(Conveight, 1897, by W. L. Alden.) pointed American minister to Torrizonia, which, as you probably know, was at that which, as you probably know, was at that dinner that the landlord could get up, and time an independent Central American republic, though since then it has been an captain of the frigate, having sampled it on nexed by one of its neighbors. There was my way from the United States, and knowing only one town in Torrizonia of any size, and that it was first class in every respect. that was the capital and principal scaport. The government sent me out in a frigate. The government sent me out in a frigate, rivals. Each man supposed that he was the and when we arrived at Porto Nuevo, and only guest, and naturally came to the con-I was on the point of going ashere, the cap-tain, who was a particularly good fellow, only lawful president. This made it reason-said he'd lis at anchor for a few days, so ably certain that every one of the four would come to dinner, and I calculated when I had got them comfortably fell of the protection. You see there was most generally a revolution in progress in Torrizonia, and the captain, being a thoughtful man, calculated that in case I should be acciden-tally shot he could bembard the town and a big reputation at home for energy

and patriotism.
"I was put ashore in one of the frigate's boats, and after I had convinced an indian custom house officer, who didn't wear shoes, and who couldn't read my passport, that I and who couldn't read my passport, that I wasn't dangerous, I gave my trunks to a couple of porters and walked up to the hotel. There was only one hotel in the place, and that was kept by a man who had been a waiter at a San Francisco hotel, and epoke English pretty near as well as me or you. It was a small hotel, and I had it all to myself, except for the barroom, where part of the Torrizonian army was always drinking itself crazy. I had a fairish sort of dinner, and after I had started in to smoke the landlord came in and talked with me in a sociable sort of way, though he was me in a sociable sort of way, though he was careful not to sit down in the presence of a great man like myself.

great man like myself.

"I had told the landlord that I was the new American minister, and I asked him if the president was in town, for I wanted to present myself to the president as soon as possible, and to get to work, providing there should be any work for a minister to do."

"Pres Almonte is here, said the landlord, but the other presidents are in different parts of the country."

"How many presidents does this country

require? said I. 'The United States is a middling big country, but we contrive to get

along with one president at a time."
"There are four of them just now, sir,"
replied the landlord, 'but of course they'll
be thinned out considerably when they get
to fighting. There's Pres Almonte, whose term expired six months ago, but who is holding on to office till he can collect some more taxes. He's got 500 men and all the artillery in the grounds of the presidential mansion, and he'll make a good fight for it before he's turned out.

before he's turned out.
"'Then there's General Garcia, who was elected president at the last election, but has never been able to get into the presidential mansion. He's got about 1,500 men with him, and he's in camp about five miles from here.
"'Then there's P es Alvarez,

was vice president under Almonte, and con-siders that he ought to have been elected in place of Garcia. He is supposed to have 1,000 men in his camp, which is, say, ten miles north of here.

" 'Pres Del Valle has about the same number of men with him, and he's somewhere to the south of us, though I can't say pre-clsely where. He was the senior officer of the army, and he set up as president be-cause he said that neither of the three other presidents were justified in starting revolutions, and that it was his duty as a patriot to punish them. Most people here think that old Almonte, having all the artillery with him, has the best right to the presidency.

"At first I was inclined to recognize Almonte, who was within handy reach, and who had certainly been president up to the time of the last election, whatever might be the legality of his present position. But, case I called on Almonte and pre-I should have to act on my own responsi-bility, and I didn't like it at all. "You see that I couldn't afford to spend

three or four months waiting for the presi-dents to thin one another out, for my salary didn't become due until I had been regularly received by the lawful president. Of course, being a practical man, I knew that any one of the presidents would be mighty glad to be recognized by me, and that if I should set



and when morning came I called on the doctor, who was at the head of the hospital, and told him that I wanted to see the differences between the four presidents amicably settled. In a place like Porto Nuevo the head of the hospital is always the most influential man in town, with the exception of the president and the chief of police. You see that whenever a revolution breaks out, and the parties to it begin to shoot, the hospital fills uppretty rapidly, and the wounded men are mighty anxious to be on good terms with the doctor, so that he won't try any carving experiments on them.

"My little plan for settling the presidential dispute hadn't panned out quite as I expected, but it wasn't my fault. I saw Dr. Moreno after he had examined the wounded all recover, though they would probably have to remain in the hospital for several weeks. He said that the government would be carried on in the name of Presidential mansion, until such time as all the four claimants divided into three wedge-shaped sections, which force the pipes to align and can be withdrawn after the cement hardens by

This particular doctor was the most levelheaded man in Torrizonia, and when he and I had talked things over we agreed that the best thing to do would be for me to arrange an interview with the four presidents, and now your best plan is to let those four induce them to compromise their differences. The doctor said that they would agree to anything provided the consideration was exactly six weeks None of them was severely

A California woman has patented a large effough, and he thought that if the four presidents were to form a syndicate and govern the country in partnership it would be a satisfactory arrangement all round.

I went back to the hotel and wrote an

\*\*\*\*\* marines, consisting of four men each. I got "It was along back in the year 1861," said the correct addresses of the four presidents the American ambassador, "that I was ap- and started each detachment in time to reach its particular guest and to bring him to the hotel at 6 o'clock sharp. I ordered the best

> "Of course I wasn't so foolish as to let one president know that I had invited any of his captain's champagne they would be ready to listen to reason.

"For the first time in the history of Central America my invited guests arrived promptly at the hour specified. This wasn't their fault, for if they could have had their way they would have straggled in at all hours, from 6 to 10. But the midshipmen that were in command of the different escorts knew their business and being ordered to deliver the presidents to me at ten minutes before 6 had them on hand at the precise.

and could have seized the presidency without 'According to their account, those four

men must have paid the doctor an average of \$1,000 each in bribes, and each one of \$1,000 ach in bribes, and each one thought that he was getting his money's worth and stealing a march on his rivals. The doctor, being a practical man, took all the money that was offered him, and earned it honestly by keeping the men in the hospital. Whenever one of the presidents complained that he was being kept in longer than the state of the presidents are possible to the presidents. than was necessary, the doctor would tell him that there were certain complications in his case that made it necessary for him to remain in bed a short time longer, but at the same time he promised that under no ircumstances would be allow any one of his rivals to leave the hospital in advance of

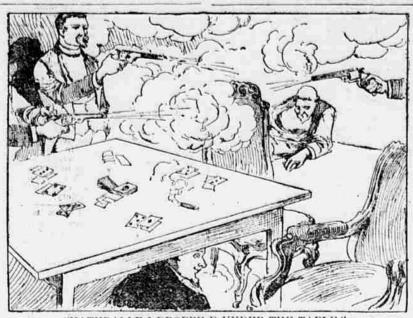
Being Spanish-American, with a native talent for lying in bed, and feeling sure that the doctor would keep his word about not letting any of the other men out of hospital too early, each president was mid-dling well satisfied with the way things shaped themselves. They were all so sure of the presidency that they constantly bothered me to recognize them then and there, but I always put them off by saying that

deliver the presidents to me at ten minutes before 6, had them on hand at the precise moment. How they did this I never inquired. One of the presidents—I think it was Garcia—complained that it was contrary to the law of nations for American marines to prod Central America presidents in the back with bayonets, but I didn't take any notice of what he said, knowing that it would be impossible to convince a Central American of the value of punctuality.

"When the four presidents met they were considerably surprised, and there would very likely have been a difficulty then and there with the four presidents are the presidents of the value of punctuality.

"About six weeks after my dinner party I was waked up one morning by the sound of rifles. I heard what was clearly a volley fired somewhere near the hotel, followed by three or four single shots. Then I heard the noise of heavy wooden shutters being closed in a hurry, and I knew that a revolution, or a riot, had broken out. I would be impossible to convince a Central American of the value of punctuality.

"When the four presidents met they were considerably surprised, and there would very likely have been a difficulty then and there will be a provided to hunt up the landlord and ask bim for information. He hadn't much to "About six weeks after my dinner party likely have been a difficulty then and there him for information. He hadn't much to if I hadn't made them a little speech, and tell me, except that there had been a revo-



"NATURALLY I DROPPE D UNDER THE TABLE."

begged them to observe the laws of hospilution, and that Dr. Moreno had installed tallty and to abstain from shooting on the himself in the presidential mansion and premises. They saw the force of what I said | had placarded the town with proclamations, and concluded to keep the peace. Each man gave the other a dignified salute, but not a word would one of them speak to another to give the people peace and security. uetil dinner was about half over. They then gradually began to ask one another to pass the salt, or to circulate the bottle, and in a little while they were all talking together as fast as so many menkeys. "When the coffee was brought in and we

when once the fighting gets fairly started.'
"Now, this news didn't suit me at all.
You see I had to present my credentials to the president of Torrizonia before 1 and a gether in order to settle your difference." the president of Torrizonia before I could act as minister and earn my salary. But how was I to know which of the four rascals was the genuine and only president? Moreover, it was a ticklish business for me to select a president and stick to him. By so doing, I recognized his government, and became, so to speak, responsible for him.

then, in case I called on Almonte and presented my papers I should be treating the chap who had been elected president with gross injustice. There would have been no use in writing to Washington for instructions, for the mail for the United States left Torrizonia caly once in two months, and it had left the day before I arrived. I saw I should have to act on my own responsiby playing a game of cards that you will by fighting and raising cain for the next year or two, and the men who lose will only lose their expectations of being president, in-stead of losing both their expectations and heir lives. Now, gentlemen, here are the ards. Will you take my advice and settle our differences like Christians, or will you their lives. cards. fight like barbarians?'
"The presidents listened to my speech in a

"The presidents listened to my speech in a very respectful way, and when it was ended, old Almonte, who, as I afterward learned, was the biggest card sharp in Torrizonia, said that he cordially agreed with all his excellency, the United States minister, had said, and that he was quite ready to play the other three gentlemen for the presidency. The other three didn't seem very anxious to play but first one of them and then another play, but first one of them and then another said that while he had perfect confidence in the justice of his claim, he would adopt my proposal, feeling certain that the blessed Virgin would see him through all right. The up hot was that they all sat down to some that I never pretended to understand, and presently they were playing as quietly as you and me would play if we had a little game of draw on hand with unlimited stakes

and a straight flush barred.
I sat at the end of the table smoking a cigar, and saying to myself that I was a born diplomatist and nad made a splendid begin-sectional cross is used as a flower holder, the ning as minister to Torrizonia. Say what you interior being divided into a number of will of the presidents, they were gentlemen so far as their manners went, and nobody could have been more polite than they were to one another. By and by old Almonte smiled sweetly to Garcia, and remarked that. inasmuch as Garcia had revoked, or done rectangular box to be strapped on to the samething equivalent to revoking, he was

"I called on the bottom."

Them bidding against one another, and agree to recognize the highest bidder. I could make a handsome thing out of it. But that I was in the diplomatic service.

"I'd always been an active politician, and I had always held that a politician is worthy of his hire, as the psalmist says, but a diplomatic officer is different. He is bound to obey the regulations, and I considered thea, as I do now, that a diplomatic officer when the should go in for making money wouldn't be acting in a way worthy of his high office.

"I'd now, that a diplomatic officer who had found that nobody was killed, ihough every man had from two to five balleds in a sort of procession.

Thought over the situation that night, and when morning came I called on the doctor, who was at the head of the hospital, and told him that I wanted to see the different and when morning came I called on the doctor, who was at the head of the hospital, and told him that I wanted to see the different and when morning came I called on the doctor, who was at the head of the hospital, and told him that I wanted to see the different and when morning came I called on the doctor, who was at the head of the hospital, and told him that I wanted to see the different and the carried the pesidents to the hospital in a sort of procession.

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and maintain a strict neutrality, said the doctor, 'and I shall recommend you to do the same hereafter. You've tried to arrange things without bloodshed, and you've failed, and now your best plan is to let those four of the shoe, ending in screw sockets at the said to the same the head tight over the head.

fellows fight their quarrel out according to the laws and customs of Torrizonia.

"The four presidents lay in the hospital exactly six weeks None of them was severely wounded, and they might all have been discharged after ten days or a fortnight, but charged after ten days or a fortnight, but closed tight to prevent spilling of the milk closed tight to prevent spilling of the milk can be pulled up a short distance in the wounded, and they might all have been dis-charged after fen days or a fortnight, but the doctor said that not a man should stir until his wound had entirely healed. I went the presidents every day and got to can to allow ventilation without insects get-"I went back to the hotel and wrote an to see the presidents every day and got to an to allow invitation to each of the presidents to dine be quite friendly with the whole gang of with me on the next day but one, promising them. I found out, by their own confessions. to send an escort of United States marrises that each man was bribing the doctor to bring each president to the hotel, and to keep the others in the hospital. You see that see him safe back to his camp. Then I went aboard the frigate and arranged with the of the hospital a day or two in advance of the others he would have had a free field,

lution, and that Dr. Moreno had installed to give the people peace and security.
"The landlord said that the revolution had

opened at precisely 11 o'clock in the evening and that there had been no resistance to Moreno, who had already received the sub-mission of all the troops belonging to the four presidents. I was a little astonished to hear the news, for the doctor was the last men in Torrizonia whom I would have suspected of taking part in politics. However, he was a very popular man, and I was, on the whole, glad to remember that he had all his rivals safe in the hospital and could threaten them with amputation of the legs if they didn't submit to him and withdraw

their claims to the presidency, "'Have you heard,' said I to the landlord, whether the new president has made any arrangements with the presidents in the hos-

though I can't say what you value your though I can't say what you value your though I can't say what you value your propose that you settle this ago? "'Certainly he has,' said the landlord. 'Didn't you hear the rifle shots a little while ago?"

"Now, I propose that you settle this ago?" "Of course I did,' said I; 'but what had "'Of course I did,' said I; 'but what had with the four presidents?"

we have ever had.'

"I called on President Moreno that morning and congratulated him. Take him by and large, as he was far and away the eleverest man I ever met in Central America, and he held on to his office for nearly eight years before he was a sassinated by the general in chief of the army. I was sorry when he was killed, for I like a man who understands practical politics, and while I don't deny that he must have disappointed the four presidents considerably, he did what was the only thing for a practical politician to do."

A Conductor's Advice. "Let me give you a pointer," said M. F. Greeg, a popular conductor on the Missouri Pacific railroad. "Do you know that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy cures you when you have the stomach ache? Well, it does." And after giving this friendly bit of advice the jolly conductor passed on down the aisle. It is a fact that thousands of railroad and traveling men never take a trip without a bottle of this remedy, which is the best cure in the

#### world for bowel disorders. SOME NEW INVENTIONS.

For church and grave decoration, a hollow water, thus keeping them fresh.
A new tool case for cyclers consists of a

contenting equivalent to trouble at the bottom to drop down and bring the boaten, and must consider himself out of the tools in view, each of which slides into a "I never in all my life saw a man pull rubber sheath to prevent it from rattling.

### THE FIELD OF ELECTRICITY

Growing Demand for Electrical Power at Niagara Falls.

POINTERS FOR STREET RAILWAY MANAGERS

Up-to-Date Features that Serve to Fatten Dividends\_Improving Electrie Car Traction\_Other Developments.

Before the close of the present year the Electrical Power company, which has harnessed a small part of Niagara falls, will have at its disposat a total of 50,000 electrical horse power. This immense amount of propelling force is made necessary by the steadily growing demand for electrical power in the various industries at the falls and at

The additional amount of power mentioned will be made available through the extension of the plant of the Niagara Falls Power company, and this work is one of the most interesting in the engineering line now in progress in New York state. The present power station of this company has three 5,000 horse-power generators in operation, making 15,000 horse-power in all, and when the extension is completed there will be a total of ten great 5,000 horse-power turbines and the same number of generators of the same capacity at work turning out their invisible force to give life to the factories and railroads for miles around. The powerhouse at Niagara is a big build-ing as it stands today, but its proportions

room for the installation of seven more 5,000 horse-power generators. The same style of architecture which has made the power-house so much admired will be closely adhered to, and when it is completed it will be one of the most impressive and imposing structures at the falls. Its entire line of roof will be unbroken by a single chimney, as the powerhouse will be heated entirely by electricity, the same as the old building. It means much to the scientific, industrial and engineering worlds that the Niagara Falls Power company has thus early seen the advisability of extending and enlarging the capacity of their great power-producing plant. When the idea was first conceived,

and it was announced that the development would be undertaken, the electric field was far more limited than it is today. Recent ears have been years of wonderful progress and the movement of the Niagara Falls Power company and its research in many fields have been material factors in developing electrical matters. SUCCESS OF ELECTRICIAL RAILWAYS. An observant correspondent, writing to an

electrical publication, says that many elec-tric railways that have not been paying good dividends have to thank their policy for their want of success. They act on the principle that all they have to do is to lay down the line and equip it with cars and working staff, and the business will come itself. This policy is entirely out of date. The regular customers should be enough lies in the additional people who can be in-duced to become patrous, and thereby in-crease the normal revenue. This may be done in many ways. The company should, in the first place, advertise, and let the inhabitants know there is an electric railway In town; that its business is to carry then from place to place comfortably and quickly, and that they cannot afford to walk; and that they cannot afford to walk; that the time saved in riding will more than pay the fare. The handsomely illustrated booklet, with description of the attractive features of the district, is most valuable to strangers and tourists. A specially illuminated car for trolley parties is a good investment, and the effect of the colored lights along the line, as the car passes, is very pleasing. Many electric railway companies establish parks at the end of one or more of their lines, and either provide amusements in the way of concerts, etc., or make concessions in the way of issuing or make concessions in the way of issuing coupon tickets for admission to some one shoulder it's good luck all the month"—over who thoroughly understands the entertain- the left shoulder being bad luck, of course. who thoroughly understands the entertainment of crowds. In the writer's opinion the selection of employes has more to do with the success of an electric railway than almost anything else will be generally indersed. The reflections of money in your pocket for a month"—one writer guarantee that three boxes will cure any case, no matter how bad. Baco-Curo is vegetable and harmless; it has cured thousands, it will cure you. At all druggists, Fifty cents and \$1 per box; 3 boxes (guaranteed cure) \$2.50. Booklet free. EUREKA CHEM. & MFG. CO., La Crosse, Wis. almost anything else will be generally in-dorsed. The ridiculous airs of many con-so on, this last being taken from an old fuctors on the regular steam railroads are black-letter treatise on "things worth knownot now regarded with altogether the amount of submission that they used to be, and in the extension of general traveling facilities the public are beginning that ordinary civility is a part of the return they should get for paying their money. Before long they will insist on having it, and railroads will not be able to afford to maintain a staff of surly, careless and ignorant servants. Conductors, motormen and inspectors have the power to carn or lose money, make the railway popular or lose money, make the power to carn or lose money, make the railway popular or lose money in the nublic and keep claims for ered in the full of the moon.

The moslems in the kingdom of Oudh tion and luxury in the matter of travel and speed must be met by giving them better cars, more comfortably and expensively fur-

nished, and more carefully selected car hands, and the company which does this will be the one to secure commercial suc-ELECTRIC CAR TRACTION. It was recently stated that the possibilities of electric railroading would be powerfully influenced by developments of a radical nature which were then in progress. These developments have now been made public by their inventor, Frank J. Sprague, as embodied in his "multiple unit" system of car traction. The keynote of this system is the individualizing of cars in all details. Its object is so to control them that they can be connected together at will, and, when so connected, operated from either end of any car in the whole train. This is distinct from the two ordinary systems of electric car traction, the individual car equipment and the locomotive car equipment. The first of these is seen in the ordinary street servmaterior being divided into a number of the second is seen on the Nansupport the stems of the flowers in the tasket line and elsewhere, where the locomotive pulls a number of trail cars. In the new system the motorman stands in a vestibule of original construction, which either completely isolates him or is thrown open for the entrance and exit of passengers, accontrolling levers, which are of the simplest description, are under his hand, while the controlling mechanism occupies the unique position of a space inside the canopy, over nis head, where an inspector can reach it without entering the car. The coupling or accompling of the car is accomplished in an instrut. If the motorman wishes to keep the car in motion he must keep his hand on the starting lever. If he lets go of this the power is cut off from the car, which comes to a stop. An automatic arrangement is made for regulating the "acceleration;" that is to say, if a sudden speeding up is lesired and one car is influenced for a moment before the rest by the increase of current turned on, that car is automatically held in check until all the other cars are being actuated by a similar amount of cur-The consequence is that there is no jostling or unevenness of progression. The whole train of two, four, six or more cars moves like one car. Should there be a burn-out or a cut-out on any one of the cars it makes no difference to the traveling of the train. The braking of the train is accomplished by airbrakes; but there is no doubt whatever that this method of braking will soon to a great extent be supersede; by a more modern system. It is difficult to say just where the multiple unit system of traction will be found most useful. Experionice alone can determine that, but it is safe to say that it will prove most valuable in interurban traffic, where trains of vary-ing length have to be run at quick intervals and the car units quickly changed to meet the requirements of the hour. For such service the speed attainable will more than suffice. Already six cars have been drawn by one motor at the rate of thirty-three miles an hour, and much higher exceed is possible. It is believed by some engineers that the new system will play not a less

extensive line in Chicago, and it is under-atond that several large roads are very

important part in elevated railroad service. It is to be installed for that purpose on an

the arc in electric drilling experienced by two ship stokers, who watched the process for only three minutes, and subsequently two ship stokers, who watched the process for only three minutes, and subsequently felt intense pain and were partially blind for awhile, says he had a similar experience some years ago, which may serve as a warning to young electricians. He did not then know much about are lamps, and experimenting one day with two or three that were naked, he stood close up to them and watched them with uncovered eyes. He suffered no special inconvenience until after he had got to sleep that night. Waking up in great agony, and partially blind, he jumped out of bed and tried almost altegether in vain to alleviate the pain by plunging his head into water. His eyes watered very much, and it was a day before he could return to the works. Lamp testers almost invariably have a similar experience elmost invariably have a similar experience to this until they use dark glass shields

ELECTRICITY AND SONG BIRDS.

regularly

An English journal has become alarmed at the relation of electricity to song birds, at the relation of electricity to song birds, which it maintains is closer than that of cats and fodder crops. How many of us, it asks, foresee that electricity may extirpate the song bird? Yet, unless some unknown factor intervene, the chain of cause and effect would seem to be far simpler than that of the cat that kills the field mice that would rifle the nests of the bumble bees that ought to fertilize the red clover. With the exception of the finches, all the Enlgish song birds may be said to be insectiverous, and their diet consists chiefly of vast numbers of very small insects, which they collect from the grass and herbs before the dew is dry. As the electric before the dew is dry. As the electric light is finding its way for street illumination into the country parts of England, these poor winged atoms are slain by thousands at each light every warm summer evening, battering themselves against the relative will the ground because its street. globes until the ground beneath is strewn with them. The fear is expressed that when England is lighted from one end to the other with electricity the song birds will die out from the failure of their food supply. Americans have long been familiar with the destruction of insects wrought by are lights in the warm months, but it is not on record that the naturalists in this country have will be greatly enlarged by the addition, which will cover the wheel pit and afford given themselves any particular concern about it, or that it has reacted to any seri-ous extent against any other part of the animal kingdom.

A PECULIAR OPTICAL ILLUSION. The correspondent of a photographic journal, in speaking of the special interest that attaches to the Roentgen rays among photographers, who often are not in a position to invest in elaborate and expensive sets of any attreof apparatus, says it is not generally known that by means of a very simple optical illusion, an almost perfect imitation of the wonders of radiography can be shown, without the trouble and expense of induction colls, tubes or fluorescent screens. All that is necessary is to take a small feather from a pheasant or turkey, and holding it close to the eye, look through the radiating ribs a the end of the feather at the finge's of the hand held up toward the sky, or against the window. The flesh of the fingers will then appear to the transparent, with the opaque bone runing down in the center, as shown by the true radiography. If it is desired to exhibit the phenomenon by gaslight, a piece of ground glass must be held in front of the flame to diffuse the light.

EARLY TELEGRAPHY WITHOUT WIRES. Wireless telegraphy is the next thing of or the program. But it is not so new after all, orking says the Toronto Mail. Acreas, the Grecian itself, general, first thought of it. This worthy The telegraphed to his assistants on the field by regular customers should be enough to means of a system of his own invention guarantee the operating expenses of the Each man had a vessel containing water. In coad; but the profit or success of a railway the vessel a huge cork fleated, and from the cork rose a stick, divided into sections, each of which represented a given order, the pur pose of which was commonly understood Taps were attached to the vessels. When having one of the vessels lighted his also Then Acneas extinguished his torch and per mitted the water to flow through the tap The other warriors followed. Immediately that Aeneas relighted his torch the taps were turned off, and the section of the uprising stick which was even with the top of the ressel contained the order Acness desired to It was a primitive arrangement, by here were no wires.

#### IF YOU SEE IT IN THE MOON.

to Matter What It Is, You Will Have Some Sort of Luck. "If you see the new moon over your right

ing," Everywhere in the world, says the Chicago Times-Herald, the idea prevails

ous prostration, and similar evils by station-ing the sufferer with a basin of water in his hands in the light of the full moon in such a way that its refulgent image shines directly from the liquid into his eyes. Then, withou

moving his gaze, he is required to swallow water at a draught. In northern India the people lay out food in the full moon that comes in the menths corresponding to our September and October half of each, and give it to their friends as means of insuring longevity. That same

saying they are getting rid of the cold

It was long ago noted that the Yorkshire maids "do worship the new moon on their bare knees, kneeling upon an earth-fast stone," and Lady Wilde says that the Irish damsels drop on their knees when they first catch sight of the new moon, and say: "Oh, moon, leave us as well as you have found us!" In India the natives take seven threads from the ends of their turbans and give them to the new moon with a prayer. The spots on the moon are caused by many persons or things. Sometimes it is a man with a fagot on his back, sent thither for

picking up sticks on the Sabbath. Chaucer exlls him a thief and puts a thornbush on his shoulders. Dante says it is no less a criminal than Cain. Shakespeare provides a dog to keep him company. Hindoos keep, not a man, but a hare in the moon, and the well-known connection in the minds of the man of the moon and insanity may account for the statement regarding the March hare and possibly the thornbush may be the disthetive covering of the hatter—at any rate, this is as good guessing as a lot of the sun myth people have done; while Bearing Gould identifies the moon children, Bill and Hiuki of the northern mythology, with Jack and Gill of the nursery rhyme.

The Greenland Eskimo believes that the

sun and moon were originally brother and sister. She, being teased by him past ordinary endurance, seized some lampblack and rubbed it on his face. Then she ran, her brother after. Finally she went so fast she rose up into the air and became the sun while her sooty-faced brother turned into the moon. In Samoa when a great famine oppressed the people the moon rose one night, big and round, like a bread fruit. A patient mother, unable to quiet the pangs of her little one, looked up and said: "Why don't you come down and let my baby have a bite of you?" This made the moon so angry that she simply picked up both mother and child and they have been there ever

All sailors are certain that sleeping it tropical moon rays will either make them cross-eyed or blind. On the American vessel El Capitan a year ago a number of the crew disregarding the advice of their fellows dur-ing a spell of hot weather, slept on the deck in the moonlight, and soon after went comas well in the daytime as ever. The skipper of the ship reported the of the ship reported the occurrence, and with it made a statement to the effect that up to that time he had been a disbeliever in the so-called moon blink. Paul Eve Stevenson reports that he, too, was hurriedly awakened on his way to New York from the Behamas with the assurance from the captain that all sorts of things would happen to him if he slept in moonlight. This is a disease unknown to the medical profession

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EFFECT OF ARC LIGHT ON EYES.

An English electrician, in a letter on the subject of the recently described effects of heals. It is the great pile cure, POLLY'S DANDER UP.

Inflamed at the Sight of an Offensive Bird on a Vigitor's Hat. A bridal couple, who put in several days recently taking in the sights of the capital. relates the Washington Post, enjoyed themselves immensely until the day preceding their departure. It then occurred to the bride that she had not called upon "Dear Fanny," who had been her chum during her days at the seminary. New, Fanny was still enjoying single blessedness, and this may have had something to do with the anxiety of the bride to call upon her maiden chum. George demurred feebly, but at last consented to pay a formal call. The bride dressed herself in a fetching gown and placed upon her saucy head a Parisian dream in the way of a hat. The hat was one of those indescribable creations of the milliner's art, a mass of flowers with a bird or two partially conceased in the foliage, so to speak. their departure. It then occurred to the

speak.

The pair went gayly forth, and in a hotel upe were soon at the door of Fanny's resiwere ushered into the door of rainly's resi-were ushered into the drawing room. While awaiting the coming of her friend, the bride's attention was attracted to a large cage containing a splendid parrot. She hirruped coolingly to the impisoned bird, and wished she might take him out of his cage and caress him. George remarked that he and caress him. George remarked that he looked tame enough, and suggested the opening of the door of the cage. Suiting action with the word he opened the door, and the released bird calmiy walked forth and strutted about, blinking his beady eyes knowingly. The bride, with usual calls of "Poll, pretty Poll," coaxed the bird toward her and Poll proceeded to climb up the her, and Poll proceeded to climb up the rounds of the chair upon which the lady was sitting, and perched herself upon the arm of the chair. The parrot uttered gut-tural cries of "Polly," Polly," this word seemingly comprising her entire vocabulary.

The bird accepted the caresses, and apparently, all was serene, but without an in-

stant's warning she uttered a scream of rage and flew at the lady's headgear, alight-ing fairly thereon, and then for a few minutes the air was filled with flying feathers and bits of flowers, while the atmosphere was fractured by screams from the bride and discordant cries from the parrot. George attempted to come to the rescue, and had attempted to come to the rescue, and had his face badly scratched for his pains. The lady finally shock the birg loose from the flower garden she was wearing upon her hat and made one wild dash for the front door, followed closely by the bridegroom. Once on the pavement they became somewhat composed and determined to return to their hotel to repair damagos. They did not tarry long except her see "Dear Fanny."

hotel to repair damages. They did not tarry long enough to see "Dear Fanny."

The sudden wrath of the bird was evidently caused, George thought upon reflection during calmer moments, by the fact that amid the flowers in his wife's hat there nestled a stuffed Caroline parrakeet, which the parrot took to be a real live rival and proceeded forthwith to demolish. The bride is now a thorough convert to the teachings of the Audubon society.

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