A PICTURESQUE STORY FROM AN ANCIENT LAND.

citement for a Toy Sultan, Who Had Ordered the Special Per-He Would Not Allow the Proprietress to Attend.

AWN has not entirely biotted out the Arabian Nights. The East still has its little romances, its comedies, and its tragedies. Take Morocco, for instance, which not so very long ago was an independent kingdom, guileless of being nearly the cause of European war in 1911.

When Mulai Abdul Aziz first issued from the seclusion of palace, where, on account of his extreme youth, he had passed the first four or five years of his reign, it was everybody's jurpose to keep him amused. The powerful grand vizier Bu Ahmed, held absolute sway and had no intention of surrendering his position even in favor of the gentle, Australia, at first it seems strange quiet youth who had inherited the throne. So the only statecraft they allowed their young lord and master to learn was the letting off of fire works, the pressing of the buttons of. kodak cameras, and trick bicycle riding, at all three of which, under apt tutelage, his Majesty soon became an adept.

It was at this moment that strong and good adviser might have prolonged the life of an independent Morocco, for although possessed of no great attainments or will power, Mulai Abdul Aziz was thoughtful. intelligent, and desirous of doing well. It was no easy matter, however, at Marakesh, the southern capital, where the court at this time was in residence, to veep the young sultan amused. Situated one hundred miles from the nearest port, which itself was three hundred miles down the Atlantic coast, communication with Europe was necessarily very slow, and the sultan's ever-increasing orders of European goods took long to carry out. Often, too, the heavy Atlantic swell rendered impossible communication between the ships and the shore for weeks together.

The Sultan's amusers were at their last resources. Fireworks were played out, bicycle tricks had led to bruises and sprains; and even photography had lost its pristine interest. At this critical moment came word of a belated circus at one of the coast towns. It must naturally have been a very poor circus ever to have found itself at that dreary little port, but its advent was welcomed as enthusfastically as if it had been Barnum's entire show. Imperial letters were directed to the local kaids and governors, agents rushed wildly to and fro, and eventually the circus, bag and baggage, consisting of a dozen people and three or four horses, started out across the weary plains of Morocco to obey the royal command. It all took time, and meanwhile in court circles it was the absorbing topic of conversation. One or two serious rebellions among the tribes, and an acute quarrel with the government of a European power passed into temporary oblivion.

Now the proprietress of the circus was an extremely stout Spanish lady of uncertain age, on whose corpulent class suffrage, as well to that of the more than a hundred miles had left the discomfort, heat, and worry of the journey had upon her temper. She herself took no active part in the performance, and it was on this account, to her intense indignation and wrath, that she was refused admittance to the court of the palace in which the Sultan was to witness the show. His Majesty's orders were that none but the actual performers should be allowed to enter.

So the fat lady and one or two of the employees of the circus remained | world his opinion of an act which ar in an outer courtyard adjoining the African slave runner would find it enclosure in which the Sultan, seated hard to justify. under a gorgeous tent, was witness- "Why do you repine?" says the ing the performance. A wall some Arab slave trader to the weeping twenty feet in height separated these slave. "Aren't you better off here two courts, and in the outer one, in Tunis, with cunning chains on Daisy and Violet Baker, all of where the fat lady found herself, the your ankles, the slave to a severe Windsor. Mrs. Clifton Young, for of a rambling debate upon the ex-Sultan had been building some addi- but moral master, than you would merly Mary Walker, niece of the tions to the palace, and a pile of be back in the forest where you bride and groom, was able to cele-stone, mortar, and other material could get enough to eat without brate her twelfth wedding anniver- Calgary, director-general of Nareached almost to the top of the wall, working? Think of the effect upon sary with her aunt and uncle. The lady was both angry and bored, your soul of association with us! nor were a flock of gazelles and a Happy but ung.ateful wretch, stop few fine specimens of moufion—Bar-blubbering." And he lays the whip bary wild sheep—tha: roamed about on the naked shoulders. . . the enclosure sufficient to keep her From an editorial in Collier's.

To have received a royal command to come all the way to the Moorish capital, and then to be deprived of the glory of seeing her own circus performing before a real Sultan was more than she could bear, and she straightway began to climb the great heap of building material that lay piled against the wall. It was hard work, nor was her figure suited for to receive assistance from a source undreamed of. Affe ted, no doubt. by her slow progress in a sport o the old ram moufion lightly bounded after her. Balancing himself for a noment on his hind legs he lunged forward and butted the fat lady so successfully from below that her ascent was materially assisted. In a series of repeated bounds, owing to

den vision of a considerable portion of her immense body, as the playful moufion, him self invisible, gave her another hoist up. At last all ner body was on the wall, to which she clung for dear life with arms nd legs, as she lay extended on its summit. It was at this moment that he A Spanish Lady Provides Some Ex. moufion appeared. With a majestic bound he leaped on the summit, stood for a moment poised on his bind legs, then suddenly dropped and formance of a Circus Although with a terrific prod from his wide horns butted the fat lady at least a yard along the wall. He was evidently intent upon taking her round

the entire circuit of the courtyard. For a few moments there was turmoil. The Sultan sat silent and amazed, while the cabinet ministers all shouted to the lady to disappear -which she was certainly most anx ious to do. The slaves, more wise, pelted the mouflon with stones and drove him from his point of vantage. Then slowly the lady disappearedthe fat legs first, then the heaving mass of body, and finally even the purple face was seen no more,-Boston Transcript.

A DEZZY JOURNEY.

Australia Has Most Zig-Zag Railway in the World.

In looking back over the history of the original settlement at Sydney, a plateau 3,000 feet in height and a day's ride from the coast, should mark the edge of known land for twenty-five years after civilization.

There are, however, good reasons for this seeming lack of enterprise, says the National Geographic Magazine. The Blue Mountains, though not lofty, are broad and constitute a formidable barrier. There are no long valleys heading in practicable passes and furnishing access from the east and west; the stream heads are boxes inclosed by walls, and it was only when the narrow divides were chosen for causeways that the passage of the mountain was successfully accomplished.

The famous "zigzags" of the first railroad, now replaced expensive tunnels required for the steep descent of 2,000 feet give even EAT MORE CORN the casual tourist an impression of the ruggedness of the plateau, and when one is led out on one of a hungazes down into canyons whose walls may be scaled only by an experienced mountaineer, and looks out over a tangle of canyons and cliffs and tables at lower levels, he realizes that "magnificent scenery" for the present generation must have been "disheartening obstacles" to scout in search of tillable land.

Votes for Huns.

The Vossische Zeitung recently announced that it had learned from a parliamentary source that the Prussian Government has already worked out a scheme for the reform of the franchise which it will submit to the Diet immediately upon the conclusion of peace. The authorities are maintaining silence as to the details of the scheme, the Berlin organ added, but it may be already assumed, it observed, that the system emthe Reichstag will not be adopted in conjunction with a plurality vote.

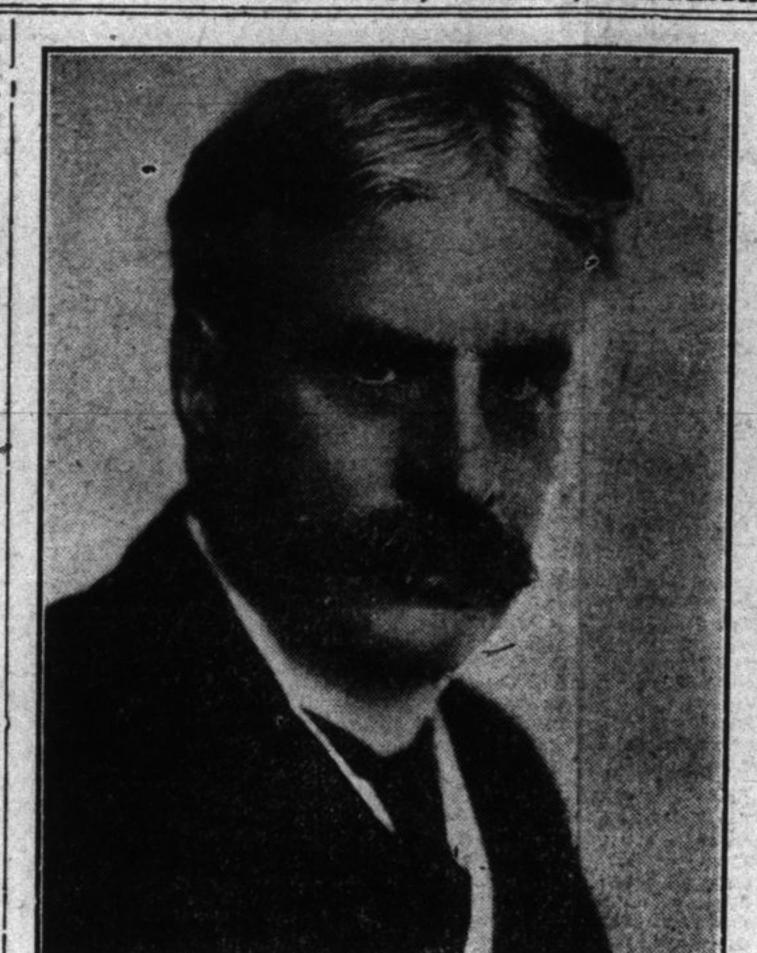
This announcement, commented bearing the clogan: the Vorwarts on the foregoing, also accords with our information. It means a challenge to both sides, to that of the defenders of the three-

Cardi al Mercier has stated to th

Wasps After the U-Boats If, as reported, the British have four thousand motor boats in service, it is reasonable to believe that a he giving out of any detailed figure agile small craft that are being so British coast have been successful in other than a merely defensive way. They have the obvious advantage of speed and ability to dodge, and their small size affords a difficult target for an attacking submarine.

no voluntary action on her own part, she found herself pantingly grasping the top of the thick wall.

Meanwhile the performance of the circus was progressing to the Sultan's satisfaction. Suddenly, however, an ev ression of wrathful consternation became visible in his face, and speechless, he pointed at the wall. There, far above, was the fat lady, peering down at the Sultan and his court. In a moment the officers of the suite were shouting and gesticulating to her to retire. But the saliy reply they received was the sud-



WHO HAS RETURNED FROM HIS TRIP TO ENGLAND.

SAYS DEPARTMENT

At Present Used For Human Food.

Washington, May 15 .- With a present, only 10 per cent: of the Am- week.

make intoxicants. Without serious Kemp, then Acting Minister of Milieved the present 200,000,000 bush- agreed to pay Barr \$12 an acre. This els now annually used as food could was to apply to 17,300 acres, of be many times multiplied. Corn sub- which Barr sated he then controlled stitutes, unsuitable for the table-it 8,000 acres . He was to get the rest is pointed out, can to a great extent and sell it to the Government at \$12 supplant corn as feed, at least dur- an acre. ing the war.

ployed with regard to elections to much corn as wheat grown in the dence as to what Mr. Barr paid owncountry, and the department wants ers. The letter was addressed to Prussia, but that a secret, direct more planted. Circulars and posters, Fred Smith of Montreal, who owned ballot may be looked for, probably in describing various corn dishes and a parcel in the required area. It of-

"Eat more corn."

Florida Golden Wedding. who will have to say whether those golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. who have fought for Empire and Hiram Walker was formerly Miss State are to have political rights in- Elizabeth Phillips, of Wilton, daughferior to those of other citizens. The | ter of the late William Phillips. Mr. situation will then look considerably Walker has been a life-long resident different from what it now appears to of Florida ,and resides on the same be to the authors of the new fran- | farm where he took his young bride

fifty years ago. The invitations issued numbered about fifty, but owing to the unfavorable conditions of the weather some of the guests from a distance were unable to attend. Among those present of their family was their only daughter, Mrs. Elgin Gilmore, and her three daughters, namely, Mrs. Harvey Roumey and the Misses

HAD INDIGESTION Could Keep

Nothing on Stomach

forms of stomach trouble. The stomach becomes upset and you have a raw, debilitated feeling in it.

nature's best roots, herbs, barks and berries, will cure indigestion and all Mr. Lazare Savoy, Pokemouche, N.B., writes: "About two years ago I was troubled with indigestion that

70 PER CENT. PROFIT

Come to the Sum of \$87,500.

Ottawa, May 16,-Much interest is world shortage, the Agricultural De- being evinced here in the evidence wide propaganda urging general war- Camp Borden, brought out before

erican corn output is utilized as First was produced an agreement dated April, 1916, between James The rest is fed to cattle or used to Barr of Toronto, and Hon. A. E effecting the meat supply, it is be- litta, under which the Government

Following this a letter, dated Sep-There is virtually four times as tember 28th, 1916, was put in as evifoods, will be circulated broadcast, fered him \$8 an acre and contained the statement that "the bulk of the land has been purchased at an average price of less than \$7 an acre."

The letter, signed by J. T. Barnes and written from 22 College street, advocates of equal suffrage for Prus- Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Walker en- if Mr. Smith did not accept the offer sia. The decision will be made by tertained Tuesday, May 1st at their and the agreement between Barr and the men who return from the front, home in Florida, to celebrate their the Government, provided that the Government would expropriate in cases where Barr failed to get the

A \$5 an acre profit on land that cost \$7 amounts to more than 70 per cent. which is a large profit, particularly when the risk is small or none at all . On 17,000 acres it would amount to \$87,500.

WOULD EXCLUDE ALIENS

From Right to Exercise the Fran-

Ottawa, May 15.—Something like bombshell was dropped in the House last night when in the middle tension of the franchise to soldiers tional Service, made a vigorous demand for the exclusion from the franchise of all citizens of divided allegiance. There was a vigorous debate on the question before adfournment came.

NOTHING REALLY NEW

Indigestion is one of the worst is Expected in the Speech of the German Chancellor.

(Special to the Walg.) London, May 15.—Further details After a meal you feel that you of Germany's war aims were to be must get rid of that nasty, bilious. announced by the Imperial German ourning sensation; that souring and Chancellor in the Reichstag today. rising of the food which is so unpleas-ant and in many cases very painful. Speech would probably not be a for-It is not necessary for you to be mal document, but that Von Bethtroubled with indigestion when Bur- mann Hollweg would talk in answer dock Blood Bitters may be so easily to various interpolations. From this obtained. This old and well-known it was deduced that nothing really new or striking would be announce

ONLY 17 FRENCH VESSELS

NEW TITLES CREATED

SUBJECT IS INTERESTING CAN-ADA AT PRESENT.

Sir Hugh Graham of Montreal, s Newspaperman, Receives a Seat in the House of Lords, and Attention Has Thus Been Called to Our Long List of Knights and Baronets.

peerage conferred on Sir tation. Hugh Graham, proprietor of The Montreal Star. He is the first Canadian-born citizen who, remaining a resident of Canada, has been awarded a seat in the British House of Lords. His brother baron, Lord Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., is a pretty good Canadian, but he was born in Milwaukee, Lord Beaverbrook (Max Aitken), to the peerage but a few weeks ago, is a native-born Canadian, but he has deserted Canada for residence in England. Baron Mount Stephen made his career and his money in Canada, but he was born in Scotland, and is also spending his last Baron de Blaquiere, both of whom years there. It remained for a news. | are Irish peers without seats in the paper man to achieve the distinction | House of Lords, and Baron de Lonof a simon-pure Canadian brand of gueufl, a Canadian title which was in British peerage.

newspaper man. His career is one of the romances of journalism. He ledged by a British sovereign until has never been openly identified Queen Victoria's day. In addition, with any other important business enterprise. As a youth of twentyone he founded The Montreal Star. That was almost fifty years ago, and since then he has devoted his whole life to it. It is his boast that he has made it what it is, which is the most widely read and most profitable | feature about Canadian titles is that newspaper in Canada, "without the so far these hereditary ranks have influence of any political party, been sparingly distributed. The without any sustained policy and without being tied to fixed opinions | knighthood die with the recipients. on any question or subject."

Incidentally this statement may give a clue to the newspaper situation in Montreal which is unique. In fame at Johns Hopkins, holds a ON CAMP BORDEN SITE the old days the Star had two rivals, baronetcy. So does Sir Edward Gorthe Herald and the Witness. Then | don Johnson, the fifth baronet in his dred flat-topped promonitories and Only Ten Per Cent. of Output On 17,000 Odd Acres it Would one day they were merged and every line, an employe in the head office one believes that the man behind of the Canadian Pacific Railroad in the merger is Sir Hugh Graham. Montreal. So does Sir Cyril S. Rose, That the Star is nominally Conservative in politics and the other paper ant of a former Minister of Finance; Liberal has never seemed to bother also Sir Charles Stewart Tupper, the Sir Hugh. Other papers still conpartment today launched a country- respecting the purchase of land for test the field, but there is probably not another city of half a million time use of corn on the table. At the Public Accounts Committee last population where the newspaper neld is dominated by one man as it is in Montreal by Baron Graham.

But why to the peerage? Officially the answer is that it is a recognition of "lifelong devotion to the highest causes of Empire." Some day some critic may inquire if it would not be more to the ultimate benefit of the Empire if titles were granted for services rendered in Canada, for Canada, that is if titles are to be continued at all.

There is also an impression that a movement is under way to 'impertalize" the House of Lords and get it in line for the imper'al reorganiza-

take place following peace. One theory is that in the imperial scheme the House of Lords will be given a large role to fill either as second chamber to an imperial House of Representatives or as the imperial legislative body itself. In either case representation from the Dominions in it would be necessary, for as a purely British House it could not undertake to govern the overseas Dominions. It is pointed out that with such representatives as Baron Graham, Baron Beaverbrook, and Baron Shaughnessy Canada is securing an active represen-

But even those who do not object to the granting of titles in Canada wonder why it is that these fancy honors never go to elected representatives of the Canadian people, who have devoted their lives to the service of their country, but always to private individuals, generally of great wealth who sometimes have never held a public office of any kind, not even that of poundkeeper. There have been several rumors

that Sir Robert Borden would some day be called to the peerage. He would qualify both as a statesman and as a man of considerable wealth. Other Canadian members of the peerage include Baron Aylmer and existence before the Conquest, was Baron Graham is also a bona-fide | perpetuated by the Treaty of Paris of 1763, but was not formally acknowthere are the Baroness Macdonald of Earnscliffe and Baroness Strathcona. the widows respectively of Sir John A. Macdonald and Lord Strathcona.

Both live in England.

Peerage as a rule is hereditary. So are baronetcies. An encouraging common or garden varieties of But there are a few baronetcies. Sir William Osler, the distinguished Canadian, who won his professional the third baronet in line, a descendson of a former Prime Minister and second in line; also Sir John Beverley Robinson, of Edgewater, N. J., U. S. A., whose title comes from a former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. and also Sir Vincent Meredith, head of the Bank of Montreal, who in his own person founds the title.

Railroads in Algeria. French authorities have opene 135 miles of railroad in Algeria.

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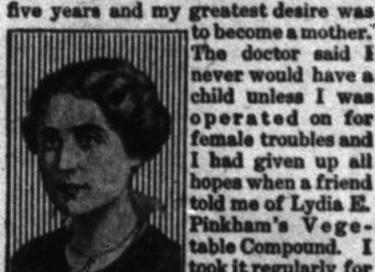
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ston, Ontario.

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The owners of the London traction line, having lost money in competi-About 50,000 prisoners have been | tion with the city-owned electric taken by the Allies in France in the | road to Port Stanley, have offered their rails for France.

