10 THE WIZARD. BY H. RIDER HAGGARD. AUTHOR OF "SHE," "ALLAN QUATERMAIN," "KING SOLOMON'S MINES," ETC.

broken.

CHAPTER IV THE VISION.

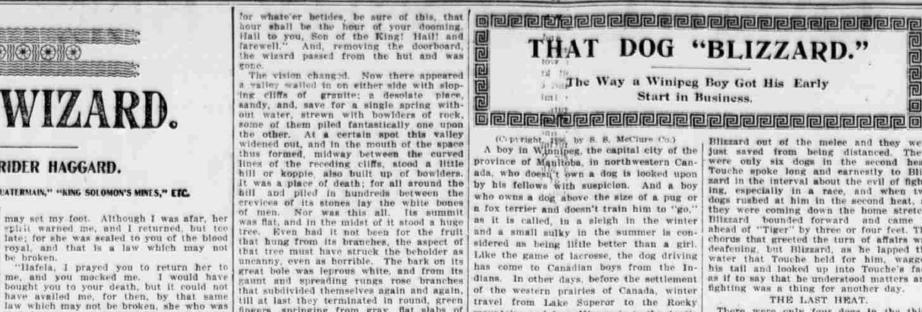
At least i Was it swoon or sleep? seemed to Owen that presently once again he was gazing into the dense intolerable blackness of the night. Then a marvel came to rass, for the blackness opened, or rather on it, framed and surrounded by it; there appeared a vision. It was the scaled to you must die with you; and though thereafter her spirit would sit with me vision of a native town, having a great bare space in the center of it encircled until I also died, It was not enough, since I have conquered all, yet cannot conquer the fire that wastes my heart, nor cease to by hundreds and thousands of huts. But there was no one stirring about the huts. long by night and by day for a woman who is lost to me. Then it was, Hafela, that I for it was night-not this his night of trial indeed, since now the sky was strewn with innumerable stars. Everything was silent my spell over the mind of the King, till innumerable stars. Everything was silent he learned to hate you and your evil deeds; about that town, save that now and again and I, even I, have brought it about that your brother should be preferred before you, a dog barked or a fretful child wailed within a hut, or the sentries as they passed and that you shall be the servant in his saluted each other in the name of the king. This is the price that you must in a hut, or the sentries as they passed and that you shall be the servant in its saluted each other in the name of the king. Among all those hundreds of huts, to pay for her of whom you have robbed me: Owen it seemed that his attention was directed to one which stood apart with a pay it! Yet listen. Hand back the girl, bet is not be at the part of the pay it is the part of t Now the interior of the as you may do-for she is not yet your if to him. It was not wife-and choose another for your Queen. fence about it. opened itself to him. It was not lighted, yet with his spirit sense he could and I will undo all that I have done, and I skei its every detail; the polished floor, the will find you a means. Hafela, to carry out skin rugs, the beer gourds, the shields and your will. Ah, before six suns have set, spears, the roof tree of redwood, and the dried lizard hanging from the thatch, a charm to ward off evil. In this hut, seated "I cannot," groaned the Prince; "death "I cannot," groaned the Prince; "death were better than this!" face to face, half way between the center post and the door hole, were two men. The darkness was deep about them, and they whispered to each other through it; but die, you shall live a servant, and your name shall become a mockery, a name for women in his dream it was no bar to Owen's sight. to make rhymes on." He could discern their faces clearly. One Now the Prince sprang up. was that of a man of about 35 years of age. In stature he was almost a giant. He wore a kaross of leopard skins, and on his wrists and ankles were-rings of ivory, the royal ornaments. His face was fierce and powerful; his eyes, which were set far apart rolled so much that at times they seemed all white, and his fingers played nervously with the handle of a spear that he carried in his right hand. His companion was of a different stamp; a man of not less than 50 years, he was tall and spare in figure. with delicately shaped hands and feet. His hair and little beard were tinged with gray. his face was strikingly handsome, nervous and expressive, and his forehead both broad But more remarkable still were and high. his eyes, which were of a plercing bright-ness, almost gray in color, steady as the flame of a well-trimmed lamp, and so cold that they might have been precious stone

set in the head of a statue. "Must I then put your thoughts in words?" said this man in a clear, quick whisper. "Well, so be it, for I am weary of sitting here in the dark waiting for water that will not flow. Listen, prince; you come to talk to me of the death of a king-is it not so? Nay, do not start. Why are you affrighted when you hear the plot upon the lips of another, that these many months

has been familiar to your breast?" "Truly, Hokosa, you are the best of wiz ards, or the worst," answered the great man huskily. "Yet this once you are mistaken," he added, with a change of voice. "I came but to ask you for a charm to turn my father's heart

"To dust? Prince, if. I am mistaken, why am I the best of wizards, or the worst, and why did your jaw drop and your face change at my words, and why do you even now touch your dry lips with your tongue Yes I know that it is dark here, yet some can see in it, and I am one of them. Ay, Prince, and I can see your thoughts also. You

would be rid of your father; he has lived too long. Moreover, his love turns to Nod- you have taught, this witch of many spells



till at last they terminated in round, green ingers, springing from gray, flat slabs of bark, in shape not unlike that of a human palm. Indeed, from a little distance this tree, especially if seen by moonlight, had the appearance of bearing on it hundreds of thousands of the arms and hands of men, all of them stretched imploringly to heaven. Well might they seem so to do, seeing that to its naked limbs hung the bodies of at least twenty human beings who had suffered death by order of the King or his captains, or by the decree of the company of wizards, whereof Hokosa was the chief. There on the Hill of Death stood the Tree of Death, and there in its dank shade, or piled upon the ground be-neath it, hung and laid the pitiful remnants of the multitudes who for genera-tions had been led thither, to their doam. Now, in the vision, a man was seen ap-proaching by the little pathway that ran up the side of the mount-the Road of Lost Footsteps, it was called. It was Hokosa, the wizard. Outside the circle of the tree he halted, and, drawing a tanned skin from a bundle of medicines, which he carried. tied it about his mouth, for the very smell of that tree is poisonous and must

not be suffered to reach the lungs. Presently he was under the branches where once again he halted: this time it was to gaze at the body of an old man which swung to and fro in the night breeze.

"Take her!" he hissed-"take her! you, who are an evil spirit; you, beneath whose "Ah! friend," he multered, "we strove for many years, but it seems that I have the hair on the backs of hounds stands up! conquered at the last. Well, it is just; for



"LAY DOWN THAT ASSEGAT OR BY MY SPIRIT, PRINCE AS YOU ARE, I WILL BLAST YOU WITH A SPELL."

Take her, priest of death and evil; but take | if you could have had your way, your end

my curse with her! Ah! I also can proph-esy; and I tell you that this woman whom Then very leisurely, as Then very leisurely, as one who is sure that he will not be interrupted, he began to

climb the tree till at length some of the

fingers were within his reach.

mouth of the little gourd which was hung about his neck by a string. When he had

collected enough of the poison and carefully

orked the gourd with a plug of wood, he

fork where the main branches sprang from

he trunk, he stood a while contemplating

a creeping plant which ran up them. It was a plant of naked stem, like the tree

descended the tree again.

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Touche spoke long and earnestly to Bliz zard in the interval about the evil of fight-

ing, especially in a race, and when two dogs rushed at him in the second heat, as they were coming down the home stretch,

Blizzard bounded forward and came in ahead of "Tiger" by three or four feet. The

chorus that greeted the turn of affairs was deafening, but Blizzard, as he lapped the

water that Touche held for him, wagged

his tall and looked up into Touche's face

THE LAST HEAT.

ond, and as they started neck and neck, there was a silence throughout the onlook-

ers that showed the interest that was being

taken. The other two dogs were soon out of the running and at the quarter mile Bliz-

how it is that he got started in business

looking mongrel dog and say that "he started

me and we've been partners ever since.' At least that is what he told me. CHARLES L. SHAW.

HIS IDEA.

Virna Sheard in St. Nicholas,

ung, he will probably point to an ugly

fighting was a thing for another day.

(C prright 15% by 5. 8. McClure Co.) A boy in Winnipeg, the capital city of the province of Manitoba, in northwestern Canada, who doesn't own a dog is looked upon by his fellows with suspicion. And a boy a fox terrier and doesn't train him to "go," as it is called, in a sleigh in the winter and a small sulky in the summer is considered as being liftle better than a girl. Like the game of lacrosse, the dog driving has come to Canadian boys from the Indians. In other days, before the settlement as if to say that he understood matters and travel from Lake Superor to the Rocky mountains and from Minnesota to the Arctic cean was carried on by means of dogs. Even today in the western parts of the Canadian west the dog train is the regular means of conveyance of mails and travelers by the Hudson Bay company and the fur traders of the north. Dog driving, then, comes the north. naturally to the boys of Winnipeg, where twenty-five years ago a winter journey with horses was comparatively unusual.

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TOUCHE TUPPER.

and fast. "Blizzard," said Touche as he saw the whip come down on Tiger's back when they entered the home stretch and Bliz-And it came particularly natural to little Touche Tupper, newsboy and general roustzard's nose was at Tiger's flank. "Blizzard, I won't strike you, I wouldn't do it to win For Touche loved dogs, and a boy a-bout. who didn't love a dog very seldom amounted to much as a dog trainer. Touche's parents had died and left him at 10 years of age to run the race of life alone. Having the race, but"-and he half rose in the sulky no kith or kin of his own to lavish any affection upon, and being human, and accordingly finding it necessary to have an outlet his affections, he became devoted to a . And such a dog. It was an ugly, dog. ill-conditioned looking cur, everybody said, but that didn't make any difference to Touche. He had found it as he crouched one blizzardy night in the doorway of the Touche. postoffice at the outset of his newsboy life

when he was in need of sympathy, as much as the little pup that crawled up to him and licked his hand. "We're traveling in hard luck tonight, puppy," said Touche, as he snuggled the shivering little thing under his coat. "This blizzard chased the people from the streets and I'm stuck with my papers and you're nearly froze to death. my Well, misery likes company, so come on.

And Blizzard, as he there and then chris tened it, shared Touche's corner in the halfbreed shack and the ups and downs of a street Arab's life, until he grew to doghood

What are you going to be, dear Jack, When you're quite grown up?" I said Will you be a lawyer, like papa, Or a soldier, like Uncle Ned?" As neither Blizzard or Touche made any pretense to pedigree, there was a fellow feel-He shook his curly head and smiled; Then answered, "I think it is queer Papa wanted to be a lawyer, When he might be a ploneer." They were both vagaing between them. bonds. And when Touche requested Blizzard to "go" in a sleigh at a very early stage of his career, he didn't exactly see the drift of it until Touche pointed out that every self-respecting dog in Winnipeg "A ploneer, dear laddle?" I cried; "Why, how brave and bold you must be But, if you roam, you must come back went in for it and that it was not well to be "out of de push." Blizzard then strove Your poor little mother to see." to excel at it. His long legs and lean "Oh, I'll not go far away," he cried; "I can do it as well at home. I don't think when I'm a ploncer That I shall care to roam. placed him on an equality in the sled with the dogs which appeared at bench shows and showed their aristocratic teeth at him as they passed Touche and him on I should think that a pioneer," he

the street 'Yer a better dog than any of them, Bliz," With culmly smlling eyes, That a pioneer would have to do Something 'r other with pies." said Touche as the unharnessed him one night after Blizzard had borne him from the center of the city to the little shack "'And we'll show 'em some on the prairie. day. Yer mayn't be much on looks, but show 'em." : And the chance came. Little Brooklyn girl of 5 to lady whom she vas visiting-You ought not ter let your ittle boy say 'nit," because it's slang. Lady

A GREAT RACE.

who was then 13

-You are right, my child; you don't say it, to you? Little Girl-Nit, Little Sister-What is a tannon tracker, In May, 1894, the little prairie city of The meeting of the Manitoba Turf associa-tion was on. Westerners who are deprived Willy? Bigger Brother-A cannon cracker is a thing that never goes off until you rawl back to see what's the matter with it. Johnnie Chaffie-Come, Mamie, let us play dam and Eve. Mamie-How will we play of amusement in the way of theaters, excursions, etc., common to the east generally take their vacation in strong doses. Racing is high in favor and business is prac- eat it." tically suspended during a race meeting. Johnny-May I wake the baby, mamma?

NO-TO-BAC MENDS NERVES Lost Life Force Restored and **Shattered Nerve-Power** Quickly Repaired.

> The Tobacco-Vice Undermines Vigor and Vitality. Nervous prostra-tion, General Debility Mean

There were only four dogs in the third heat. Now came the crucial test. Tiger had won the first heat and Blizzard the sec-

zard was five yards behind. "Tiger wins, Tiger wins," roared the crowd, but Tiger's tongue was out and his breath came thick

PROPOSED **CONSTITUTIONAL** AMENDMENTS

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, as hereinafter set forth in full, are submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska, to be voted upon at the general election to be

held Tuesday, November 3, A. D. 1896: A joint resolution proposing to amend sections two (2), four (4), and five (5), of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relating to number of

six (6) of the Constitution of the state of Nebraska, be amended so as to read as fol-lows: Section 4. The judges of the supreme court shall be elected by the electors of the state at large, and their term of office, except as hereinatter provided, shall be for a period of not less than five (5) years as the legislature may prescribe. Section 3. That section five (5) of article is (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, be amended to read as follows: Section 5. At the first general election to be held in the year 1886, there shall be elected two judges of the supreme court one of whom shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, one for the term of four (4) years, and at each general election of 1986 after, there shall be elected one judge of the supreme court for the term of four (4) years, unless otherwise provided by hw; Provided, That the judges of the supreme court whose terms have not expired at the time of holding the general election of 1896 shall continue to hold their office for where respectively commissioned. Approved March 29, A. D. 1895.

remain inviolate, but the legislature mi provide that in civil actions five-sixths the jury may render a verdict, and it legislature by also authorize trial by jury of a less number than twelve men in courts inferior to the district court. Approved March 29, A, D., 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amen section one (1) of article five (5) of the Con stitution of Nebraska, relating to officers c

the executive department. Be it resolved and enacted by the Leg-islature of the State of Nebraska: Section 1. That section one (i) of article five (5) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as fol-lows:

And cherrer al Debility Mean Tobacco Nerve Polsoning.
 All of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as fol-tore, money and manhood.
 Tobacco-using is a reckless waste of life.
 The adarco-user's nerves are shattered and every tobacco-user's nerves are shattered is tooken, this life is going out of him prongest, quickest nerve tonic in the work, the process makes manhood. Summer smok-ing shortens life.
 Thy ou want all the time to look, feel and at like a man.
 Take No-To-Bae! Get a cure or your momey back. Over 400,000 have been cured and millions use No-To-Bac to regulate to powers as a nerve tonic and stimulan.
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A joint resolution proposing to amend section twenty-six (26) of article five (5) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, limiting the number of executive state officers.

ing the number of executive state officers. Be it resolved and enacted by the Leg-islature of the State of Nebraska: Section 1. That section twenty-six (26) of article five (5) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows: Section 26. No other executive state offi-cers except those named in section one (1) of this article shall be created, except by an act of the legislature which is con-curred in by not less than three-fourths of the members elected to each house thereof; Provided, That any office created by an act of the legislature may be abolished by the legislature, two-thirds of the members elected to each house thereof concurring. Approved March 30, A. D., 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section nine (9) of article eight (8) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, providing for the investment of the permanent educational funds of the state.

active six (6) of the constitution of the state of Nebraska, relating to number of judges of the supreme court and their term of office.
Be it resolved and enacted by the Legistiature of the State of Nebraska: Section 1. That section two (2) of article eight (8) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended so as to read as follows:
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and screamed at the top of his voice—"Bliz, Bliz, Bliz," and like an arrow from the bow Blizzard darted forward until he was nose and nose with Tiger. They were only a hundred yards from the wire and the people in the grand stand were on their feet, yelling like maniacs. "Tiger" "Blizzard," "Tiger" "Blizzard," 'Tiger' 'Blizzard," 'Tiger' "Blizzard," came the cries, but once again could be heard amidst the uproar the boyish scream, 'Bliz, Bliz, Bliz!" and Touche could see the long red tongue of 'Tiger' at his side as they dashed under the wire and won. If anybody goes to Winnipeg and asks the well dressed, prosperous looking boy be-hind the news stand in the Clarendon hotel how it is that he got started in business

wengo, the good and gentle, and, perhapswho can say?-it is even in his mind, when all his regiments are about him two days hence, to declare that you, Prince, are de-posed, and that your brother, Nodwengo, shall be king in your stead. Now, Nodwengo . though day by day they clamor to be led to battle, for he seeks to end his years in

"I say that you speak folly," answered the Prince with vehemence.

"Then son of the great one, why should you waste time in listening to me? Fare-well, Hafela, the Prince first born of the King, who in a day to come shall carry the shield of Nodwengo, for he is good and gentle, and will spare your life--if 1 beg it of

Hafela stretched out his hand through the darkness and caught Hokosa by the wrist, "Stay," he whispered, "it is true. The King must die, for if he does not die within three days I shall cease to be his heir. I know it through my spies. He is angry with me, he hates me, and he loves Nodwengo and the mother of Nodwengo. But if he dies before the last day of the festival, then that decree will never pass his lips, and the regiments will never roar out the name of Nodwengo as the name of the King to come. He must die, I tell you, Hokosa, and by your hand

"By my hand, Prince! Nay, what have you to offer me in return for such a deed as this? Have I not grown up in Umsuka's shadow, and shall I cut down the tree that shades me?"

"What have I to offer you? This; that next to myself you shall be the greatest in the land, Hokosa.'

That I am already, and whoever rules that I must always be. I, who am the chief of wizards; I, the reader of men's hearts; I, the hearer of men's thoughts; I, the lord of poisoned him!" the air and the lightning; I, the invulnera-ble! If you would murder, Prince, then do the deed; do it knowing that I have your and that henceforth you who rule shall be my servant. Nay, you forget that that your safety and mine may be assured. I bave made yet another plan, though there I can see in the dark; lay down that assegal, or, by my spirit, prince as you are, I will blast you with a spell, and your body shall will be little need of it. You were present two days since when a runner came from thrown to the kites, as that of one who the white man who sojourns beyond our

be thrown to the kittes, as that of one who would murder his king and father!" The Prince heard and shook, his cheeks sank in, the muscles of his great form seemed to collapse, and he grovelled on the floor of the hut. "I know your magic." he groaned; "use it for me, not against me! What is there that I can offer you, who have everything ex-cept the throne, whereon you cannot sit, weeing that you are not of the blood royal?" "Think." said Hokosa. "Think," said Hokosa.

while the Prince thought, till presas that white liar died who visited us in by-gone years. Now I have so ordered that this white man, passing through the Valley ently his form straightened itself, and with a quick movement he lifted up his head. "Is it, perchance, my afflanced wife?" he of Death yonder, shall reach the Great Place not long before the King drinks of the cup of the first-fruits. Then if any think

whispered; "the Lady Noma, whom I love, and who, according to our custom, I shall wed as the Queen to be after the feast of first fruits? Oh! say it not Hokosa." "I say it." answered the wizard. "Lis-ten, Prince. The lasty Noma is the only child of my blood brother, my friend, with

period to the King, they will surely think also that this strange prayer doctor has wrought it. Then also I will call for a sign from the white man, praying of him to re-cover the King of his sickness; and when he fails he shall be slain as a worker of spells and the false prophet of a false god, and so we shall be rid of him and his new faith, and you shall be cleared of doubt is whom I was brought up, he who was slain at my side in the great war with the tribes of the north. She was my ward; she was thing only. her mind grew greater than the mind of any other woman, and her thought became my thought, and my thought became her thought, for I and no other am her master. Still I waited to wed her till she was fully Messenger King."

"For what thing?"

Brown; and while I waited I went upon an embassy to the northern tribes. Then it was that you saw the maid in visiting at my kreat, and her becauty and her wit took hold of you; and in the Council of the King, as you have a right to do, you named her is be done that, then I, yes even I, then the place the plan.
Cho, let him do it, if he can; but to do the poison and it is known to me only of all men in this land. When he be done that, then I, yes even I, they done man-done the place the plan.
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shall give you to drink of your own medicine; ay, she shall dog you to death, and ting his back against a bough, one by one mock you while you perish by an end of shame!" he broke off several of them, and averting his head so that the fumes of it might not reach him, he caused the thick, milk-white

"Ay, death were better; but you shall not

"What," laughed the wizard, "have I a juice that they contained to trickle into the woll guarded. If he died suddenly his dead hys would call out 'Murder!' in the cars of will give you lessons. Yet I counsel you all men; and, Prince, all eyes would turn to not; for you are flesh, nothing but flesh, and men, and, Frince, an eyes would tail to not; for you are nesh, hotning but nesh, you, who alone could profit by his end. But if the King should chance to die—why, he is old, is he not? and such things happen to the old; also he grows feeble, and will not suffer the regiments to be doctored for war, taking of the flesh as, alas! it does, has taking of the flesh as, alas! it does, has cost me half my powers. Now let us cease from empty words, and strike our bargain. "Listen. On the last day of the feas when all the regiments are gathered to sa-

having a milky juice. "Strange," he said aloud, "that nature should set the bane and the antidote side lute the King there in his Great Place ac cording to custom, you shall stand forth by side, the one twined about the other. Well, so it is in everything; yes, even in before the King and renounce Noma, and she shall pass back to the care of my housethe heart of man. Shall I gather some of this juice, also? No; for then 1 might rehold. You yourself shall bring her to where I stand, and as I take her from you I will pent and save him, remembering that he has put into your hand a certain powder. Then loved me, and thus lose her I seek, you shall return to the side of the King. whom I must win back or be withered and after our fashion shall give him to Let the Messenger of the King of Heaven save him, if he can. This tree lies on his but as drink the bowl of the first-fruits, you stir the beer you will let fall into it path; perchance he may prevail upon its dead to tell him of the lane and of the that powder which I have given you. The King will drink, and what he leaves unantidote." And once more he laughed drunk you will throw out upon the dust. Now he will rise to give out to his people mockingly.

The vision passed. At this moment Owen the royal decree, whereby, Prince, you are recovering from his swoon, lifted his head from the window place. The night before him was as black as it had been, and bedeposed from your place as heir, and your brother, Nodwengo, is to be set in your place. But of that decree never a word shall pass his lips; if it does, recall hind him the little clock was still striking the hour of midnight, therefore he could not your saying and take back the lady Noma from where she stands beside me. I tell you have remained insensible for longer than few seconds.

that never a word shall pass his lips; for even as he rises a stroke shall take him, A few seconds, yet how much he had seen in them. Truly, his want of faith such a stroke as often falls upon the fat been reproved-truly, he also had been "warned of God in a dream"-truly "his and sged, and he shall sink to the ground snoring through his nostrils. For a while cars had been opened and his instruction thereafter-it may be six hours, it may be twelve-he shall lie insensible, and then a sealed." His soul had been "kept back from the pit." and his life from "perishcry will arise that the King is dead!" "Ay," said Hafela, "and that I have ing by the sword;" and the way of the wicked had been made clear to him "in a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep "Why, Prince? Few know what is in sleep falleth upon men." Not for nothing had he endured that

your father's mind, and with those, being King, you will be able to deal. Also this is being agony, and not for nothing had he struggled in the grip of doubt. the virtue of the poison which i choose, that it is swift, yet the symptoms of it are the symptoms of a natural sickness. But (To be Continued.)

THE PICNIC BY THE LAKE.

H. C. Paine in Harper's Bazar

H. C. Paine in Harper's bazar.
Oh, I love the gentle summer for its long and pleasant days.
For its sweet romantic evenings beneath the moon's soft rays.
For its flowers and its sunshine, but I hate that ghastly fake.
That travesty on pleasure called the plenic by the lake.

First there comes the burning question-oh, it is no easy task-Of deciding on the people you think good enough to ask; Then such thresome discussions on what each is going to take In the matter of provisions to the picnic by the lake.

that he was a true man and had of the wisdom of the King of Heaven; and that if he failed therein, then that he should die

the lake.

When these vital points are settled and the party is affoat. There are maidens five, a matron, and a lone man in each boat. Who takes the oars and struggles till he thinks his back will break. As he rows eight miles to windward-to the picnic by the lake. that something out of natural has hap-pened to the King, they will surely think

When at last the voyage is ended he must clamber to the spring. Which is "somewhere up the mountain," that the water he may bring. He must get a load of drift-wood and the camp fire he must make: Though it's hotter than—the tropics, at the picnic by the lake.

and so we shall be rid of him and his new faith, and you shall be cleared of doubt. Is not the plan good, Prince?" "It is very good, Hokosa-save for one

Then he has to mock his hunger with Then he has to mock his hunger with a diet of sardines. Of hard bolled eggs and sandwiches, re-lieved with Boston beans. There's a scarcity of chicken, but a plethora of cake— Oh, the place to get dyspepsia is a picnic by the lake!— "This: The white man who is named exsenger might chance to be a true rophet of a true god, and to recover the

"Oho, let him do it, if he can; but to do

laboriously reading the events announced on the flaming big posters of the Turf as-sociation's spring meeting, placarded on Portage avenue, saw an item which read "Dog race, one-half mile, purse \$100 to first, ain't they? \$50 to second, best out of three heats." He looked down at Blizzard, who seemed to have one eye on his young master and the other on the poster as if reading itfor Blizzard always tried to do what Touche

can't we? did-and said: "What d'ye say, Bliz? Shall we try a turn at it?" Blizzard looked Bliz? a man, Willie?" asked the man who always asks that question. "Me? I'm going to be as if running a race before the people of a city was just what he had been waiting for. "All right, then, Bliz," said Touche; a policeman and stop trolley cars right in the middle of the block." it grew upon, and, also like the tree, its leaves consisted of bunches of green spikes "we'll show those dude dogs a thing or two." And he went off and made arrange-"Will some little scholar please tell what

happened after the children of Israel had ments for a sulky that cost him a winter's savings. The making of dog sleighs and marched seven days around the walls of Jericho, blowing teacher. "Tommy Taducins Sunday school teacher. "Please, ma'am," re Jericho, blowing their horns?" asked the dog sulkies is one of the branches of a Winnipeg carriage building establishment and the little sulky that finally met with plied Tommy, "they tumbled to the racket. Touche's approval was just suited to Blizzard. "With a new collar I guess we'll be fixed, Bliz," said Touche as he took him for a trial spin over the course of the Turf How Are Your Kidneys? association one afternoon before he went for his papers.

THE ENTRIES.

"I'm not going to drive yet with reins from yer nose the way the swells does. If you don't understand me now, yer never

will." And Blizzard wagged his tall. 'Twas the alternoon. The dog race had just been called from the judge's stand and the gaily dressed ladies and their escorts in the grand stand returned to their places and the crowds surging agains



TOUCHE FINDS HIS PUPPY.

OPIUM OR MORPHINE HABIT the ropes suffounding the course gave voic the ropes subscuring the course gave voice to a cheer. The interest in the horse racing had been can bright to the horse breeders, the gambling element and that peculiar class that is to be found on every side track who love a race they know not why. PAINLESS OPIUM ANTIDOTI Discovered in 1868. "THERIAKI" Book Free. Office 312. 78 Monroe Street. CHICAGO, ILL.

track who love a race they know not why. But in the Wos wace everybody was inter-ested. There, were mineteen entries. There was not a class or clique from the ex-clusive licutential governor's circle to the half-breed colory on the Hudson Bay flats that was not represented in the contest-ants. And as the bays in their queer little sulkies paraded before the judge's stand to receive instructions, the cheers that went up were heartier than had been given for the winner of the Provincial cup. Every-body almost, suce Totted past the grand as he and Blizzard trotted past the grand stand there was a half-satirical, halfas no and binsent thotes pass the grant half-stand there was a half-satirleal, half-friendly cheer at the tatterdemalion news-boy and his mongrel-looking dog. But Touche and Blizzard heeded it not. Touche's whole attention was fixed on a dog, half

staghound, half Esquimaux, called "Tiger," driven by the son of the lieutenant gov ernor.

A dog race has to be quickly started or the dogs will fight, and when the nineteen dogs with their boy drivers rushed in a confused mass before the judge's stand there was a cry of "go." and they were off. Eliz-zard was in the center and had got a fair start. At the quarter mile he was third and was going steadily when the one that and was going steadily when the one that was running second, a bus kig-that is, a native dog-which showed signs of flag-

ging, turned as quick as thought and seized Blizzard by the throat. There was a con-fused heap of dogs, boys and sulkies and the others rushed on. But Touche hauled

lammababy? Johnny-So's I can play on my drum. were respectively commis Little Elsie-Ain't those cows small, ma? Approved March 29, A. D. 1895. Ma-Yes, dear. Elsie-I guess them's kind that they gets condensed milk from,

Ever Have Your Back Ache?

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"You tempt me with an apple, and I'll

PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

A joint resolution proposing an amend ment to section thirteen (13) of article six Johnnie Chaffie-Grandma, will of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, know each other in heaven? Grandma-Yes relating to compensation of supreme and my child, we shall know each other there Johnnie Chaffie-But, grandma, we can make district court judges. believe we are out when some of them call,

"Tommy Taddells,

Dr. Hobbs

Pills

make Healthy Ridneys and the Back Strong.

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Treatment by ma

"What are you going to be when you are

district court judges. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska: Section 1. That section thirteen (13) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 13. The judges of the supreme and district courts shall receive for their ser-vices such compensation as may be pro-vided by law, payable quarterly. The legislature shall at its first session after the adoption of this amendment, three-fifths of the members elected to each house concurring, establish their compensation. The compensation so es-tablished shall not be changed oftener than once in four years, and in to event unless two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the legislature concur therein. Approved March 30, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section twenty-four (24) of article five (5) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relating to compensation of the officers of the Sparagus Kidney

executive department. Evenuive department. Be it resolved and enacted by the Legis-lature of the State of Nebraska: Section 1. That section twenty-four (24) of article five (5) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read

as follows: Section 24. The officers of the executive

as follows: Section 24. The officers of the executive department of the state government shall receive for their services a compensation to be established by naw, which shall be neither increased nor diminished during the term for which they shall not receive to their own use any fees, costs, interests, upon public moneys in their hands or under their control, perquisites of office or other compensation, and all fees that may hereafter be payable by law for services performed by an officer provided for in this state treasury. The legislature shall at its first session after the adoption of the officers named in this article. The compensation so establishe the shall be here elected to each house of the legisla-ture concurring, establish the salaries of the officers named in this article. The compensation so established shall not be changed oftener than once in four years and in no event unless two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the leg-islature concur therein. Approved March 29, A. D. 1895.

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A joint resolution proposing to amend

section one (1) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relating to judicial power.

to judicial power. Be it resolved and enacted by the Legis-lature of the State of Nebraska: Section 1. That section one (1) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as follows: Socion 1. The judicial power of this state shall be vested in a supreme court, dis-trict courts, county courts, justices of the peace, police mughtrates, and in such other courts inferior to the supreme court as may be created by law in which two-thirds of the members elected to each house concur.

Approved March 29, A. D. 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend see tion eleven (11) of article six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relating to increase in number of supreme and district court judges.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Leg-islature of the State of Nebraska: Section 1. That section eleven (11) of arti-cle six (6) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as fol-lows:

of Nebraska be amended to read as fol-lows: Section 11 The legislature, whenever two-thirds of the members elected to each house shall concur therein, may, in or after the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven and not oftener than once in every four years, increase the number of judges of supreme and district courts, and the judicial districts of the state. Such districts shall be formed of compact terri-tory, and bounded by county lines; and such increase, or any change in the boundaries of an district, shall not yacate the office of any judge. All Private Diseases

he office of any judge. Approved March 30, A. D., 1895. A joint resolution proposing to amend

section six (6) of article one (1) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relating o trial by jury. to trial by jury. Be it resolved and enacted by the Leg-islature of the State of Nebraska. Section 1. That section six (6), article one (3) of the Constitution of the State of Ne-braska be amended to read as follows: Section 6. The right of trial by jury shall

f said permanent school fund, Approved March 29, A. D., 1895.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Nebraska by adding a new section to article twelve (12) of said constitution, to be num bered section two (2), relative to the merg ing of the government of cities of the metropolitan class and the government o the counties wherein such cities are lo

cated. Be it resolved and enacted by the Leg

Be it resolved and enacted by the Leg-islature of the State of Nebraska: Section 1. That article twelve (12) of th Constitution of the State of Nebraska b amended by adding to said ar icle a nev-section to be numbered section two (2), t read as follows: Section 2. The government of any city o the metropolitan class and the governmen of the county in which it is located may b-merged wholly or in part when a proposi-tion so to do has been submitted by au thority of law ic the voters of such cit) and county and received the assent of a majority of the votes cast in such also a majority of the votes cast in the county exclusive of the ze cast in such metropolitan city at such election. Approved March 29, A. D., 1855. metropolitan city at such election. Approved March 29, A. D., 1895.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section six (6) of article seven (7) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, prescribing the manner in which votes shall be cast.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Leg-islature of the State of Nebraska: Section 1. That section six (6) of article seven (7) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be amended to read as fol-

lows: Section 6. All votes shall be by ballot, or such other method as may be prescribed by law, provided the secrecy of voting be preserved. Approved March 29, A. D., 1895.

A joint resolution proposing to amend section two (2) of article fourteen (14) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, relative to donations to works of internal improvement and manufactories.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legis-lature of the State of Nebraska: Section 1. That section two (2) of article fourteen (14) 'of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, be amended to read as

State of Nebraska, be amended to read as follows: Section 2. No city, county, town, precinct, municipality, or other subdivision of the state, shall ever make donations to any works of internal improvement, or manu-factory, unless a proposition so to do shall have been first submitted to the qualified electors and ratified by a two-thirds vote at an election by authority of law; Pro-vided, That such donations of a county with the donations of such subdivisions in the aggregate shall not exceed ten per car of the assessed valuation of such county. Provided, further, That any city or county indebtedness five per cent, in addition to such ten per cent and no bonds or evi-dences of indebtedness so issued shall by valid unless the same shall have endorsed thereon a certificate signed by the socre-tary and auditor of slate, showing that the same is based pursuant to law. Approved March 29, A. D., 1835.

I. J. A. Piper, secretary of state of the state of Nebraska, do hereby certify that the foregoing proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Nebraska are true and correct copies of the original enrolled and engrossed bills, as passed by the Twenty-fourth session of the legislature of the State of Nebraska, as appears from said original bills on file in this office, and that all and each of said proposed amendments are submitted to the qualified voters of the state of Nebraska for their adoption

or rejection at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 3d day of November, A. D., 1896. In testimony whereof, I have thereunte

set my hand and affixed the great seal of the state of Nebraska.

Done at Lincoln, this 17th day of July, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninely-six, of the Independence of the United States the One Hundred and Twenty-first, and of this state th Thirtleth.

> J. A. PIPER, Secretary of State.

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