## WAS NOT OLD LADY'S SON

Little Romance Built up by Proxim ity Faund to Be Not Founded on Fact.

The little old woman who sat near ly opposite the girl at the long marble table was palsted. She almost spilled her coffee when she put it to her mouth. Her trembling fingers hardly could break her bread. It came near spoiling the little lunch the girl had ordered for herself to see the pitiful trembling of the little faded fingers. the constant shaking of the head under the old face veil that half shaded the old withered face. The only rea son it didn't was because of the strong young man who sat beside the little palsied woman, quite close, so close that the little woman once or twice leaned against him shakily.

"It's her son, thank heaven!" thought the girl. Thank heaven, she's got a son' Oh' Suppose I should go about all alone some day

shaking like that!" The little shaking woman finished her lunch before the girl did, perhaps because they had bought it quicker, morry for her, seeing her shake so She got up. The young man got up

and stood by her. Yes," the girl thought, congratulating herself. It's her son They look alike. I'm awfully glad she isn't sione, that poor little palsied woman. Something might happen to her."

Then the little palsied woman walked tremblingly to the desk and paid her check, and the strong young man went and paid his, and when they got out the door one went one way and the other went the other, and he wasn't her son at all.

#### MONARCH WILLING TO OBLIGE

Episode That Proved Ruler Was Endowed with a Good Share of Common Sense.

! Having purchased two pictures of a Parisian artist, King A-of Xhonored the painter by a visit at a studio situated, among many others. on the fourth floor of an old house in the Latin quarter.

"Fourth floor back, young man," directed the hall-porter, ignorant of the identity of the royal visitor The king prepared to ascend, when

the man again popped his head out of his little office. "Look here, young man! Do me a

favor. Just carry up this washing to your friend! Much amused, the young king car-

ried the artist his bag of clean linen. The artist was greatly embarrassed "Oh, your majesty!" he stammered; "what a terrible mistake! Why did you not reprove the porter? Why did you bring the bag up?"

king with a laugh.

"But-" "Oh, nonsense!" interrupted the king. "Don't say any more about it Every one ought to be obliging; and, whoever one may happen to be, it would be very disabliging to refuse a favor to a fellow-creature, when one could so easily save him a journey up four flights of stairs!"

Interesting Relic. Just before Charles Edward, the young pretender, came to England to attempt the recovery of the throne of his ancestors, he gave a ball in Paris to which his friends and partisans were invited. Among the many beaukiful women present, Lady Mary Touchet, a young English lady, greatly

sattracted the prince's notice, and before the evening was over he cut out the "star" which decorated his breast and presented it to her. Lady Mary pherished a remarkic regard for "Prince Charlie," and was one of his most devoted adherents. She died wery suddenly in the pride of her youth and beauty. The "star" after her death became the property of her sister, who married Philip Thicknesse. This gentleman, who was a whig. did not care for the Jacobite relic, and gave the "star" and a picture of the prince to his nieces. Doubtless the pretender's "star" is now in the possession of some family who regard it as a valuable curiosity, and preserve It as such.

Protection for the Lion.

... A strange petition has been received at the French colonial office from the colonists of French Uganda. It prays Tfor the protection of the lion from the gun of the hunter, on the ground that the king of beasts is alone able to rid them of their enemies, the herbivorous animals, the deer, the elephant and the rhinoceros. It seems that hunters were rigorously restricted as to the number of these beasts which they could kill, although the li-s cense cost from £50 to £60. Consequently they have increased and multiplied to such an extent that the colonists are now calling upon the home authorities to protect the exterminating liou. Only La Fontaine 🏄 rould do justice to this situation.

Cause for Heavy Tread. "Have you noticed," asked an observant woman, how much more heavily women walk this year than ever before? I have learned the cause of it. The high beels are responsible For this extra noise. You see, the balmake of the body is completely changed, especially for those people who have been wearing a comparatively low heel, and the result is that the entire weight, apparently, comes down "mlunk" on those high heels. It will certainly be a blessing when the low beel is once more in favor, for then our porves will not be racked by the awful thumping as people wander on their way."

# ENDED WITHOUT A FATALITY !

Boyish Affair of Honor Principally Amusing to the Brothers of the Principals.

"Do I look like a man who ever fought a duel?" laughed the portly party Well, I did, and it was intend on to be a duel to the death, too, and as it often happens, a woman was at the bottom of it. As near as I can fig. ure now I must have been about the ripe age of seven when this deadly af fair took place. At that time my heart was wrapped up in a little china doll girl with blue eyes and yellow hair, who kept me in a continual state of bankruptcy buying her taffy and red apples Unfortunately for my peace of mind, I had a rival. upon whom she smiled with exasperating impartiality. My first impression was to pick a fight with him, but I was always cautious, even as a youth and I had grave doubts about the suc-

cess of such a plan. Then I conceived the happy idea of challenging him to a mortal combat. I hadn't the slightest idea that he would accept, to tell the truth, but he did and with what seemed to me almost indecent haste. Realizing that I would need a second, I went to an elder brother, explained the matter to him and asked him if he would act for me. He listened to me gravely and then said he would. Here was surprise number two. I had been almost certain that he would frown upon the idea and threaten to tell my father, thus giving me an excuse to retire from the field of honor. But! the calm way he accepted the situation gave me a chill.

"I suppose, said he, 'that Bobby's brother will act as his second?" "I moistened my lips and said: 'I

suppose so. "'Very well, said he, I will talk the matter over with him and we will let

you know when you are wanted." 'We were wanted the next afternoon, and it was some consolation to me to discover that my rival's face

was as white as mine. "Now," said our seconds, 'you two mit down here in the grass back to back, and the first one to desert the

bpot loses the fight." "Then they both retired hastily to a spot that semed to me at the time to be unnecessarily removed from the place of action. A moment later my rival was going one way and I another Those miserable brothers of ours had caused us to alt on the top of a big bumblebee's nest."

#### BOYS BUILD FLYING MACHINE

Young American Conspicuous in Sport Just Now Much in the Public Eye.

Alfred P Morgan of Unper Montclair, N. J., who was graduated from the Montclair high school last year. has completed the construction of a biplane, in which the young aviator expects to fly over the farms of Monclair Heights.

The machine is 29 feet long and the plane is five feet wide. There are 250 square feet of supporting surface upon its frame. Without the engine it weighs 150 pounds. The motor is 25 horsepower.

Young Morgan was assisted in construction the machine by Harold E. Dodd of 15 Appleton Place, and Safford Adams of 140 Watchung avenue, Upper Montclair. The machine will first have a trial flight by kite method. It will be attached by wire to an automobile, which will run until the machine attains a height sufficient to allow the young aviator to correct its balancing planes. Then Mr. Morgan expects to fiv without assistance from the auto. Mr. Morgan will make his first attempt at flying the machine either on Broad street or Ridgewood avenue, Brookdale.

"I will certainly fly," said young Morgan, "provided I have got the right engine. If I find I have not, I will take out the engine and get a new one. I intend to build a larger machine if this one proves a success."

Girls and Outdoor Games. Women, in their ambition to be athletic contend against innumerable difficulties. One of these difficulties is skirts, a second is waists, and a third -almost insuperable—is hair, including hairpins.

Watch a girl playing tennis or cricket, and after a more than usually brilliant effort she invariably puts her hands to her head, as if she expected; something to fall off if she did not. Enorgetic play is usually attended by, dishevelment of the unruly locks and a shedding of hairpins that causes the

pretty athlete distress. lier pleasure in the game is marred by a sense of insecurity and a constant fear of consequences. No woman can wield a racquet or essay a run with an undivided mind. Half her brain is occupied by the fearful surmise that her hair is coming downa surmise, by the way, which is probably too painfully justified by the fact. -Black and White.

New Use and Abuse of Life.

Fatal accidents to aviators, much as they are to be regretted, are to be expected in the case of man's attempt to invade a new realm of nature. They will be no greater deterrent to the practice of aviation than are the daily casualties that result from the world's increasing use-and abuseof the automobile, or the still more numerous ones that attend the transportation business of the country. Four of death has never held back the pioneers in research, and will not retard the present progress toward the completion of man's conquest of the

### MEN CENSORS OF MILLINERY

They Are Responsible for Decided Slump in Prices, According to Washington Dealer.

To watch the parade on F street no one would dream that there was a slump in the millinery trade. Never theless, high class milliners say that there is and moreover, they blame the men for it.

We are almost giving our hats away," said the head of the millinery department in one of the big stores in this city. "In all my 20 years' experience I never knew millinery to be sold for so little. Hats sellings last year at \$25 and \$35 are now selling for \$10 and \$15 I should say that there was a difference of from 10 to 30 per cent, all along the line.

"I believe the men are much to blame for this state of affairs, for they sat down so unmercifully on the early styles. You see, we started in with many odd styles, what are called in the trade freak shapes, but their life was short. The styles changed almost in the twinkling of an eye, so that the extreme styles of the early spring literally had to be thrown away. Hats costing \$50 and \$75 went up to the workroom to have the trim ming removed, and the shapes were dumped into the wastebasket.

"You see, husbands simply shut down on their wives wearing such extreme styles. I have had no end of business men come to the shop this spring in company with their wives to pick out their hats, to prevent them from investing in a peach-basket, wash-basin, or inverted-bowl shape. Never before has so much fun been poked at millinery as this season. The consequence is that the bottom dropped out of prices, and they have not been re-established."-Washington

#### TOO MISCHIEVOUS FOR PET

French Author's Good Reason for Replacing Monkey with the Harmless Puss.

A Paris contemporary dealing with the love of great men for animals gives an amusing account of Chateaubriand and his monkey. When he was engaged in preparing Fontanes' works for the press, on returning one day he was met by his monkey.

"Ab, you rogue," said Chateaubriand, "your shamefaced look tells of mischief." The monkey was chained up, but as things did not appear much disturbed, Chateaubriand thought no more of the matter until it was time to resume work. Fontanes' manuscripts were not to be found.

At last Chateaubriand looked into the waste basket and there were the manuscripts. The monkey had watched his master, and as he had seen him fold a sheet of paper and tear it into four, so he had dealt with Fontanes' writings. With much labor they were pieced together and afterward published.

Chateaubriand thought it advisable to see what else the monkey had done. His orders had disappeared from a frawer which was always kept closed. The servants searched everywhere for them, but they were not to be found. Nearly a week elapsed before they were traced, and then a domestic notived that the Monkey had suspended them to the cornice in a quasi syetematical way

The monkey was given his conge and ('hateaubreiand replaced him by a cat, which was allowed a place on his master's writing table, and great was the pleasure which he derived a playing with puss.

Short Distance View of a King. The king and queen arrived at Goodwood alone in their motor car, and were received by the duke of Richmond. I was very close to the king when he entered his reserved balcony, and I afterward stood within ten feet of him (in the pouring rain). I also saw him turn up his own trousers and carry his own umbrella, which I think, were I a king, I would have some one else do for me. He is a very smart looking man, indeed, but he has a style of wearing his clothes absolutely different from anybody else. His high silk hat is also distinctive to himself. He also wore a raincoat a blue Ragian, cut very full, and he had on a bright scarf, with a pink shirt. He wore a dark red carnation in his buttonhole. He is a very democratic king indeed. I fancy though that he plays to the gallery a great deal .--Jentieman's Journal.

# An Up-to-Date Book Plate.

The first woman to embody the sport of aeronautics in her book plate s Mrs. Courtlandt Field Bishop, wife of the president of the Aero Club of America. Mrs. Bishop is one of the lew women of this country who have enjoyed the experience of sailing through the clouds. Her book plate represents the spherical balloon, the dirigible balloon and the aeroplane in dight over a park. In the border is a King Charles spaniel, the type of dog of which she is fond.—Country Life in America.

Almost a Walkover. "Tell me, is there anything on earth that new yacht of yours can't overtake and pass?" ."I should say there is?" "What's that?" ويقي

"Its running expenses."

An Expert Polisher. Ranchman-Did you find that new clerk o' your'n industrious? Arizon Storekeeper - Industrious! say, the moment I left the store he cleaned up the cash register.-Puck.

## IS NOT A MILITARY EMBLEM.

Fashion of Wearing Cockade Originated in Strings That Served a Useful Purpose.

The cockade originated simply in the knot of ribbons or strings by which the broad flaps of the seventeenth century round hat were "cocked" or drawn up to the brim in fine weather, and thus originated the three-cornered hat, as well as the cocked hat of later times. There was nothing specially military about the usage, as the ignorant assert. The same strings survive in the loops of the hats of bishops and other ecclest astical dignitaries in Great Britain; in the strings of the hats worn by French cures and Spanish and Italian padres and in the cords which are still seen on the hats of some livery servants.

It naturally became the custom for military men to "cock" their hats with the livery color of the prince they served, and as the Hanoverian color was the convenient one of black, the "black cockade" became associated in the minds of the people with military uniform. In an old Scotch song of Shiramuir, citing Woodward's heraldry, we read of "the red coat lads with black cockades." and a knot of white ribbons was naturally chosen as the badge of their opponents. When the old use of the strings was forgotten, the knot, in the form of a rosette of ribbon, survived, just as did the buttons on the backs of our coats, which were intended to fasten back the flaps in riding or marching.—"Justice of the Peace."

#### DAME FORTUNE WAS SULLEN.

Man Had Grateful Remembrance of Service, but Was Unable to Repay It.

"When I was a farmer in Illinois," says a representative in congress, "there came to me one day an interesting looking individual, whose face, though he was a stranger in those

parts, seemed oddly familiar to me. "The man had stopped to water his horse. As he waited, he said: 'About ten years ago a poor boy came this

way and you took him in.

"I gazed at the speaker, puzzled. "'Your kindness to that poor boy was most exceptional, continued the stranger. 'You fed him, encouraged him, gave him clothes and two dollars and sent him on his way feeling pretty fine. He observed at the time he would never forget your generosity. Do you remember?

"Not precisely," I replied, but I had a vague remembrance of the occurrence.

"'He said,' went on the stranger, 'that if he prospered, he would see that you would never have occasion to regret your kindness to a struggling DOL.

"Well, well" I exclaimed, as the full remembrance of the incident came to me in a flash. 'It's like a story, isn't it? You of course, were that

Yes, saidthestranger, and as long as I am here, I might as well tell you that I am still poor."-Pittsburg Dispatch.

The Bargasso Sea. In the middle of the North Atlantic there is an area of comparatively still water almost equal to continental Europe in extent and more or less cor ered with floating seaweed. It was known as the Mar de Sargaco to Columbus and the early navigators and is the Sargasso sea of modern

geographers. The floating seaweed was formerly supposed to have grown near the Bahama and Florida shores, and to have drifted to its present position. It is now, however, known to grow and propagate itself where it is found. In it are found globular masses of weed containing fish eggs and known as fish

Recent investigations show that the floating weed of the Sargasso sea is the chosen breeding place of species of flying fish .-- Field.

He Would Resign. The story is told of an English army examiner who once had before him a stupid candidate. The candidate being apparently unable to answer the simplest questions, the examiner finally grew most impatient, and in a burst of sarcasm demanded: "Let it be supposed, sir, that you were a captain in command of infantry; that in your rear was an impassable abyes; that on both sides of you there rose perpendicular rocks of tremendous height; that in front of you lay the enemy outnumbering you ten to one. What, sir, in such an emergency would you do?" "Sir," responded the applicant for military distiaction, "I should resign."

Personality in Politics. In life, in literature, there is no magic charm like that of personality. but politicians are afraid of it in their business. Of this they sedulously cultimate the idea that it must be conducted by committees and parties. never by individualities. Everything is collective, nothing personal intrigue and subterranean management are the prime forces, and the old practitioners of the art are always aghast when some man of native vigor comes forward with open methods and direct appeals.

A Little Vindictive. "So you want the privilege of voting for people of whom you approve?" "No," answered the suffragette. "I desire the satisfaction of publicly refusing to vote for people whom I don't

#### LEPERS IN UNITED STATES

Those in Entire World Total 290,000, But Probably Thousands More Are Concealed.

Washington .-- Virtually admirting the incurability of the dread leprosy. declaring that the disease is contagious from person to person, that every country in whatever latitude should isolate those suffering from the disease, that children of leprous parents should be separated from them at the earliest possible moment and lepers should not be allowed in certain trades or occupations, resolutions were adopted by the second international conference on leprosy held in Bergen, Norway, August 16 to 19, last.

A report of the conference was prepared by Dr. Donald H. Currie of the public health and marine hospital service and director of the leprosy investigation station at Molokai, Hawaii, one of the official delegates from the United States.

The resolutions, after declaring that the clinical study of leprosy induces the belief that it is not incurable and that at present a certain cure is not possessed, expresses the desirability of continuing the search for a specific remedy with the greatest zeal. "Every country, in whatever latitude it is situated." the resolutions continue, "is within the range of possible infection by leprosy, and may, therefore, usefully undertake measures to protect itself." In view of the success obtained in Germany, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, it is further declared, it is desirable that other countries should isolate lepers.

A somewhat startling prevalence and widespread distribution of leprosy is indicated by statistics furnished by delegates to the conference, there being approximately 200,000 cases of the disease throughout the world. The fact must be kept in mind. it is pointed out, however, that a comparatively large percentage of lepers is not recognized in the early stages of the disease and further that concealment of cases probably exists to a greater or less extent in every country on the globe which adopts any, measures looking to the isolation of such cases.

India, it is stated, holds the world's record with 97,340 cases; Japan follows in close succession with 40,000 cases, and so on down the scale with 146 cases in the United States, and the canal zone showing the minimum of seven cases.

#### OHIO IN CLAY PRODUCTION

Every State and Territory is Represented in the Industry's An-

Washington.-The United States geological survey has published a large chart showing the statistics of the clay working industry in 1908 by states and products, with comparative totals for 1907.

The chart shows that the clay products of the United States in 1908 were valued at \$133,197,762, compared with \$158,942,369 in 1907, a decrease of about one-sixth. Every state and territory except Alaska is represented in this total, a fact which shows the widespread character of the clay working industries.

Ohio is the leading clay working state, reporting products worth \$26,-622,490, or 19.9 per cent. of the total. Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Illinois, New York, Indiana, Missouri, California, lowa and West Virginia are the next largest producing states in the order named. These ten states produced wares valued at \$96,494,107, or nearly three-fourths of the value for the whole country.

The first five states produced considerably more than one-half of the total output. Wyoming has the smallit production, with products valued at \$52,282, or only .04 per cent, of the total.

# AGED COUPLE ARE MARRIED

Man of 70 and Weman of 83 Wed Secretly to Surprise Their Num-

Chillicothe, Mo.—The friends of William B. Wilson, aged 76 years, and Mrs. Margaret Brown, aged \$3, have discovered that the couple were married in this city very recently.

So well did the aged couple plan the surprise on their friends that the bridegroom of seventy summers went to Linneus, 40 miles from here, and secured the license.

Mr. Wilson is a former well-known Democratic politician. Mrs. Wilson is a well-to-do woman, her present husband being her fourth one. The other three former husbands are dead.

Fasta Thirty-One Days. Kirkaville, Me.-Dr. O. W. Avery, a 70-year old resident of Kirksville, has not tasted food for 31 days.

The only semblance of nourishment that he has taken during this long fast was a little water and a spoonful of ice-oream. He has not eaten a mouthful of solid food.

Dr. Avery had a sunstroke during the civil war while he was serving in the southern army, and this is supposed to have caused the paralysis. from which he is now suffering.

France After Pacific Trade. Seattle. Wash,-The French goversment, through its representative, Maurice Huet, announces its intention to establish in Scattle a permanent commercial commission, whose duty it will be to extend and develop trade between the Pacific coast of the United States and Canada and France.

## **TEACHERS INSTRUCT FARMERS**

Bohemia Sends Out Traveling Experte Who Tour Country and Teach Agriculturists.

Washington.-Bohemia has a sysem of traveling teachers who tour he country instructing farmers and others interested in the science of agdeulture, according to Consul Joseph . Brittain of Prague. The teachers lave been organized by the Bohemian

covernment. Each teacher has several specialles, for instance, one has dairying and hop culture and the scientific plan of fertilizing meadows; another teachs the proper care of grapes, gives pratical demonstrations, and lectures on vegetable culture.

All land owners, farmers, teachers and persons interested in agricultural questions are entitled to receive instructions. The tuition fee for each course if \$2.03, the student paying the cost of lodging and similar expense. To those unable to pay the govern ment gives \$10.15 each, with a total timit of \$228 for all deserving pupils in each school .

.The women also are taught fruit. preserving and marmalade making and modern methods in the care of the home.

The courses include instructions in irrigation, fertilization, forestry, the prevention and cure of plant diseases. and the cultivation of vines, the keeping of poultry, bees and veterinary; surgery.

Speaking of the good results obtained by this scheme, the consul SAYS:

"The value of these courses is seen when the agricultural progress of Bohemia during the past years is noted. In forestry alone the result has been astounding; 7,000,000 trees have been planted and especial attention has been given to the forestation of bare slopes."

## FORTUNE FOR LIFE CONVICT.

His Relatives, In Order to Secure the. Money, Try to Prove He is insane.

New York.—Because of certain omissions in the petition, Justice Glegerich, in special term of the supreme court, has denied, with leave to renew upon new papers, the application of Dr. Dwight R. Perry-Heaton of St. Luke's hospital, for the appointment of a committee in this state to take charge of the property of Frederick A. S Perry, a life convict in the Connecticut state prison at Wethersfield. He was sent there in

1888 for murder in the second degree! Through the death recently of two brothers in a hospital for the insane at Brattleboro, Vt., the life convict inherited some \$73,000.

Dr. Heaton, who of the convict, said that the convict had been insane for the last 20 years! He said that a committee should be appointed in this state to take care of Perry's property.

Perry was convicted of killing & C. Whittlesey of New London, editor of the New London Day. The murder was committed on August 8, 1867, and it was provoked by an article in the Day under the caption, "Fred Perry & Crank on Dogs."

Prior to the murder Perry had been confined for a time in the asylum for the incane at Middletown, N. Y., and at his trial his mother testified that she had two other sons in asylums.

Justice Giogrich temporarily denied Dr. Heston's application, because the code requirements had not been complied with. He said that the petition failed to disclose whether or not the convict has a wife or children, and fails to show what conveyances, if any? he has made.

# UNIQUE SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Diseatisfied Couple Kiss and Hug In-Presence of Magistrate Hear-Ing Case.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Judge James was puzzled when in the hearing of the divorce suit brought by O. M. Keesy, an ex-judge of Texas, the plaintiff and his wife sat side by side and laughed and joked like two old friends.

Judge Keesy says in his complaint that it was impossible for them to, live in harmony. Judge James' bewilderment increased when, as court adjourned after he had announced that he would take the case under advisement, the aged Texas and his youthful wife threw their arms about each other's neck and fondly kissed.

"It was all a mistake for them to marry in the first place," said Judgel James. "There is too much disparity; in their ages."

Farmers Ald Crippie, Shiloh, N. J .-- Although no money has been collected as toll on the turns pike for two weeks, a potato toli has been cheerfully paid by the many farmers who are busy hauling the tubers to market. At the railroad crossing a barrel has been set up and sign posted on it reading, "A potato for the one-arm watchman." Every farmer as he passes throws in a potato, and in this way the watchman will get a good supply for winter.

Reilos of Romans Found. Paris.-During excavations by the Societe des Sciences de Semur at Mount Auxole a paved street, below which were water pipes, was brought to light at the south of the Gello-Roman theater. In a well a number of bronze, fron and wooden utensits were found, including a Roman grain

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