the Avenue des Champs-Elysees to the Boulevard des Capuchins in Paris is but a step, but there the tune is even merrier. It is a place of noises, blare, glare, the perfume of women, the raucous honk-honk of automobile horns; upon the faces of the visitors, and was by day, the street of costly shops, by reflected in that of the Governor. He night, the promenade-in-chief of His Most Satanic Majesty. It is at its best -or worst-in February, during Mi-Careme, when the air is thick with conwalk, thinking to sip your bock while you enjoy the swiftly changing panorama of the festival. In a moment you fetti; your hat jammed over your ears; the chair jerked from under you, and your erstwhile happy self flat on your back. It is marvellous, the penetrating quality of confetti! I have shaken it out of my innermost pockets; out of my shoes. I have even found it in my socks, ourse. It flits everywhere, and when breathless moments to a huntsman. with it, a multi-colored snow. You buy and I had to think quickly. it at so many sous the package, from | "In the meantime the doe had almost vendors on the boulevards, until the de- laid herself down in the water and the

Fruit, vegetables, or such groceries as But just then a rap was heard at the sugar, coffee, tea, etc., should never be Stella went to see who it was. kept in the larder or store cupboard in "Tell the man to send the woman away, out of the bags as soon as possible and Stella! This is a pretty time of night stored in jars or tins. THE WORK OF CORN BREEDING.

As Conducted by the Canadian Seed Growers' Association.

the Secretary.)

The work of corn breeding in Canada, though limited chiefly to Southern Onthat voice! I know it, though I have tario, has made material advance during yield of grain a hill of three stalks of the past year. Not only has the number | the single-ear-bearing Dent types. Ac-And when the door was opened by the of growers largely increased, but the genfootman to admit the two women who eral public is beginning to realize more feeding value of Flint corn was found to had silently followed him, Nelly O'Leary than ever before something of the nature be higher than that of the Dents. While and importance of this particular branch | we have not advised that the Flint varinervously forward and sank at the lady's of work, and as a result the demand for feet. Augusta looked at her in extreme specially grown seed corn has increased. surprise, which was not lessened as the Keeping in touch with the individual growers, we have been able to notice a very materially. Our Flint corn may be "Ellen Falconer! Dearest Ellen! can substantial growth of intelligent interthis be really you?" she exclaimed, with est on their part, until we now feel assured of the success of the work and type. There are many variations within what it will mean to the Province. More- each of these types as regards shape and "Rise, dear Ellen-rise! Tell me over, the actual information that has come back to us from the work carried on by the different growers, has added and we are thus enabled to work to much better purpose.

has been adopted by the Association and no chance to improve the variety by which may be found in the second An- means of selection. nual Report, page 59, under the section entitled 'The Row System,' has for its basis the ear-row test. Each row of "Now, tell me how I can help you, fifty or more hills in the plot is planted with corn from a separate ear, which arrangement gives each ear an opportunity

Since the Dent varieties cannot be

(Etract from the last Annual Report of | larly noticeable. Flint corn, on the other hand, may easily produce two and three ears per stalk; and, as a result, a hill of three stalks of Flint corn may cording to the Connecticut Agricultural eties supplant the Dent varieties, yet we have endeavored to point out that each has its own particular place and that each is capable of being improved

eight-rowed type, and the twelve-rowed color of ear and number of rows of ker-A careful study of the corn crop Canada seems to demonstrate that wherever corn is to be improved it is always advisable to adopt a type which can be relied upon to mature thoroughly in the district. Otherwise the seed will have to be often changed as a result of non-The system of corn breeding which maturity of the crop, which fact leaves

classified into three types. These are

the long eight-rowed type, the short

Corn in Western Canada. Within the past few years the farmers of the west have been studying the corn question with a great deal of interest. Although we do not anticipate that the to show the breeding which is behind it | west will ever become a great corn counand to which it owes its excellence. The | try, yet we believe that the time is not amazing variation in the productive cap- far distant when it will pay the farmer acity and vigor of each ear, as revealed to grow more or less corn. The Experiby this system when carefully carried mental Farms at Brandon and Indian out, has gone far to promote a greater | Head have for years demonstrated the interest in the work. In all the plots possibilities of growing corn as a fodder operated with according to this system, crop, while many farmers have likewise a decided variation was found to exist verified this. While many good types between the different rows in respect | now exist in that part of Canada, and to vigor of growth, yield, etc. By this while much has been written recently on arrangement, the top-notchers-the best | this subject, yet we believe that our rows-may be located, and the best experience in some of the older Province plants within these best rows chosen as | should prove helpful to the Westerner, mother plants from which to select the although practically nothing has been seed ears for the plot of the following | done in the west with this crop immediately under the direction of the Associa-

or's wife. I suppose you are her vis- matured to good advantage in the more | Since Western Canada comes within the past year there has been an increased | ing season is very short, an early Flint Augusta regarded her with calm sur- demand for seed which is of known origin variety must be looked for. Experience and which has received special care ac- has shown that by careful work these "I am Mrs. Hunter. I thought you cording to the regulations of our Asso- early varieties may be made to produce ciation. Where corn is grown for grain | crops which pay well for the time and in the cooler regions of the north, the labor expended upon them. It is a comearly maturing Flint varieties are mon practice to take some of the earlier grown. Of this class of corn we now Dent varieties and endeavor to adapt have several varieties represented, al- them to the conditions in the north. We or cigars produced was 7,376,669,742, and have heard this new governor arose from though the King Philip, Longfellow, believe this to be wrong, and advise Compton's Early, and Salzer's North Da- those of our members in the west who kota, are most popular. While earlier desire to do something along this line strains of the Dent varieties might be to begin with corn grown as far north developed for the shorter seasons, yet as possible, and endeavor to improve this practice has not been recommended, upon this. A large number of stalks, ed over the year 1900 was 19.6 per cent., since early corn is believed to be an- each bearing at least two smaller ears, tagonistic to large yields. This in the should be looked for per acre, instead single-eared Dent varieties is particu- of trying to develop the size of the ear.

Meeting of Deer, Mountain Lion and a Man at a Spring.

Up from Esnenada de Todos Santos, of the kind that makes the sportsman

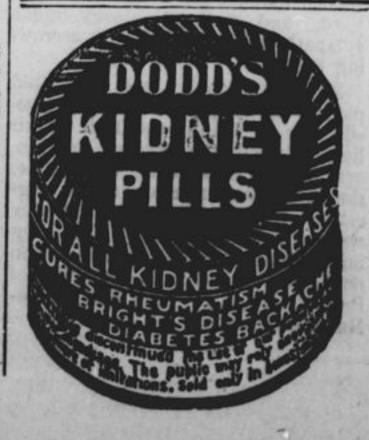
men to go to the other side while I took the middle course through the oaks, where ran a lovely mountain stream. I

horse pricked up his ears and commenced scenting and I knew some wild animal made ready. My horse had stopped, but I urged him on and a little turn showed me a sight I shall never forget. "At a pool drinking was a doe and not four feet away was a very large I have arranged a coyote hunt on horsefawn and a little further were three back for to-morrow." bucks and two more still further on. which I could not determine at once. I had not time, because when I glanced first at the doe I saw on a ledge above what I took to be a calf, or some light

"My second look took in the object chance offered. He had seen the bucks the size of a watch." and knew his finish should he make the

Mi-Careme is over the streets are thick wanted a buck and I wanted that lion,

sire for more of it becomes an obsession. fawn was approaching the spring. I was -From "Famous Arteries of Travel," by favored by the wind, being to windward, "One of the bucks turned and looked



at me and I let him have it. Then I turned as quickly as possible to the lion, but my horse was then restless and of course I shot wild. The buck fell (only 35 or 40 yards range) and it's a fact that if I had been off my horse "However, they sailed out of that

as fast as we could track him, Indians went from their mountain or twelve feet apart on the other side of heights to the ocean to gather sea food. | the oaks where I had sent them, and it The little story comes in a letter, which seems the lion had made a detour and tells just what a hunting country it is. had come between them, going like blazes. "While my outfit were riding along I They were either too frightened or too sent the boy, with the man I had engaged inexperienced to shoot quick enough (they on the outskirts of a growth of live oaks were only men I had taken to do the (this in a deep canon) and the two other heavy work), but my guide (not one by profession) was the best man on the trail I ever saw, and between his horse and himself he finally located that cat, and had got in nearly midway when my it's needless to say that I shall one day show you his pelt.

"Billy is too proud for words. He has gone this morning for the day only with "I had a Mauser pistol on a stock and my man for anything he can find. Yester-day afternoon coming in he shot quail after quail on the wing and many rabbits. The quail are by the hundreds of thousands, and cotton tails and jacks, too

FASHIONS IN DOGS.

"Even dogs are subject to fashion, and favorite at present is the kind that can be tucked into an overcoat pocket or carried in a lady's handbag. Now we ready to spring on the doe when the want a waistcoat-pocket dog-one about

> Such was the declaration of a Leadenhall Market dog-fancier, when he heard of the discovery in West Australia of dogs that are no bigger than rats. If the new dog can be imported for the London market, fanciers say that it is sure of popularity.

It is surprising how fashion in dogs changes. Here are some of the most important dates of the different fashions: 1820-Spitzbergens

1840-King Charles spaniels. 1850-Italian greyhounds. 1860-Black and tan terriers. 1865-Mexican "hairless' dogs. 1870-St. Bernards. 1880-Collies. 1890—Pug dogs (still in demand). 1896—Bulldogs and dachshunds.

1900-English sheep dogs. 1907-Pomeranians, King Charles spaniels, Pekinese and Japanese. The new Australian dog, which would undoubtedly find a ready market in London, resembles the marsupial dingo, and feeds on lizards and ground vermin.

Mrs. Troublehunter-Oh, I'm dreadfully worried. Mrs. Gladsmile-What about? I was worrying about something last who must be paid for their extra services, and now I can't think what it ices pending the determination of the courts.

Hunting fatalities are already reported. Stay at the safe end of the gun.

In the New York election case 10,000 witnesses are liable to be summoned. What a snap for the lawyers!

An Ottawa Greek was fined \$5 and costs last week for selling candy on Sunday. Is not candy as much a food as is

The directors of the Toronto National Exhibition look for \$10,000 surplus from the big fair. It is estimated that 750,000 persons visited it.

The situation in Morocco does not improve, and more troops may be needed to subdue the wild tribesmen. In the seven-hour engagement of Tuesday about 800 of them were killed, but instead of dampening the fanatical ardor of Mulai Hafig, it has decided him on proclaiming a holy war.

The Lusitania, the great \$6,500,000 Cunard turbine vessel, has made the 2,-782-mile trip across the Atlantic in 5 days 54 minutes, or at an average speed of 23.01 knots (about 27 statute miles) an hour. Her engineer expects to make it at a 25-knot rate, now that her engines have their bearings smoothed by

The Church Union Committee does not seem to dread the questions of doctrine, but the superannuation question caused it some trouble. Surely that should bulk very small if the doctrinal difficulties are really solved. But are they? Are obstacles being removed or merely evaded and ignored? Is the proposed union to be one of compromises on vital

---According to a census bulletin on manufactures of tobacco just issued, the returns show a total consumption of the fragrant weed in the United States of 448,511,051 pounds in one year; the year selected by the statisticians being 1904, probably because complete statistics for a later period were not available. The quantity used in the manufacture of cigars and cigarettes was 141,020,029 pounds, and the quantity made into chewing and swoking tobacco and snuff was 307,491,554 pounds. The value of the raw material made into cigars and cigarettes was \$69,291,011; the number of the cigarettes 3,433,9993,422. The total value of these was \$214,350,051, of which \$198,186,372 represents cigars. The increase in the number of cigars producand of cigarettes 5.4 per cent.

Some very foolish people have set afloat the story that the big telegraph companies, "to save a costly revolution" in their outfits, have for years "buried" the Barclay telegraph typewriter, which delivers messages typewritten from the wires, and only now puts it into commission to beat the striking operators. That is a very silly story. Had the machine been perfected earlier it would long ere this have been in use as a mere measure of economy, displacing many men. These companies are every ready to adopt a machine, when it pays to do so; and it

The people of Great Britain are not doing as much drinking as they formerly did. The consumption of alcoholic liquors seems to have reached its maximum about seven years ago. In the year 1899-1900 the consumption of beer in the United Kingdom was no less than 32.29 gallons per head of the population. Since then there has been an unbroken and almost uniform decline until last year (1906-1907) the consumption was only 27.81 gallons a head. The consumption of spirits also appears to have reached its maximum in 1899-1900. In that year the consumption of spirits averaged 1.18 gallons per head of the population, last year (1906-1907) it was only 0.91 of a gallon per head. When we consider that the periods intervening between the two comparative years have been prosperous ones financially over there as well as here, the reduction in the drink bill is all the more surprising and gratifying.

Gaynor and Greene, the U. S. defaulters, who spent so much time and money in Canada fighting extradition, must now look back upon that as a complete waste, for they are having a far better time than they had in this country. The Philadelphia Record says of them:

It would serve to assuage the fears of Trust magnates and of lesser grafters who have made themselves rich at the public expense when they read of the laxity shown by the Government to two distinguished criminals under sentence of five years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$5,000,000 for embezzlement. Pending an application for a rehearing, John F. Gaynor and Benjamin Greene, gia, have had all sorts of privileges Gaynor is at a pleasure resort for his health. Both culprits have gone hunt ing, attended ball games, walked the streets at will, and have taken their wives out driving. The only restraint on these pleasurings is the compulsory Mrs. Troublehunter-My loss of memory. attendance of United States marshals,