

MANUELA'S TRANSFORMATION.

inconcentration

beads-"and I admired her very much.

That is why I came to call upon you.

"My daughter, sir, is too young."

He rose to his feet by way of sug-

gesting that Hurlburt would do well

to take his leave. Hurlburt rose, too,

"You have told me that you married

"That was in the old times. We do

"But I will be willing to wait for a

"Sir, we will talk no more concern-

The result was one that any one,

most of all a Mexican, should have fore-

seen. Hurlburt embarked upon an in-

trigue. He sent notes to Manuela, and

got them from her in return. The notes

led to meetings by night. The meet-

ings led to infatuation. Warm South-

ern nights and a soft-eyed, soft-voiced

girl can work mischief within the mind

of a man. And a tall, blonde officer

saying the first words of love she has

ever heard can turn the head of any

The clandestine interviews continued

for several months. Then Hurlburt

made one last attempt at frankness. He

went to Senor Lopez again, and renew-

ed his request to be permitted to pay

his daughter court. The senor had con-

ceived an unreasonable and great dis-

Whereupon Hurlburt arranged anoth-

er meeting with Manuela. He began to

asked: "Do you love me, chiquita?"

eyes looked into his, perplexed.

My father will not consent to it."

with me? We can be married there.

Hurlburt was an impassive, unemo-

tional man, but his nerves were upon

a fearful tension as he waited for the

answer of an irresponsible child. She

agreeing. Hurlburt was beside him-

A week later they went across the

line and were married. They returned

immediately, and had an interview

with Senor Lopez. The Mexican was

enraged. Hurlburt, having obtained

what he wanted, was not inclined to be

conciliatory, but Manuela and her

mother patched up a peace. Manuela

behaved beautifully, and Hurlburt was

more enamored than ever. He took her

back to his home, and for three days

dreamed of a lifetime of bliss. Then

Manuela decided that she had had

enough of living on honeycomb, and

save that she wanted to go, she went.

Her father, charmed with Hurlburt's

discomfiture, refused to make her re-

turn to him, and guarded her closely.

Hurlburt begged for one final inter-

view, and it was granted. He was a

sorry sight, pale and haggard and self-

She stood meekly before him, her fold-

"Why not? Was I not kind to you?

"Yes, you were very kind. But I like

It was useless to threaten, implore

or reason. Manuela was gently stul-

born. She would never go back to him;

When Hurlburt finally went away, he

decided that his heart was broken. He

thought of suicide. He could never

bear up under the disgrace, and it was

had marred her prettiness.

better to be with my father."

she did not like Americans.

Did I not love you?"

"Will you marry me?"

and then come back."

self with happiness.

like for him, and refused.

your home for me?"

"May I ask her age, senor?"

"She is sixteen years old."

was roused.

THE poet to the contrary, not- | know nothing of mankind tell us is inwithstanding, there are occa- variably the best-"I went to the sions when "it might have been" | church on purpose to meet your daughare joyful words. Most men, upon ter. I saw her on the street the other meeting again in after years their first day"-he refrained in a moment of diloves, realize this, and offer up prayers plomacy from speaking of the dropped of thanksigiving.

It was so with Hurlburt.

In the early days of the Pacific coast, I thought I would see her openly under Hurlburt was stationed at San Diego. her own roof. As I did not, I encoun-It was a picturesque little town. Its tered her elsewhere, Now," said Hurlstreets were not much more than cow- burt, leaning back in an easy pose that paths, and its houses were mostly of did not meet with the punctilious Mexithe good old pattern-adobes, one story can's approval, "I should like to ask high, and built around a patio. In such you to be allowed to pay my court to a house as this lived Manuela Lopez. your daughter." and in one of the cow-path streets | Senor Lopez made no objection to Hurlburt first met her. It was upon a the officer's suit, but he did object Sunday. Hurlburt had just come from to his fashion of advancing it. He ininspection, and was on his way to din- cased himself in perversity. ner with friends in town. He still wore his regimentals, and was a very gorgeous sight indeed. He was also tall, and yellow-haired, and blue-eyedquite the figure to strike the fancy of but not to go. a pretty little Mexican girl who was coming home from mass.

She had read no books that could have told her that it was the accepted | the senora when she was but fifteen." thing to do; she had probably never given such subjects a moment's not do so any more." thought; but when the mind of a child becomes the mind of a woman, it is year, if Senorita Manuela will love at one bound, not by slow degrees. In- me." spiration struck full upon Manuela's brain, and she dropped her rosary. ing this. My daughter is too young to There was born in Milton, Pa., in From which it may be inferred that be married, and I do not wish to give 1809 a man of wonderful genius, it is the love of the fathers and the wisdom her to an American"-which was not said. His name was Robert Seydell, of ages has taught woman nothing new in the least true. Up to then it had and he died in 1847. Mr. Seydell was a in affairs of the heart. The impulse of been his plan to do so, but his obstinacy coppersmith and was almost continuthe intrigante and of the child of nature are the same.

Hurlburt, of course, was close to Manuela when the rosary dropped. He returned it to her. If she had not been with a servant, he might have spoken.

You can count upon any one but the typical Angle-Saxon. You expect men of Latin and Slav races to make fools of themselves. But the Anglo-Saxon is such a thoroughly logical, reasonable, clear-headed person that the bottom of your universe drops out when he deviates from the path of common sense. And when he does, it is never a mere digression. He goes, a flaming comet, whirling through space, and carrying all your stellar system of plans and beliefs before him. The last thing any one would have expected of a big, quiet, rational youth, such as was Huriburt, was that he should wax romantic over a street meeting with an immature ruse to attract his attention. Nevertheless, that same day, after luncheon, he said to his host, as realize that they were both running terthey sat smoking under the ramada, "Who lives in the house on the next street, where the two mocking-bird cages hang on the wall?"

"You must be more explicit," his host said; "there are a number of houses on the next street, and one and all have | ways?" mocking-birds."

"Yes," said Hurlburt; "but there is a hedge of red and white geranium in front of it."

"I saw you meet her," the civilian told him; "her name is Lopez-Manuela. I think."

Hurlburt became very red. When your phlegmatic man grows embarrassed he is badly embarrassed. It was some time before he regained speech and came floundering out of the sea of silence. When he did, he changed the subject.

Not that he abandoned the cause, Far from it. It took him two weeks. but he got himself introduced to Senor Lopez, and had then taken to call upon him. The senor was a well-educated man, and the most hospitable of his hospitable race. He made Hurlburt free of the house at once, and showed him everything it contained, save only

"You must come again, often," he said, as they parted. Hurlburt replied that he would, and went again in three days. Neither did he see his lady of the rosary upon this occasion. He addressed himself to Senora Lopez, who was handsome and well preserved.

"You have a daughter, have you not,

Senora Lopez understood only just so much English as she chose. She did not choose to understand this. She turned her soft eyes upon her husband, and he answered for her. "We have a daughter," he said, "but

she is very young." Hurlburt understood that he had of-

fended a semi-oriental prejudice, It having thus been made obvious to abasing. But Manuela was unmoved. him that Manuela would not be pro-

duced by her parents, he went to an early mass at the church, met her, and introduced bimself. It chanced that not in the least unhappy, and no grief she was alone.

"May I walk home with you, senorita?" he said. "I have the pleasure of come home with me?" knowing your father."

"Yes, sir," said Manuela. It was but a few hundred yards to her home, but he made the most of his time. Manuela answered him in monosyllables and raised her eyes but twice. Hurlburt's infatuation was complete. Senor Lopez was angry. He was very civil to the officer, but he sent the girl to her room at once.

"I met the senorita at mass," Hurl-

burt explained. "Are you, then, a Catholic?" inquired

the Mexican. "No," said Hurlburt-and determined | not so great as his wretchedness. This to pursue the policy that sages who frame of mind lasted for a year; then yarns.

in The same

he became resentful; then he obtained a divorce; then he was ordered East, and it was ten years before he returned to the coast. He had with him his wife -a woman of his own people, very charming, very well suited to him in every way. She knew the story of his first marriage, and she knew that, whatever he might say to the contrary, he still regretted deep down in his heart the sweet, soft Mexican wife of his youth, of his season of dear beliefs and illusions. The knowledge was the one grief of her life. It threw a shadow of sadness over her eyes. But she kept it to herself, and for this unfeminine virtue the gods, in due time, rewarded

They went one day, by ambulance from Wilmington, where Hurlburt was stationed, to Los Angeles. One of their mules got lame, and they had to spend the night at a roadside ranch. A crowd of dirty Mexican children played around the adobe; several yet dirtler men lounged about the door; a fat, beshawled woman waddled across the yard; a yet more untidy one welcomed them.

Her greasy face was still rather pretty and young, but she was thick, and heavy, and stupid. When she looked full at Hurlburt, she gave a little cry that was more of a grunt.

"Come in; I will tell my husband," she said, and shuffled away with her bare feet. Hurlburt turned to his wife gravely.

"I am sorry to have brought you here," he said, "but it is all we can do, unless you prefer to sleep in the ambulance to-night. That-woman was my wife."

"So I suppose i," she said. She laid her delicate hand on his arm. "Don't let it trouble you, dear. I do not mind." she smiled into his eyes, and the shadow was forever gone from her own .-San Francisco Argonaut.

INVENTOR OF LEAD PIPE. The Interesting Life of Robert Seydell of Milton.

ously working out some device connected with the machinery in his factory. To him, it is related by some of the oldest citizens of this place, belongs the discovery of the process of making lead pipe, and like many other inventors, the idea of making the same was stolen from him and further developed to its present form of manufacture.

It was in the latter part of the thirties that the idea suggested itself to him, and the following is the way he wrought it out: He first took a slug. or casting of lead, placing it on a mandel, or rod of steel, about sixteen feet long and one inch in diameter; the mandel was highly polished and upon this he drew or rolled out the lead to the full strength of the rod, thus giving him an inch bore, and the material was rolled, it is said, to a one-fourth inch, making a total diameter of one and one-half inches for the pipe. After completing several sections of the length o fthe mandel, he soldered them together, making the pipe of whatever length he desired.

rible risks. Senor Lopez was quite equal to killing one of them if they He put it to practical use by fastenshould be discovered. But he did not suggest that to Manuela. Instead, he ing it to pump heads and also running it from springs to connect watering "Yes, yes. Must I tell you so altroughs and spring houses in the country round about here. Being greatly "Do you love me enough to leave pleased with his discovery, and receiving the most flattering of comments "I do not understand." The gentle from his friends and neighbors in this section, he concluded to make his invention more widely known, and hence "I would, but how can I?" she said made a visit to Philadelphia, taking his device with him. "Do you love me enough to run away

At the Franklin Institute in that city from your father, to disobey him, and he gave his first exhibition to quite a go over to Mexico, across the border, number of inventors, artisans and mechanics. As it is now related, all who witnessed it were more than delighted, and so expressed themselves in his immediate presence.

It was not long that he was allowed to remain in a condition of supreme appeared to consider, and ended by happiness over his invention, for a short time after he made a disclosure of his discovery, and while yet in Philadelphia, he found out that by the very persons to whom he had given an exhibition of the process of making lead pipe his idea had been used and improved upon.-Philadelpha Press.

A Convenient Custom. In Holland bills are often paid through the medium of the post office. It enables a man living, say, in Rotterdam, to get a small bill collected in any provincial town without the often expensive and tedious interference of a banker or agent. For that purpose he | the confiscation of his property. When | bly arrested the development of Turkthat she had tired of scented time. hands his bill to the nearest postoffice. With no explanations and no reason It is sent to the place where the money is to be collected. After the collection a draft is forwarded to the payee by the office where he deposited the bill duly receipted on payment of a small commission, which is payable in advance.-London Evening News.

The Age of Monuments. Promoter-What shall we give the next benefit for?

ed hands holding a rose, her father and mother on either side of her. She was Assistant-Let's announce it for a contingent fund to secure the erection of a monument to the next citizen "Manuela," said Hurlburt, "have you whom the public think merits monunot changed your mind? Will you not | mental distinction .- Philadelphia North American. She shook her head. "No," she said.

Anticipating. Mudkins-What would you say, sir, if I should tell you that I love your daughter?

Mr. Cashburn-Not a word, sir; not a word. Your audacity would simply hold me spellbound .- Philadelphia North American.

There are three times as many muscles in the tail of the cat as there are in the human hands and wrists.

Wheelmen toil and they also spin-

A FUNNY OLD TOWN.

Some of the Many Amusing Features of Key West,

It is made up of innumerable little which announced its intention to turn people stumble over the jagged edges archical opinions. of coral rock. The natives who wear shoes ride in carriages. There are a for sacrifice was Monsieur Daunasgreat number of public vehicles, and sans. It happened, however, that his one can be hailed at any corner and en- conservative opinions were not so pecially if they have money. ance. They are generally double-seat- administration. When he was sum- thing about actresses. in the North. The horses are wrecks to the cabinet of the minister with his in England. and they show by their appearance hat in his hand and his most complaisthat fodder is dear and that they are ant expression on his face. not half fed. One of the sounds of which draw the carriages and the lican institutions." mules which move the street cars from | Monsieur Daunassans bowed very if they had been dug up from the neigh- ancient gentility. exertion, but they make an exception strate to your excellency-" in the case of labor with a whip.

ly evening the sound of negro meetings great many times. and jubilations predominates. Then After about three-quarters of an hour

sieur Daunassans was prefect of a detant provincial town. Just at that time Key West is one of the oldest and a very radical ministry came into powfunniest towns in the United States. er-an ultra-republican government, wooden houses without chimneys, but all conservative and "reactionist" funccrowded in irregular groups. Many of tionaries out of office. The Minister of the houses have wooden shutters in the Interior was a particularly violent neat. place of glass windows. On most of radical, with no bowels of compassion the streets there are no sidewalks, but for any who were suspected of mon-

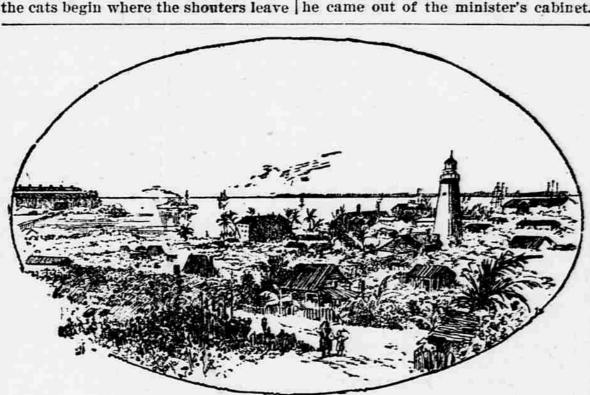
One of the first functionaries selected gaged for 10 cents. Some of these car- strennously held as to incline him ed affairs which have been discarded moned to Paris for dismissal, he went

"You are represented to me, sir," said Key West is the whacking of the horses | the minister, "as hostile to our repub-

place to place. The street cars look as low, in the most graceful style of the

borhood of the pyramids. Ropes are "I think, monsieur le ministre," he used for reins and the only substantial | began, "that I may possibly prove mything about the whole outfit is the great | self worthy of your excellency's conrawhide whip, with which the street fidence. If I may be permitted to encar driver labors incessantly. The peo- ter into certain details, it will be, I ple, as a rule, are opposed to excessive fancy, within my power to demon-

It was the first time that the new The town has one struggling newspa- minister had ever been called "your per, which is worthy of a better sup- excellency." He was a man who had port. The climate, of which much has sprung from the common people, and been written, is too good to be wasted, the phrase, coming from a man who and there are traditions against exces- seemed to know how to use it, was sive mental effort by either the makers | very pleasant to his ears. His manner or the readers of newspapers. Hun- softened perceptibly. Daunassans went dreds of dogs, cats, roosters, goats and on with a long and flattering speech, 'razorbacks' run at large through the in which he had very little to say about streets, and the three former combine his own politics, but in which the to make the night hideous. In the ear- words "your excellency" occurred a



KEY WEST, FLORIDA.

off. Later, the dogs, sneaking and He had been indeed removed from his There is a strange mixture of races at friends were furious. They went to Key West, but the negroes are the most | him and said: patriotic class. They alone celebrate Fourth of July and other national holi- man? Why, he is the most abominable days. While the town has its enlight- of reactionists!" ened and respectable people, it also has grotesque extremes in their efforts to well-bred man!" proclaim their greatness. Even in its roof the bell of an old locomotive. When the school bells are ringing it is easy to close your eyes and imagine yourself in one of the great railroad depots of the North. The classes are

their ambush. If the teachers have a hard time, the the churches. The decorations have and English also. been likened to a cockney on a holiday.

ome people even fall on their knees to will result in their final emancipation. petition for her speedy destruction.

If a vessel strikes she is immediately surrounded by a crowd of wreckers. who cling to her like flies to a molasses barrel. After there has been a wreck, of them or not. The proprietor of a shop find what is wanted.

FRENCH POLITENESS.

Use of Old-Time Courtesy Brought Promotion for a Frenchman.

also great admirers of the sort of courtesy which is associated with the ancien regime-the old-time gentility.

certain Monsieur Daunassans, who alacrity. was a fine representative, in his manners and opinions, of the old school. His elaborate courtesy was of the elegant, "palavering" antique sort, and it kept his head above water in times when other old-school fellows went to the bottom.

sore-eyed, and more numerous than prefecture, but he had been promoted any other species, take up the refrain. to a better one! The minister's radical

"What! You have promoted this

"W-well," answered the minister, as its shoddy class, whose ignorance of if recalled to himself, "perhaps he's a the rest of the world carries them to reactionist, but I tell you he's a mighty

All of which goes to show-what the schools, Key West is peculiar. The French have already found out to their schoolhouses are built like cigar fae sorrow-that it is hard to make a retories, and each has mounted upon the public without republicans .- Youth's Companion.

Turkish Girls.

Turkish girls of the better class in the eities, after they are too old to attend large, the teachers have a constant the primary schools, are largely edustruggle with the climate, so the schol- cated at home by governesses, many of ars have time to make pea-shooters whom come from England and France. and other instruments of torture for but, unfortunately, do not always repthe unsuspecting visitor who falls into resent the highest culture of these nations, so that the real love of study is not, as a rule, developed under their clergy have a worse one. The churches influence. Turkish women have a great are much-abused institutions, with a aptitude for foreign languages, and large patronage and a meagre support. | those met on the steamers of the Bos-The theaters are seldom open, and are phorus often speak French, and it is even more grudgingly supported than not unusual for them to speak German

It is a well-known fact that many and the galleries amuse themselves be- Turkish women are engaged in trade, tween the acts by shouting "fire," to some even carrying on an extensive startle strangers who do not know the business, involving frequent journeys to Egypt and other places, which pre-Men that smoke presume that cigars | supposes the ability to read and write, are manufactured in Key West, but as well as some knowledge of ariththere is another source of income of metic. Moreover, conversation with scarcely less importance. Any unfor- the Mussulman woman in the capital tunate ship that ventures into port is reveals some progress at the present considered legitimate prey, and it is a time in independence of thought, and, bold man that dares to protest against | while social conditions have unavoidathe greatest excitement prevails, and but surely working among them that do with impunity.

Artificial Silk.

Artificial silk is now an article of trade and as it is advisable for buyers to be acquainted with the means of destorekeepers have money in their pock- tecting it the following from the Decets and do not care whether you buy orator and Furnisher is worthy of note: The most effective test is combuswill stretch himself, yawn and finally tion. While natural silk burns slowly saunter over toward his customer to and turns up like horn, at the same time omitting a characteristic odor, artificial silk burns rapidly wher once ignited and swells like burned cotton. Sometimes the two kinds of silk are mixed in the same article. Mention is made in an Austrian paper of a fabric, al-In France, at the present day, the leged to be of English make, the warp great majority of the people are ardent of which consisted of natural silk, weft republicans in opinion, but they are of artificial. The origin of the latter could not be detected by the eye even by the most expert connoisseur. Upon the combustion test being applied, bow-There lately died in that country a ever, the material burned with extreme

When people listen attentively to a story of a man's wrongs, it indicates that they are wondering what the other side of the story sounds like.

The king can do no wrong-if the oth er fellow holds all the aces

It was not many years ago that Mon- ABOUT THE PRINCE OF WALES.

partment and stationed at an impor- Personalities Culled from the New Book of His Life.

He is five feet six inches high and weighs 180 pounds. He has light gray eyes, a gray beard, a brown complexion and a bald head.

His hands and feet are small and

He is fifty-seven years old, and has four grandchildren.

His favorite wine is champagne of 1889, and his favorite liquor a cognac forty years old.

He is fond of all kinds of people, es-

He is a first-class judge of horses and riages are quite respectable in appear- against holding office under a rackal dogs, and he thinks he knows some-

He is said to be one of the best shots

He sets the fashions in clothes for the whole world. He loves to labor for the working-

He is a D. C. L. of Oxford, an LL. D. of Cambridge and a barrister.

He has thirteen university degrees. He has laid seventy-three large and important foundation stones.

He opened part of the Suez Canal. He has made more speeches than any other man in the world, but mostly

short ones. He owns the deepest mine in Eng-

He was the first Christian to dine with the Sultan of Turkey. He never allows a typewriter in his

He spends \$5,000 a year for tele-

He only allows two knives and forks to each guest at his table.

He is a colonel eight times over. He has one private secretary, two assistant secretaries and a staff of clerks

to assist them. He receives 200 letters a day, and answers most of them.

Every minute of his time in London is spent according to schedule.

He has every order of knighthood in Europe. His uniforms are worth \$75,000.

He is a field marshal and an admiral. He is the chief horse owner, dog owner and yachtsman in England. He goes to church every Sunday

He never goes to the races on Sunday.

He started life with an income of \$550,000 a year. He says he has no debts.

He loves to travel incognito in Paris. He buys hundreds of theater tickets without using them.

His favorite vehicle in London is a hansom cab, yet his stables cost \$75,-600 a year.

He thinks his nephew, the German emperor, is too sensational.

He has friends in every nation, and speaks German, French, Italian and Russian.

His life was never attempted by an

He was obliged once to pawn his watch.-New York Journal.

No Map of the United States. "The school children of the Bermudas know nothing of American history," says a New York woman who has just returned from Hamilton. "One day I stopped and talked with a bright little colored boy on the street. The Bermuda negro, you know, is superior in intelligence to the Southern negro of this country. He has neither the thick lips nor the flat nose of our American negro. His superiority is accounted for by the fact that he has in his veins the blood of the Indians captured in King Philip's war and taken

as slaves to the Bermudas. "'Do you go to school?' I asked the

" 'Yes'm.'

"'Who owns these islands?"

" 'England.' "'Who rules England?"

" 'Queen Victoria.' "'Where are the United States?"

" 'South of Canada.' "'And do you know who is president

of the United States? "'Yes'm: George Washington," "When I had visited one of the little

schools at Hamilton I did not wonder that Washington was the only American president the boy had heard of. On the walls were maps of every important country in the world but our own, and I found that the teachers said as little of the United States as they could."-New York Sun.

Men Haven't All the Privileges. She-There is a great deal of unfairness in this world. Women are barred a ship is seen approaching the reefs ish women as a class, forces are slowly out of society for things that men may

He-That may be true, but, on the other hand, men would be barred out of society if they did some things that women do with impunity every day. She-I'd like to have you name just one of them.

He-Well, kissing other people's wives and daughters and sweethearts,

Vagaries of a Bullet.

A sepoy of the thirty-sixth Sikhs. when retiring from the Saran Sar pass. said he felt something hit his ride, but, seeing no mark, when he came to clean his rifle, he found a bullet had actually entered the muzzle and penetrated about nine inches down the barrel a seemingly impossible thing, but for all that true. It was kicky, says a correspondent of the Times of India, that he had no occasion to use his rifle again on his way home, or it would, of course, have burst,-Glasgow Weekly Mail.

Lucky in Both. She-You're lucky at cards?

He-Very. "'Lucky at cards, unlucky at love!" "I don't believe it. I've been refused three times."-Yonkers Statesman.