Her Great Love;

Or, A Struggle For a Heart

CHAPTER XVII.-(Continued). "Shall we have some cards?" Morgan Thorpe asked, presently, and in quite a Bobby stared away from the piano and

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"Cards! I'm-I'm afraid I haven't any. Tm very sorry," he said, remoraefully.

"By Jove, how strange!" said Morgan
Thorpe, feeling in his pocket. "Quite by
chance I happened to put a pack—why,
there are two—in my pocket last night.

Now, how did I come to do that?"

"Don't play, dear Mr. Deane!" murmured Laura. But Mr. Morgan Thorpe slid his hand through Bobby's arm, and led him to the table which the waiter had

"Tiresome cards!" she murmured. "How I hate them! Why are you men so fond of them, I wonder;" and with a petulant, impatient gesture, she swept the dark Bobby looked up at her with all his I would rather rather be at the piano with you," he murmured. Your play, Deane." broke in Trevor's harsh voice, and Bobby played the first

"I mark the game." Mr. Morgan Thorpe would say, pleasantly. "You ought to have won that, my dear Deane. Once or twice Bobby rose from the table and strayed to the piano, but Morgan Thorpe always called him back. The music, the play, went on until the chimee sounded small. Very frequently Laura leaned over Bobby's shoulder and murmured soft nothings. Once her small white hand stroked his hair softly, and at the caress the blood mounted hotly to the boy's face, and he did not know whether he was playing hearts or diamonds; conscious of nothing but that fascinating presence, the dark eyes and red lips, the

It is those horrid cards!" said the divine Laura, with a pout, as her hand touchhe consulted his memorandum tablet, you have been unlucky to-night, Deane, very unlucky. I never saw such cards. You owe Trevor fifty-six pounds, and me a hundred and twenty-four." Bobby's face fell, but Laura's white

hand touched his shoulder, and he smiled "I'm sorry! I'm-I'm afraid-" he stam-Morgan Thorpe laughed carelessly.

LOU., or, better still, a little bill,

Laura, thus appealed to, murmured something in Bobby's ear; and, Bobby. taking the stylographic pen which Mr. Morgan Thorpe offered him, signed his name across the blue paper. His head was swimming, his whole be ing thrilling under the touch of her hand, the music of her murmuring voice. He would have done anything, signed any-

With a fond and vacuous smile, he wrapped her cloak round her. Take one of my flowers with you," said in a thick whisper. She pressed the bouquet to her lips, and looked across it at him with a sad smile, "If we had only met-earlier!" she mur-

Bobby went down to the brougham with them, and, as she entered, she pressed his hand so warmly that he ventured to raise her small white hand to his lips. The brougham rattled away, and the divine Laura leaned back with a yawn and a sigh.

Trevor bent forward, his bloodshot eves gleaming upon her. 'How long is this going to last?" he asked hoursely. She shrugged her shoulders and glanced

at her brother. Ask him," she said. Mr. Morgan Thorpe laughed. 'My dear Trevor,' he said, remonstratingly, "you surely are not jealous! Of a boy like that!" and Trevor, with a smothered oath, subsided.

Meanwhile Bobby sat at the table, with

the cards strewn around him, and thought

of the divine Laura. He could feel her

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hear her voice still ringing in his ears. He did not remember how much he had not reflect that he was the son of a poor man, with a limited allowance. thought, as she listened to him and glane-He only thought of that beautiful face and sweet voice, and- Reader, did you ever hear the song of "The Spider and the

CHAPTER XVIII.

The night of Gaunt's dinner-party arrivhad to be done, and at last a date was mood proved infectious, and instead of peculiar to himself as the pattern "Nonsense, my dear Laura! Of course fixed and the invitations sent out. It was to be a very large party, but there was no leasont satisfactions. The chances are sing silence, which characterize most dinger of the resources of the Hall believe the danger of the resources of the Hall believe the danger of the resources of the Hall believe the characterize most dinger than the cha

to them, and leaning on his shoulder, bent over him.

"Tiresome cards!" she murmured. "How hope next time you give a party I chart them. The address them to the she had a shoulder, for a bachelor. The man has been a dark purpose. The address them to the she may be a dark purpose. The address them to the she may be a she will now." hope next time you give a party, I shall not be needed, Lord Gaunt." She smiled at him with her wise and compassionate old eyes, and Gaunt smiled back at her, and shook his head. He had winced at the word "bachelor," but he answered, calmly enough: "No one could fill the place so well as you, dear Lady Roborough, and I should always be satisfied to see you in it. I am

She looked at him wistfully, and eighed; she knew that there must be some mystery in his life; but she knew also that, whatever it was, Gaunt would keep

received hers. She would have liked to rather ask any man that question than have refused, but Lord Gaunt made her him. By the way, who is that lovely girl promise, and she knew she must go. But she did not want to go with Mrs. Sherborne, and she carried the invitation to her father. Mr. Deane positively refused. "I hate a crowd," he said. "Why does not Robert take you?"

"Robby on not lord Gaunt made her him. By the way, who is that lovely girl—child, I had almost said, sitting beside the dark little man—fourth from the end of the table?"

"A Miss Deane," said Lady Roborough. "What, old Peter Deane's daughter?

Really, how lovely she is! I never saw a "Bobby can not leave London," said De-

proper places in the world." Decima had grown so accustomed to

"Yes yes: I suppose so," he assented. Decima went and looked at her dresses She would have liked a new frock for the occasion, but she thought of Bobby's letter, and resolved to make one of the old ones do. She was quite sure that so insignificant a person as herself would not be noticed in that brilliant assemblage. So, when the night came, she put on

The party had created a great deal of

The great house was a blaze of light, and Mr. Deane shuffled his feet and greaned, as their modest fly at last drew up to the steps, over which a striped awn-

Lady Roborough stood just within the drawing-room to receive the guests, and Lord Gaunt stood at her elbow holding her

leaped, but his face grew paler, if any-

and passing on, was swallowed up in the

Lady Roborough looked after her. "What a sweet-looking girl!" she said it I have not met her?" Gaunt looked straight before him: the

throbbing through him. had impressed others besides Lady Ro-

then he raised them, looked round with a several gentlemen near her, and one was his small eyes glanced round the mag-

said, with an attempt at a sneer. monds pleased her, and excited her a lit- C. H. Hayton. tle. There was not a spark of envy in her bosom, not a tinge of regret for her own plain attire. Mr. Merehon's remark and its tone grated upon her, and she made no response. She saw Lord Gaunt moving about the room, speaking to one and another, and almost as if he were con- won't. scious that her eyes were resting upon

him, he turned and looked at her, and suddenly came across to her. Well, are you satisfied?" he said in tone and resented it with sharp resent-

and here you are, you see!" He smiled, but there was a gravity and intensity in his gaze which Decima felt. "Oh!" she said in repudiation. "But if it were true, then I am satisfied. How beautiful it is! I mean the rooms—"
"Which you decorated!" he said in a

"And the dresses and the jewels," she continued, disregarding his interruption. "It is quite magnificent, and—and like a pageant. You ought to be very proud, Lord Gaunt; for it must be pleasant to have so many nice and beautiful persons in your house."

He looked at the girlish face uplifted to him, and smiled enigmatically. He noticed the plainness of her dress, the absence of any ornament-he had noticed it the moment she entered and he thought "Not one of the women, with all their grand dresses and their diamonds, is so beautiful, so distinguished-looking, as this ove of mine in her simple frock." "I am glad you are pleased," he said, nietly. "It will be my reward for being a good boy, and doing as I was told."

As he spoke, Mr. Mershon came up and offered her his arm.

"I am to take you in, Miss Deane," Gaunt looked at him with an impassive face, in which no sign of his envy was visible, and went to the Countees of Illminster, who was allotted to him. had been unearthed from the bank vauits, and the long table shone with gold and ed with.

There were flowers everywhere, and they

hostess, and Gaunt exerted all the charm pattern on the skin of their fingerwhich belonged to his race. No one was tips, it is easily rendered useless by better fitted to shine in society, and De-

younger he looked then than when she nowadays. had first met him. part extremely well. He bated and loath even the wariest of burglars. The ed the whole affair, but no one had the least suspicion of his sentiments, or idea is to photograph the back of guessed that all the while he was talking the hand of every convicted crimied the whole affair, but no one had the

horse had arms! He laughed.

is doing this to perfection. Why doesn't danger of bleeding to death. like a Christian and a county gentle-Lady Roborough glanced at Gaunt's face, as he bent toward the lady on his left with a pleasant, courtly smile.
"Why don't you ask him himself?" she

Lord Ferndale made a grimace.
"Why don't I beard the lion in his den? Mrs. Sherborne and her brother received Because I am afraid of his claws, my n invitation, and accepted: Decima also dear Lady Roborough. Gaunt's a queer an invitation, and accepted; Decima also man to tackle, I should think; and I'd

> Really, how lovely she is! I never saw a more taking face. "Excepting Lady Ferndale's," said Lady Roborough, with a smile. For there had been a romance in Lord

said Lady Roborough, fluishing the senstruck by it the moment I saw it; for we sullen, she found plenty to talk to her. sad and wistful also.

chain. But presently a strain

THE DROWNING MAN. ing had been spread, and he caught a How He Acts in the Water and How to Rescue Him.

he probably flings up his arms and Her keen eyes scanned Decima's face as shouts for help. In doing so he she and her father were announced, and shouts for help. In doing so he for a moment a look of surprise and ad- parts with a large quantity of air miration flashed in her ladyship's eyes as from his lungs. As his mouth is At Decima's entrance, Gaunt's heart just about on a level with the surface of the water at the next inspir-"It was good of you to come," he said ation he swallows a large quantity in a low voice, and his hand closed over of water. The inhaled water sets expelled. More water is then inhaled, until the lungs become sur- A young clergyman of the Church of seedless raisins and put them shells is a dainty bit for luncheon. the 180 ladies who formed the ori-"What a sweet-looking girl!" she said charged and the body weight in of England, named Trebeck, was into the boiling cabbage-and-onion The old-fashioned Shetland shawl ginal nucleus of the organization markable face; one sees so few really mo- creased. The drowning man in his once dining at the house of his mixture. Let all boil ten or fif- should be washed in bran and warm 140 have now withdrawn their dest-looking girls nowadays. I did not struggles for air makes convulsive bishop. The young clergyman, teen minutes; then take up and put water—no soap. grasps of anything within reach, whose parish was Grimsby, the in jars. The pickle will be ready to If a piece of sugar is put into the been abandoned. touch of the little gloved hand was still and herein lies the great danger of great fishing port of England, eat when it becomes cold. The cab- water that flowers stand in, they attempting a rescue, for the drown- showed a most unexpected know. They are very quiet people and go no- where, he said, casually, too casually, ing man may grasp the rescuer so ledge of horses, and a severe old which add to the color, where they are very quiet people and go no- ledge of horses, and a severe old which add to the color, where they are put away. for the sharp old lady glanced at him tightly that both may sink and lady who sat on his right listened keenly. But Gaunt's face was as impas- drown. In attempting to rescue a in stern disapproval to his conver- the pickle. There were several persons who knew drowning man, keep him at arm's sation. At last she said: Mr. Deane, and Decima found that she length. Grasp him by the hair, if 'I think, young man, you said hoped and expected; for her appearance possible, and pull him ashore, or you lived at Grimsby. Let me adborough; and the men were asking Mr. to a place of safety, and begin arti- vise you to leave horses alone, and Deane to introduce them, and the ladies ficial respiration at once. Let it be make acquaintance with that Presently, Mrs. Sherborne and Mr. remembered in this connection that worthy, pious young curate, Mr. Mershon arrived. Mrs. Sherborne was very the body is only very slightly hea- Trebeck, who has lately gone there, shou entered with lowered eyes, and kept vier than the water, and will al- and who is doing such good work them under their lids for some minutes: most float of its own accord, espe- among the fishermen." kind of covert cagerness, saw Decima, and cially if in salt water. If self-pos- There was a roar of laughter, made his way towards her. There were session is maintained and the air which the old lady could not under talking to her, and Mr. Mershon had to kept in the lungs, and now and stand. wait until she was free to greet him. His again, when opportunity offers, a . "I happen to know him a little," thin lips tightened, and he stood looking down with a half-nervous, half-aggresive fresh supply of air is inhaled, one replied her neighbor, 'and I am air. Then he shook hands with her, and can keep oneself affoat for a long afraid he is not very worthy or nificent room and the brilliant crowd. | period. This is more quickly at- very pious.' "Quite a brilliant affair, isn't it?" he tained if some of the outer gar- In "Glimpses of the Past' Miss Decima looked about her with a very ments can be thrown off and a gen- Elizabeth Wordsworth tells this different expression. The splendor of the tle treading motion kept up. Dr. story, and adds one that Mr. Tre-

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being based on the fact that no two Lady Reborough was the perfection of a people in the world have the same cima, who was not very far from him, wearing gloves or by having the where he sat at the bottom of the table. finger tips deliberately defaced. ed now and again at his face, how much Every crack burglar knows this

As a matter of fact, he was playing his But the newer system will baffle

so brilliantly and smiling so easefully, the hand of every convicted crimithat he was wishing them all away—all nal. The network of tiny veins on but one little girl in dove-colored silk. the back of a man's hand is as much Nonsense, my dear Laura! Of course to be a very large party, but there as no large with play:

Nonsense, my dear Laura! Of course to be a very large party, but there as no large of the resources of the Hall be play and an election at the escrees of the resources of the resources of the Hall be play and an election at the escrees of the resources of the Hall be play and an election at the escrees of the resources of the Hall be played an election at the escrees of the resources of the Hall be played and and and an electron and electro

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Good Canning. How often do you hear the complaint that the squash or beans you took so much trouble to can have a little bitter taste from the preserving acid you used? It does not affect corn or tomatoes in this way. but does almost every other vegetable. Secure the best vinegar you can buy on the market and tre the following recipe, which has been used with success :-

Wash your beans thoroughly. Some persons string them, but they The finger-print system is gen- retain their flavor better whole, erally regarded as the last word in Measure them carefully in a quart The brilliant crowd passed into the din-ng room with its softly shaded lights. scientific detection of crime, but a cup, counting each quart as you put this occasion the famous Gaunt plate newer method is being experiment- it into the kettle. Add just enough water to cover them. Then put in bruise the skin, first cutting off the Linen can be rendered non-in-The great objection to the finger- one teaspoonful of vinegar to every leaves, leaving at least an inch of flammable by washing it in a solu-There were flowers everywhere, and they softened the glitter of the precious met- print system is that, though it is quart of vegetables. Cook until als and the flashing of the jewels. The quite trustworthy as far as it goes, tender, but not a minute longer. Have jars scalded and standing in ter, and with the hands push off the It is best to iron underwear on hot water. Fill to overflowing with skins. Put them into hot sterilized the wrong side. This makes the surthe hot vegetables and put caps on fruit jars and set them on a rack in face smooth, and it will not be apt

squash, butter beans and okra. A and fill the jars with lukewarm wa- it up in a towel for half an hour; teaspoonful and a half of vinegar is ter. Pour water into the boiler then iron on the wrong side. required for cucumbers. These are until it comes half-way to the top To test linen, moisten the goods gathered just before they are ripe, of the jars. Put the covers in the with the tip of the tongue. If it is

ferior vinegar will ruin your work. kettle and let the beets steam an show through the other side. um-sized heads of Danish cabbage, covers and cook another fifteen mincommonly known in America as utes, and then set aside to cool.

The advantage over the finger- namon and add three quarts of the water before being fried they will blue bag will also make window or "What a simile! I did not know that a print system is that no one can at- best cider vinegar. In a little remain whole. tempt to alter the arrangement of cheesecloth bag put one tablespoon- New potatoes put in salt water, For the making of custard sauce "Seriously, I am delighted with him. He the veins without running great ful of prepared pickle flavoring, or water with soda dissolved in it, beat one egg with a pinch of salt



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young beets, being careful not to for the complexion. stem. Cook until tender in boiling tion of two ounces of alum dissolvwater, drain, cover with cold wa- ed in a gallon of water. instantly. The rubbers should be a steam kettle or boiler. Add a to irritate the skin. The same recipe applies to spoonfuls of sugar to each quart do not hang it out to dry; but roll

and are peeled, not sliced. An in- water beside the jars, cover the linen the wet spot will immediately

two tablespoonfuls of ground cin- If sausages are dipped in boiling little vinegar and a squeeze of the

which can be bought in ten-cent. will "scrape clean" quite easily. and a teaspoonful of sugar, pouring

spots on flannel suits brigns out the should be served in a heated saucegrease if the garment is held near boat. to the fire.

When a pillow case begins to bottom and folded so that the old side seam goes down the middle. Buckskin shoes can be cleaned by making a lather of good scouring soap. Take a small brush and rub

ped in alcohol and hung up inside man's Marlborough Club.

are much more healthful. have unimpeded circulation.

cooked in a hurry. If you cannot give them two or three hours, do without them. Spare linen should be used occa-

brought into full service will go very quickly. If you dampen your brush and

superfluous greasiness.

will not dry so quickly.

which adds to the attractiveness of paper before they are put away; they will dry more quickly and not

Finger marks on the doors vi stringy fibres. Wash it in several clean off easily if the cloth is first waters, put in while very wet into a dipped in kerosene; then wash in In preparing eggplant press

> it. This prevents the vegetable Wall paper can be cleaned by live without you. making a paste of whitening. Lay "But," she replied, "my father

glass of warm water and drank be- myself.

successfully at home. Scrub the fore breakfast is said to be good

tablespoonful of salt and two table- After washing a china silk dress

Danish Pickle.-Cut three medi- hour; adjust new rubbers and the Discolored bronze should be thoroughly cleaned of dust, then apply a mixture of two parts warm wa-

Lace can be both "creamed" and over them a teacupful of boiling "starched" by rinsing it in water milk. Stir in a small saucepan unto which a well-beaten egg has been | til the sauce slightly thickens and reaches boiling point. Flavor with French chalk applied to grease a drop of vanilla. The custard

wear it should be unstitched at the QUEEN BARS GAMBLING CLUB British Consort Ends Plan for Ex-

clusive Woman's House. Queen Mary, by reason of her unthe lather thoroughly into the shoes. When dry brush off again.

People who keep houses dark for fear of the sunlight spoiling their club in London which, from a socarpets or furniture have no idea cial point of view, by far would of the disease-destroying influence have outranked any existing woman's club in the city and which in A veil can be made crisp if dip- fact would have been a kind of wo-

The incident at the same time Green peppers stuffed with fresh shows how, in spite of the Queen's green corn and baked make a deli- strong and constantly demonstrated objection, the society women of Tablecloths should be slightly England are equally determined starched. They keep clean longer | not to be deprived of their big or little gambling.

Cotton sheets are more economi- A plan was formulated a short cal than linen; they last longer and time ago to start a woman's club, membership in which was to be re-In sleeping, keep the head as low stricted to past and present ladies as possible, so that the blood may of the various royal households in England. At first everything point-The stove polish will be blacker, ed to its immediate great success. glossier and more durable if you Nearly every royal lady residing in mix it with turpentine instead of England promised to join, and a Tomatoes for sauce cannot be households immediately came in.

Of course it was absolutely essential that such a club should have the support of the Queen, as she is sionally, or it will yellow, and when the head of the select body from which the members were to be se-

Lady Agneta Montagu, the organpass it through your hair two or izing secretary of the club, immethree times a week, it will prevent diately approached Queen Mary as soon as the successful establish-If washing for repainting, use no ment of the club was assured. A soap, but wash with soda and wa- couple of weeks ago the Queen ter. If soap is used, the new plant wrote to Lady Agneta that she would join the club, but only on Sastor oil rubbed thoroughly into the conditions that there should boots and shoes will make them be no cardroom in it and that no male visitors should be received.

When curtains are hung up to dry | These conditions were made show that they rendered the formanames. As a result the scheme has

A Matter of Time.

The Market Man-I think living's getting cheaper. F'rinstance, two years ago them eggs would have cost you 50 per cent. more. The Customer-Two years ago, when these eggs were fresh, they would have been worth more.

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"Darling," he cried, "I can not

"In that case," he despondently Half a lemon squeezed into a replied, 'I guess I'll go and shoot

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very grateful." soft, murmurous voice that sung sweetly | cima Mr. Deane shuffled up and down the He passed the champagne—the wine whose cost he was presently to learn—and filled his own glass. And he talked and laughed, and made foolish bets, and lost them with cheerful indifference.

At last, warned by a glance from his spent all his allowance already. I suppose I must send him some more, though At last, warned by a glance from his sister's speaking eyes, Morgan Thorpe said, looking at the priceless bronze clock on the mantelshelf:

ing for more money; he seems to have "She is a beautiful beautiful by a glance from his spent all his allowance already. I suppose I must send him some more, though I can't afford it; that is, just now; premently it will not matter."

Which which—"Which play "By Jove! my dear Deane, do you know the time? We must be going; we really must! My dear Laura, how could you let us trespace on Mr. Deane's hospitality?"
"It is those horrid cards!" said the dived Bobby's arm with a lingering caress. such remarks as these that they had Let me see, said Morgan Thorpe, as ceased to make any impression on her. My dear fellow, I did not suppose you her soft, dove-colored silk, only slightly carried so much money in your waist-coat pocket. No one does. You will do the or jewel for ornament, and smiled at her usual thing, of course. Just give me an reflection in the glass. Strange, but I have one about me!"

He produced a sheet of blue paper, partit will not matter. I know scarcely any Sign that, my dear Deane. It is only notice all the Mershons notice all the easier. You need not pay until it is con- excitement, and she realized how import- was heard. Gaunt glanced toward the venient; in fact, Trevor and I don't care ant a function it was when she saw the door leading to the hall, very much whether you pay or not. We have had such a delightful evening. Delightful! You are a perfect Macaenas, my dear Deane. By Jove! I have never had a rive, and the long line of handsome carriages coming and going along the continued.)

"I thought you would like some mice."

-"Which plays havoc with your hearts,"

-old-women can admire a girl as ardently as you men can. We have passed the envious and jealous stage, you see. I will introduce her to you after dinner, and you can make love to her. You always do to every pretty girl, don't you?" "I do," he said, with mock gravity. "It's the duty of every self-respecting man to make love to every pretty girl."
There were others besides Lord Ferndale who were attracted to Decima, and though Mr. Mershon eat silent and rather Every now and then Gaunt turned his preoccupied and absent expression fell on his face. All the fire left his eyes, and they grew sad and wistful. Once Decima, looking at him, caught this expression, and something stirred in her heart-what, she could not have told; but it made her one but the Mershons, and I shall escape To her the dinner seemed interminable. Course followed course in an endless

When a person is unable to swim

It is easier to break a man's will When the skipper came on deck, he down without taking them from the than it is to sidetrack a woman's found the mate busy swabbing.

low voice, too low for Mershon to hear; ing tobacco?" said the doctor. "I all that, I'd like the old gal to go ought to be boiled and kept hot un-Dyspepsia Tablets, compounded by the and Mr. Mershon noticed the whispered have quit it," replied the young down clean and tidy." "Yes." he enid; "this is your doing; you! arette," replied the young man. ling water bottles.

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beck likes to tell himself.

What's the use of that, Jack ? Don't you see she's sinking?"

packages, and place it in the vinegar. When the liquid begins to they should be hung double over known, and two weeks sufficed to Decima muttered something inaudible, up coughing, and air and water are Two Good Ones From England's boil, add the cabbage and onion, the line. Separate thoroughly two packages | Cold slaw served in green pepper tion of the club impossible, for of

bage when put into the vinegar will will keep fresh quite a long time.

saucepan with one tablespoonful of the usual way. salt, but add no other water. Boil quickly for eight minutes and cool. under water instead of just salting Drain and pack into the jars. Fill the jars with cold water, adjust the from turning black. rubbers, put the tops on loosely and stand the jars in a boiler, the bottom of which is protected by a rack, it thick on the marks, allow it to is bankrupt. Surround the jars partly with cold dry, then brush off. water, cover the boiler and boil continuously for one hour. Lift one jar at a time, screw down the

The lids should be solid, either glass or other material, without lin-"I thought I told you to quit us- "Yes, master, I know it; but for ing. All jars, caps and rubbers til used. Always use new rubbers.

Spinach for Winter Use.-To can spinach, remove all the stalks and

another hour. You cannot lift the lids from any of the jars and lay them on the table, and then put them back on One stormy day a fishing-smack the jars and have the contents was wrecked, and fast sinking. keep. The lids must be screwed

lid, cover the boiler and boil for

ment as he moved away a little.

"Satisfied?" said Decima, looking up at mouth l' asked the doctor. "A cig- Egg-shells are excellent for clean- young beets, about an inch and a half in diameter, can be canned half in diameter, can be canned