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e room, and

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unother

of the city a man sat writing. Not a sound was heard save the monotonous tick, tick of the clock, and the w. Around the neighborhood an al-

> as it must have been 1900 years ago, why, I don't know. I only knew that The second evening we stop at when a Babe was born in an Eastern | my heart was a heart of lead, and I was o'clock, while it is still daylight, and land. It seemed as if nature was wait- sick in body and mind. ing, waiting, for something to happenbut nothing happened.

Inside the pen went scratch, scratch, seratch, and the writer's attention was were seated, one of them was scribbling It is so interesting to know why these

ing flames. Not to admire the handi-Work of God. slowly the big white flakes descended. Admirer.' What a world of meaning plantation or nine, whose wife is brave They came at first in ones and twos and the incident had! What a world of enough to accompany her husband into I spent sleepless nights and seemed to threes, and looked through the window meaning and tragedy! To me it came the Back of Beyond. Here is a antive

carefully and methodically. He was moving in a world unreal, and which young, pretty and charming, and out give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. a seriousness strikingly attractive. The delicate contour of his features said he away. was sensitive, but the face was maniy and frank and good withal,

His movements were quiet and methodical, and in keeping with the atmosphere of the place and his surroundings. The litter of blue, buff and official envelopes on the table betrayed his connection with the Civil Service. But the letter which he had just con-

cluded ran thus: "My Dear Miss Dunloy,-To-day, in the ordinary course of official duties, there came under my notice your paper respectfully requesting, in view of your approaching marriage, to tender your resignation in accordance with the regufations of the department."

"Your resignation is accepted. There is nothing unusual in such a resignation. But this letter will be unexpected. You will doubtless be astonished to find me, your Surveyor, violating the official laws acknowledging receipt of your communication direct instead of through the usual channel-your immediate superior. "Before I have finished you will understand Ten years ago I worked in the Central Telegraph Depot-where you

are working now. One day, with a batch of learners, there came into the office a young girl-a young girl in a red blouse. She was just out of school, little more than a child barely fifteen years of age. "A young girl with dark, questioning eyes, set in a sweet face, framed in a tangled wealth of mutinous hair, standing on the floor, dazed by the metallic click of the sounders, wondering at the strangeness and the newness of it all.

"I was interested in her. "I was not of a forward nature; I had not even at the time learnt self-control; and asked to initiate her into the mysteries of an electric current, I spoke to her, my heart the while thumping at my very ribs.

"I was afflicted with an awful sense of my own meanness, partly real, and partly exagerated. I was not like an or- O God! "I had been brought up in peculiar isolation, and a certain isolation and

reserve marked those early years "Yet much as I disliked the society of men and women I could talk intelligently on any subject with anyone when occasion demanded. But when she came my natural condition was more apparent. I was afraid, actually afraid of a ishing signature, and for a few min-

sify my brooding nature. or rather from the first moment I saw the light streamed from an occasional her—her image never left me. By day window. The atmosphere was elastic, I eagerly watched her movements. I clear, sharp, and invigorating. The treasured every word that fell from her man opened a window, and the cold lips. By night I thought of her and her fresh night air rushed in. The countonly, and if perchance I had occasion less stars twinkled like fairly lamps to exchange with her the most common- in an inky darkness. Over and surplace observations. I turned them over | rounding all was the vast brooding in my mind again and again, and the mysterious silence of the night. It grey, creeping dawn found me sleepless seemed as if all Nature was waiting and restless, convinced that I had spok- -waiting for something to happen. en idiotically, that I was a fool. The And something happened, Christmas next day was just the same, and the Eve and Christmas Morning merged next-and so months passed. Everyone into one.

was her friend. She had a kind word | There was a crunch of footsteps for and a happy laugh with all, and underneath the window, the childish her laugh was pleasant. She was a ray voices sang in chorus: of sunshine in that building. A sort of irresponsibility and freshness cozed from her which was pleasant and appreciated in that place of responsibility, formality and red tape.

"The men were kind to her and the Supervisor watched over her like a father, and I hated the Supervisor. The the snow-clad roofs came the ding days passed, but my restlessness and my dong, of the bells, and their jingle, passion increased. It was a boyish in jangle, "Peace-Peace and Good fatuation. Do you think so now. A Will." boyish infatuation which made me watch | The lonely watcher stood with foldthe clock and the door for your appear- ed arms impressed by the holy calm ance, day by day, week by week, and of a holy and impressive hour. snonth by month! A boyish infatuation ! which caused my very limbs to trem- picked up the letter, and his eyes ble at your approach, and my face to fell on the closing lines: blanch white because of the thoughts "Eileen, I feel again all I have that were in me. No. It was serious, Ei- written. All I have felt I feel again leen. Aye! the most serious thing that intensified a thousand times. ever entered my life. God forbid that life I have offended you, you will for- They came, conquered clansmen, and the great amount of expensive machinery you treated it lightly; you only got to he tore the letter into bits. Next know of it by meeting my eyes hungry day Miss Dunloy received the followand devouring you at every turn. I wor- ingshipped the very air you breathed, your | "I beg to acknowledge receipt of thoughts of you or your proximity made "From the date mentioned a subthe Morse symbols a meaningless series stitute will be appointed to provide of dots and dashes, and when you spoke for your duty. to me I stuttered incomprehensibly. Can The Surveyor directs me to inany pen picture the chaos of my mind. form you that he had the pleasure Now treading the very heights of heavof knowing you slightly some years for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the land Berlin. In other instances, when most pits of misery and despair. It is doubt your marriage will be a happy a memory I am going to carry to my one

"The past act with the regularity of happiness and prosperity, I have the kin git twelve months off for good bea cinematograph at any reminder of you honor to be etc.," even now. No wonder I shunned society then. No wonder my laugh had a false with a smile. It was only an inci Mrs. Dooley—Tell her to rest aisy. ring. No wonder I failed to make you dent in her life. How was she to Sure an' he may not behave himself .merry, and laugh and bluster and talk know that behind the petty formal Life. never left me from the first moment I breaking moral resignation of a man? I had and the day-dreams I dreamt; you Too much red paint at night is apt drinking again?" "No, m' dear," an- rection is the invariable rule. In France,

It was Christmas Eve night. In a | were more sacred than life itself, and | incredibly short time all the natives on richly furnished room in a quiet suburb you were worthy of it all, yet I instinct the train-and they often number a huntively felt from the beginning you were dred, either going to or returning from not made for me. There was a something the mines are busy making fires by the underlying my thoughts, rising now and side of the track upon which to cook again like a sleeping viper to play hav- their evening meal. Our own boy is seratch, scratch of his pen. The oc with my day-dreams. I knew it from busy with the rest, making a fire also blinds were undrawn. The silent street the first moment I saw you. It was reand boiling water for tea. was covered with a layer of unbroken vealed to me then and there, and exist- In fifteen minutes you have the new and newly fallen snow. Yellow patches ed in a vague intangible way as inex- experience of a dark African night, with lay here and there where the mellow pressible as it was real. You were not its brilliant southern stars and the blazmade for me-that is what it meant.

A RESIGNATION.

"Night after night I went home to ing, chattering natives, whose white most Sabbath-like respectability continu- my rooms disconsolate and lonely, and teeth gleam in the firelight as they ally settled like a pall. A dark sky tried to think it out. My mind was a throw their heads back in huge enjoywas overhead, sprinkled with innumer- flowing sea of thoughts heaving, rest- ment of any joke. They are almost un able twinkling stars, and over and sur- less, and impatient, and before an oxer- canny, those gleaming white teeth! rounding all the vast, brooding stillness | whelming torrent of despair I was borne | Everywhere just firelight and black, inaway. There, with my head resting on distinguishable figures and rows It was a glorious night-such a night | my arms, I prayed to God-for what, or | gleaming teeth!

"Once when you were on holidays I made friends with the one or two other heard your name mentioned at a desk travellers, and a little friendly gossip near mine. On the other side two clerks passes the time until a me a postcard wishing you a pleasant time; other travellers are there, each in his If he raised his head it was only to now and again there was a titter and I way so different from the traveller at gaze abstractedly into the glowing, danc- listened, my heart throbbing the while home, who excites neither interest nor and my pulse quickening. There was a surprise. squabble as to who would sign it; ulti- Here is a Belgian going to the Congo, And utside it began to snow again, mately it was signed From a Sincere manager, of course, of some big rubber into the luxuriant warmth, then flew as an insult flung in my teeth, and to commissioner for Northeastern Rhodesia but they failed to give me any relief.

the young man blotted the last lines is more than I can tell. I felt as one the woman with a sense of awe. She is ination. It was then that I decided to

"The prospect of an existence without monotony and the silence one can hear, was enjoying such health as I had not you was at its conception staggering, We look at her with awe because we experienced for ten years before. I have make it the hardest thing in the house I'm a thinker, but no speaker. I have got and I halted in the street, the hot blood know she is a heroine. We know she is surging to my head. friends, I applied for a transfer, and can be all things to her.

my application was acceded to without any unnecessary delay. I have been here all with an excellent phonograph, and | perience, and I have always felt that I | It will be taken for granted that the tion was rapid. And I am now-or,

with a salary I never dreamt of. were not made for me. Can you imagine across the river, the longest bridge in the torture? Occasionally your image Africa. would rise up before me, and I was for "Now your application reopens my wound. After all these years of unutterable thought this is the end. "With your application before me the dignity of my position is a mockery.

My riches are great, but my humiliation I move in a world of my own with my own past, for in the greatest crowds my loneliness is most acute. "Your paper coldly and unconsciously nnihilates the least particle of hope I might have entertained. But the imagnary conversation I have held with a little girl in a red blouse and two big,

wondering eyes will ever before me re-"You are a woman now, Eileen, and you are going to be married-married! "This is the end of it all.

"I can understand why men go mad for love. I laughed at the idea once-I know better now. tensified a thousand times.

"Precocious as I had been from my It had ceased snowing almost as earliest years her entrance into my suddenly as it began. The silent mind and thoughts only served to inten street was covered with a layer of unbroken whiteness, and yellow pat-"And from the end of the lesson - ches gleamed here and there where

"See amid the winter's snow, Born for us on Earth below, See, the tender Lamb appears Promised from Eternal years. Hail! thou, ever glorious morn, Hail! Redemption's happy dawn." And up through the night and over

Then, returning to the table, he

your application to resign.

work of the department that my promo- gather around, both awed and delighted. men who suffer as I did." Then once more we all retire to sleep shall I say I have been-your Surveyor and next morning awake refreshed to the dealer in medicine or by mail at 50 cents shovel, holding a possible quart. Some contemplation of the loveliest part of a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The of the coal will drop off the shovel. the whole route, the hilly district be- Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, but the lumps rolling about on the "Honestly I strove to forget you, but tween Kafue and Lasasakas. Kafue we Ont. the dreams would come and the sleep. had passed the previous afternoon, and ing viper would awake. \* \* \* You gazed in surprise at the fine bridge

All through the last day the scenery is the time numbed in mind and paralyzed, again chiefly forest, and at one place the spot is pointed out where the engineer recently alighted from his caboose and since volunteer fire companies have been shot two lions while the train waited. replaced by drilled and disciplined forces He explains himself how there were three | constantly on duty. In fact, with the

#### it: - "Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds." \*\*\* Invocatio Cluny Loquitur.

"Eileen, I feel again all I have writ- ago, he visited Winnipeg for the pur- form for practical use until after the ten. All I have felt I feel again in pose of attending the medical con-middle of the last century. The de-. Oh, Eileen! Eileen! O God! the western metropolis he delivered dinary young man of my age to put "I hope you will pardon me for writ- was entertained at supper by Mr. C. a lecture one evening, and afterwards adequate and well-distributed water years compounding evil smells to ing in such a strain, but now you under. E. McPherson, General Passenger waterworks is also of recent data day. A number of prominent gentle-"I had to write down the thoughts men, mostly of the Scotch persuasion, which forced themselves from my were present. The supper lasted until the "wee, sma' hours," and must lest for yours the system of depending the bound polish lingers Wy my blessed audience thought the day "I am, Miss Dunloy, always your have been a most enjoyable occasion, last few years the system of depending throughout the house. "William H. Thorndale."

on the fly-leaf of a presentation copy has been given up by practically all the larger municipalities. San Francisco the ashes accumulate under it for a mash of some

thousands long years the Camerons fed us Little we reckoned the wild chase they When Cluny's proud children craved for a meal.

Hoich! agus Hoich! O, it's weary rehearsin' deeds we can do, But to-night let the fiery cross of Mac- phia. When it is remembered that Phil-Blaze out on a mission all bloodless and new.

Summon the clans from the banks of pean cities which have done most in this Uiscebae, wassail them, all they can pared, it would appear from recent ex-

And scatheless they drank to other's tall castles, For Clumy repentant, his foes were no more.

-William Henry Drummond, in the Christmas Canadian Magazin. Only one "BROMO QUININE"

THE TORTURES A Stopping Place on the Cape to WOMEN SUFFER eurs pompiers is attached to the Ministry of the Interior; the organization for

The dark comes down with African swiftness, and at 8 o'clock the train stops for the night at Choma. In an Can be Relieved by Keeping the Blood Supply Rich With Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

SOUTH AFRICAN NIGHT.

Cairo Railway-The Passengers.

ing fires, each within its circle of laugh pale and nervous. If her blood supply but in service against fire it acts under have in couraged by her Minister, Mazarin, was backaches, sideaches and other unspeak. In other countries there is no such sands will be interested in the statement Louis was also early educated to the Some women have grown to expect this France, but in some large cities the fire ber of this place. suffering at regular intervals and to department is under the control of the "I had been a sufferer from Rheuma- ings. Mnie, de la Porte relates that bear it in hopeless silence. But women central government. Thus, Berlin and tism and Backache for a year," Mr. Cyr apon one occasion, after the young King would escape much of this misery if Brunswick are like Paris in having their states. "My head also troubled me and had left the cardinal's room and retired, they took a box or two of Dr. Williams' fire brigades as well as police managed they took a box or two of Dr. Williams' fire brigades as well as police managed theory of the brigades as brought to him inviting Pink Pills to help them over each criti- directly by the central government, and heard of cures made by Dodd's Kidney him to take part in a game of cards. Pink Pills to help them over each critical period. These Pills actually make this is also the case in Buenos Ayres. In a game of cards. They help a woman just At Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide The marvellous effect of the first box on to play with. Mine de la Porte tried we get a longer stroll. We have now

of almost constant misery. At times I the insurance companies. lost all courage. I tried several doctors, away again faster and faster, a myriad all my thoughts it echoed a mocking taking his wife and child to some distant The last doctor I consulted told me At length the letter was finished, and "How I worked through those months ten or twenty days' trek. One looks at least I would undergo an exam-Later on the station master regales us These are plain facts from my own ex- with the Only Source of Heat:

## FIRE FIGHTERS.

#### U. S. Cities Efficiently Protected Against Flames.

It is only a matter of recent history animal.—Gertrude Page in London Daily until 1866, Milan and Madrid organized upper floor joists. fire brigades in 1838 and 1843 respective- The best way to sift ashes is to

Repeat founded until 1851, that in Brussels a box for the cinders and an ash sifter. year later, St. Petersburg's in 1860. When all is ready hire the neighbor's From the gangs of angels fiddlin in Vienna's in 1864 and New York's, the To work the various drafts, note first American city's, in 1865.

When the late William Henry ment, whose present efficiency is due makers have to cut these instructions be classed with the modern fire depart- site the printed orders. The pattern-Drummond was perhaps at the zenith largely to the movable fire engines, in upside down and invariably they of his powers as a poet, seven years which had not been constructed in a get them reversed. vention there. During his stay in velopment of efficient brigades was no before the fire is built. The manuless dependent upon the existence of an facturers have worked a great many My arms swung roun like windmills and com-Comparing the fire brigades in the which smells ten per cent. worse than ropean capitals, the former are always last year's. Good stove varnish can

because it inspired the poet to write to a considerable degree upon call men When the grate will not shake or My wild eyes squirtin nightnin struck the The young man blotted the flourishing signature, and for a few min
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Octroit and Providence have a this is in the spring, because it is next ton, Detroit and Providence have a this is in the spring, because it is next Son of the pipes! Let your war small number, but the regular firemen to impossible to secure a new grate are much the larger part of the brigades. from the manufacturer, owing to the Their Origin Lies Far Back in the Hidden Well do I know that we battled with New York city, with 3,200 regulars, 1,- insane desire of all expressmen to 000 horses and 175 steam fire engines, break every stove grate they handle. When by Inverlochy the Campbells has much the largest fire brigade of any | By placing centigrade thermometers city in the world; but the Boston de. in the various pipes you will be able, partment of 800 men, 350 horses and 45 | with practice, to distinguish between Tell me no more how the race of Mac- fire engines is much larger in proportion the hot and cold air pipes. We gave to the foxes and birds of double the population of Boston, has a to its population. Philadelphia, with Bloody the tartan we spun for Black when compared with London, which has Betrayer of princes, foul Pickle the phia force is seen to have as large a number of firemen, twice the number of horses and nearly as many fire engines, although London has also about 100 of With cattle we reived from the herds Berlin, which has nearly double its population, the Philadelphia brigade is again equal in number of men, and has five times as many fire engines, while as a counter-claim Berlin has but 18 hand

Paris has as many firemen in proportion to its population as Philadelphia The deeds we have done and the but only 17 steam engines and 90 hand engines, to 46 fire engines in Philadeladelphia does not have by far the strongest fire department in the United States, it is clearly seen that American fire departments far excell even those of Eurofield. While the greater danger of wide-Carry the message to far St. Laur- spread conflagration requires the American cities to be more thoroughly preperience that European cities need to For the dirk of MacPherson is now bring their fire leigades nearer to the

But warm was the handclasp they the American fire departments. The high necessarily add very much to the cost of rate of wages, and especially the wages each paid to engineers, electricians and skilled help your chances. mechanics, also increases expenditures. It is not surprising to learn, therefore, that the lowest expenditure for fire departments in the large cities of the United States is 54 cents per capita, or even to That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. Ghove. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c. the per capita cost rises, as it does in the per capita cost rises, as it does in the face of the enemy.

That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look cents—treble the rate in London, Paris threw in a little instruction of his own on personal behavior in the face of the enemy.

A glance at the mode of operation on the battlefield?" that the fire departments are completely under the direct control of the municipal government, more generally than "Ebenezer," called out Mrs. Jagway the police. In the United States and from the floor above, "have you been Great Britain, independent municipal dinever knew, never suspected that I worshipped you, idolized you, adored you.

Where might is master, justice is low. "Not again. Still."—Chicago Triof the department in its services against
fire is vested in the municipal authorThe engrav

each town is determined by the prefects, and the chief officers are appointed by the President of the Reupblic on the nomination of the prefects. The members are recruited for five years, and are organized into companies and battalions, and subject to miliary discipline The municipality, however, is responsible woman needs a blood-building for the maintenance of the local brigade, medicine regularly just because she is and the expenses are regulated by the a woman. From maturity to middle Mayor in the same way as other munilife, the health and happiness of every cipal expenses. In Paris the department woman depends upon her blood, its rich- is an integral part of the army, and is ness and its regularity. If her blood is under the Minister of War as regards poor and watery she is weak, languid, its organization, discipline and control,

when nature makes the greatest demand there are metropolitan fire districts, in. my system at once raised my hopes, and her best to have him acknowledge that upon her blood supply. They have done cluding several municipalities, and the by continuing to take them I am now a be had been playing cards with his this for thousands of women throughout fire brigades are under the management sound and well man. All my pains and minister. He refused to commit himof commissions, in which the central gov. sches are gone and I am able to do my self, but later on, when she asked him Mrs. Joseph Kinney, Gilbert's Cove, ernment as well as the various local au- work without pain." N. S., says: "For ten years I suffered thorities are represented. The expenses from nervousness and those troubles that of the fire brigades are shared by the make the lives of so many women one government, the local municipalities and

# HOW NOT TO DO IT.

# furnace.

woman, no doctor, within perhaps eighty | proved in health, but I continued to | The delicate mechanism, stubborn "Then I conceived the idea of going miles, no other child for her child to play take the pills for a couple of months disposition and inherited contrariness An' they think the salar system jest stan's with-nothing but days and weeks of more when I felt like a new woman, and of the common household furnace had no return of this trouble since, but to get along with mechanically speakgoing in a measure to a silent martyr. I have used the Pills once since that ing. However, if the following rules "However, to the surprise of my dom, unless the man for whom she goes time for the after effects of la grippe, are carefully applied the householder if the fire of thought burns by brain in and the result was was all I hoped for. will find himself on the best of terms

the rows of glistening teeth glisten more cannot too strongly recommend Dr. architect has already located the coal "So well did I plunge myself into the persistently than ever as the natives Williams' Pink Pills to the many wosible. In carrying the coal to the You can get these Pills from any furnace always use a long handled So in town meetin tother day wen the me cement floor add the same dangerous | W'en I got up the hall spun roun, I thought zest to his trips back and forth as you experience in wading a rocky trout stream or learning to roller My tongue was just baked in

Both labor and coal can be saved by leaving a wide rim of ashes about the firebox. This confines the fire to The question was, "Shall Pokumville conthe centre of the grate. If it goes out you can rebuild it by breaking up To put in breachy cattle who persist in It is said that the bread made by this or four playing together quite near the single exception of Paris, where the corps The best place for them is just to the line, like huge dogs, and how, being at des sapeurs pompiers dates from 1747, right of the furnace door, covering the back of the train, he got in the first | the fire departments in the larger cities | the shovel and shaker. A little hunt shot and killed one instantly. The guard of the world have been organized since for these implements when you need and engine driver came hurrying along 1830. The London brigade was formed in them will take your mind off your ofthen, but before they arrived he had put 1833 by the fire insurance companies, fice cares. The ash pile should not in his second shot and bagged a second but did not come under public control be allowed to get quite as high as the

The Berlin department was not procure an empty flour barrel, a small

the direction cast into the iran, then The earliest of these, however, cannot | manipulate the slides exactly oppo-

when the furnace is started, carefully ceedingly proud of this year's brand, My elerkunce splashed on the world in over-

The householder who keeps a barrel of good cider in the basement finds the case of the most refractory fur- pasteboard. And such an interesting his-

Shafer, in the Bohemian Magazine for December. Repeat it:-" Shiloh's Cure will al- those periods.



A HELPFUL SUGGESTION. Miss Cunning-Why don't you pro- Zigenner. pose to her by telephone then? Mr. Hanley-Maybe she wouldn't know who I was. Miss Cunning-Exactly; that might ----

Where Bullets are Thickest. The adjutant had just lectured a squad

Jones, where would you be found, then, equal to zero in the game, which was scattered all over the street. The throughout the world reveals the fact | Private Jones- In the ammunition wagon, sir,-Tit-Bits.

---How It Was. "De po' child died fum eatin' too

## of its organization. The corps of sap-**ACHES ALL GONE**

Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Chas. N. Cyr's Rheumatism.

Statement of a Man Who Suffered for a Year From Different Forms of end was printed. Piquet was the new Kidney Disease and Found a game invented, and at once took its Speedy Cure. place as a royal pastime and became

New Richmond Station, Que., Dec. 21. house of Valois and Bourbon. -(Special.)-In these cold fall days | When Louis XIV. was a youth, the havoe in every corner of Canada, thou- known to play very heavily. Young of Mr. Chas. N. Cyr, the well-known bar- game by the great cardinal, in whose

Mr. Cyr is only one of thousands whom Dodd's Kidney Pills have cured of Rheumatism, Sciatica and Backache. For Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure sick or disordered Kidneys. And if your Kidneys are well you can't have Rheumatism, Sciatica or Backache.

### The Speech of Ezra Bean,

W. Poss, in the Yankee Blade.) There is people on town meetin' days who think they make a show,

more brain than lung. An my intellect works splendid, but I jest sich a wild commotion Could bust in flames of elerkunce it might

But I'm frightened in a crowd of three, an An sometimes in a crowd of two w'en one erator said, "We'll lissen now to Ezra Bean," I thought that I'd drop dead!

twould never stop With the roof upon the bottob an the base- trough turns round slowly, and the dry as a baker's bun. Dry as a cured codfish w'en it's hangin in

struct another pound An I wished the pesky pound was built an me securely tied. With a brass ring through my nostrils an fastened up inside

an awful slow: But the fire of speech grew heated, an opened up my face An a tide of gurglin sweetness seemed to overflow the place.

I knew the universe stretched crack uv doom But I kept crying in my soul, "More room! more room! more room!"

Afraid? Afraid of nothin! For I felt the whole maccine To remedy the smell of burned paint | A round tent was the sky above that recold And I was the big centre pole that jest an swayed and bent,

> W'en they waved they made a vacuum on Demosthernes and Sissero flepped over in

sessed another pound!

## ----ABOUT PLAYING CARDS.

Antiquity of Asia. A mania for card-playing has existed and still exists the world over, as we well know. All-powerful as the fascination is, not many of the most inveterate players have any notion of the history that lies back of these colored bits of nace an anticipated pleasure.-D. C. tory as it is, involving the royal houses of Europe, as well as the habits and strong wind is blowing the umbrellas customs of the several courts, courtiers | are held in such a position to shield

> that cards, along with chees, were first other of the pedestrians York Evening Sun. The Oriental card had to do with East Indian philosophy and Eastern lore; therefore, was mystic the Imperial or National Library of this character. France. Each card represents a different | The invention consists of a circular person or object. These Bohemians have frame of metal sewed into the centre been called Gypsies, from a corruption of Egyptians, and were the wandering fortune-tellers of the world. The question arises Whence came the Robert other transparent material, through other transparent material, through tion arises, Whence came the Bohem- which the pedestrian can have a conon the Danube Tsiganes, and in German

It is historically true that in the fourweak-minded King Charles VI roised the lourweak-minded King Charles VI. reigned, which yields a rich harvest of beaua distinguished miniature painter named tiful fragrant blossoms. So fond is Ginganneur designed for the King's per- the Queen of this rose that she causes sonal amusement a set of cards which it to be grown by thousands in huge he illuminated in the most exquisite man- borders near her favorite dairy, as of recruits on company drill, battalion ner and according to his original con- well as in the gardens surrounding drill, and every other form of move- ception. But in no way did even his cards her home.-From the Girls' Own ment that he could think of, and at last resemble those of our day. In the royal Paper.

> called "Tarot." "Nabi." In Spain they took the name

Gremany in the fifteenth century to used for the same game of "Tarot." France was zealously promoting the multiplication of playing cards in every direction. This proved later to be the incentive she had to originate new cards and a new game. Charles VI. had died, Charles VII. succeeded, and the costume of the new King and his court was selected for the costumes of the new face cards. The King's crown had a fleur-de-lis, and upon each card a leg-

the favorite for successive courts of the positively if his eminence had taken the money from him, he answered, "Yes." Trente-et-quarente was then the game greatly in vogue among the gambling men of fashion as well as at court.

#### ----TO KNEAD BREAD.

## In Common Use in France-1,000

Pounds Kneaded at a Time The American Consul at Lyons France, reports that during September there was an exhibition of mechanical bread kneaders in that city at which 35 mechanical devices were exhibited for kneading bread by power,

Three were German inventions; all the others were French. The prices varied from 500 francs (\$96.60) to 4,000 france (\$772). Most of them are by steam or electricity, but all may be worker by hand or gas or petroleum engines. These machines will knead from 300

to 1,000 pounds of bread in an hour or in less time, and they will knead from one pound of bread up to 500 pounds, They are used in nearly every bakery in France, and the old style of kneading by hand is nearly out of use, The troughs in which the dough is kneaded in these machines are generally

about four feet in diameter. When the work of kneading is in progress the dough is turned over by a system of metallie claws which lift it up, throw it over and give it a thorough turning as completely as could be done by hand. By this system every part of the dough is

system is better than the article made by the old method. The mechanical bread kneader employed in France some twenty-five years ago became very unpopular, but upon investigation the cause of the unpopularity was found to be in the poor quality of flour used. It is now considered beyond dispute that the mechanical bread kneader produces better bread; that it is healthier than the bread made by the old methods.

Repeat it:- "Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."



BIRDS OF A FEATHER.

Miss Sweet-I should like to see the nerry widow hats. Clerk-Umbrella department, third

RIO

## WINDOW IN THE UMBRELLA

Frequent annoyance and inconvenience arises to persons carrying umbrellas, from the fact that when a and distinguished men and women of off the rain, that when two persons approach each other from opposite The origin of cards lies far back in directions there is grave danger of the hidden antiquity of Asia, no record | collision when the umbrellas often so far having been found to unravel the sustain damage, if some serious insource. It was from the distant Orient | jury is not sustained by one or the

introduced into Southern Europe, Spain | To avoid such accidents it is necesand Italy, especially. The earliest of sary on the part of persons carrying these cards have been lost, unfortunate. umbrellas under these circumstances ly, and no record of them preserved. But in no way were they even a suggestion shields so that they may be enabled of our present-day cards, says the New to look under them and to look out for objects ahead. Pedestrians picking their way

through the rain are relieved of this and symbolic. Later there came from brella, which is provided with Bohemia into Southern Europe cards bearing some resemblance to the Asiatic pedestrian may pick his way in ones. Some of these are to be seen in absolute freedom from accidents of

> Queen Alexandra's Favorite Roses. The Queen's favorite rose is one of

Beyond Words. Mrs. O'Toole—She's takin 'on awful.
Her husband got three years—but he kin git twelve months off for good her in git twelve months off for good her in grant and the sundant of the field of battle a brave soldier are thickest, you understand. Private for unusual equipment.

most cases, to \$1 or somewhat over, it is possible to find the explanation in a will always be found where the bullets are thickest, you understand. Private for unusual equipment.

a fool, a lover, a man on, the sun, hanged, a chariot, the moon, the sun, figures of Justice, Force, Temperance, figures of Justice, Force, Temperance, figures of Justice, Force, Temperance, figures of Justice, Fortune, Death and Judgment. The pack or unusual equipment.

The fool card was a wheel, and its ruddy freight being the first of the sun, hanged, a chariot, the moon, the sun, figures of Justice, Force, Temperance, figures of Justice, Force, Temperance, figures of Justice, Force, Temperance, for the field of battle a brave soldier will always be found where the bullets are thickest, you understand. Private driver of the coach came back to settle In 1379 a card game called "Naib" for the damage and expected to come in was introduced into Italy by the Sara- for a volley of choice cursing. But the cens. It would seem that some rela- coster looked at his cart, looked at his tion may have existed between the apples, looked at the coach, and finally name of this game and that of the for-tupe tellers of Arabia, who were called word for it!"—Argonaut.

> The bill collector may not be a book The engraving of cards started in body, but he generally finds people out