THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1899.



"Well?" urged all three volces at once.

"Insermann's dead. He died last night at

The men's eyes shot for a second at In-

"Ah, I told him that scooping pass of

Poor old Insermann! he was the last of a

"Insermann was by three inches too tall,"

replied the individual addressed. "For a

short man one would be hard put to it to

The folding doors had been flung open

with a crash and a man of 50 or there-

abouts, dressed in the gorgeous green and

gold of the guard, strode in tempestuously.

He was short and heavily built, with a

weather-red face and a coarse, overhanging

mustache, which gave him rather the ex-

pression of an angry walrus. So angry, in-

The men rose as he took his place at the

ecdote told of him that, when discussing

the point of having been ruled out of ac-

or touch of romance into the duliness of

routine, and they prefer the humor to be

led up to by the winding road of eccen-

immense genius for fortification.

discover a more useful-Hullo!"

crumpled sheet of parchment.

you defended it?"

to see Insermann; they had not been able Synopsis of Preceding Chapters. Maasau is a little dutchy in Europe which to move him, you know." has thus far maintained its independence because of the jealousies of the large coun-International affairs are now, howdinner time." trios. ever, at a critical stage, and the little state seems about to be swallowed up. Germany is represented at Revonde, the capitol, by one of her shrewdest statesmen. Baron von to occupy again. England's influence is felt to be Elmur.

16

great, and the presence of Major Counsellor means much. It was through Counsellor that John Rallywood, a fellow countryman, had served seven fears in the Maasau frontier cavairy. Rallywood is about to resign his commission when Selpdorf, the chancellor and "man of the hour," sends for him and makes him a Gentleman of the Guard. During the visit to the palace Rallywood meets Von Elmur and Valerie Selpdorf., the chancellor's daughter.

(Copyright, 1899, by Doubleday & Mc-Clure Company.)

CHAPTER III.

The Gentlemen of the Guard.

Members of great families frequently regard themselves as submerged individualities. They wilfully sink all identity of their own in the traditions handed down to them, and live as mere representatives of a line which bears in common a noble name. This out inarticulately. In his hand he held a principle, which has something to recommend it, was adopted long ago into the sys-

tem of the Guard of Maasau, the officers of head of the table. and afterward men in the private and ordinary sense of the term. There were nine broke, his voice failed him, and he sent the of them-a colonel-in-chief, whose position paper fluttering from his hand across the became honorary after his elevation to that silver and glass till little Adolf picked it rank; a colonel, upon whom devolved the up. In another moment Colonel Wallenloup

active command; a second in comand, whose title of over-captain may be translated "I am afraid I must have walked up the major; three captains, and as many sub- hill rather too quickly," he said, apologetalterns. And every individual was drawn leally, after draining a great goblet of beer from the noblest blood in the country. "However, it is not to be denied that M Thus it will be seen that Rallywood was Selpdorf begins to take too much upon himabout to enter the best company in Revonde. self. The entire administration of the state On a lofty cliff above the gorge from is in his hands, and yet he is not satisfied which the Kofn issues to curve round the with that position! No, he aims even palace gardens, and exposed to the four higher; he desires to nominate the officers winds of heaven, stands an imposing square of his highness' guard!"

block of gray buildings. These contain the Every man present had his own peculiarpermanent quarters of the guard. One ity. The colonel's reputation would not whole side of the courtyard within is taken have stood so high as it actually did but up by the domed mess room, with its neces. for his insensate temper. Perhaps the ansary adjuncts and offices.

Here on the day following Rallywood's interview with Selpdorf, three men lounged tion during certain army maneuvers he beover their lunch. Any one of them, had he came so enraged that he pursued the umcared to take the regimental rolls from their pire in question with a wooden tent hambrass-bound coffer in the ante-room, could have read his own name repeating itself down the columns as generation after generation lived through its identical life in the same surroundings, and died, most of them going to the devil with a fine inherited pride and even gracefully.

Nearly every man who had crossed the page of the Maasaun annals had dined in that historic room, and each one of the tricity. It was never dull with the guard. men who now held the right to dine there They possessed officers who kept their world had a hereditary interest, and in many cases a hereditary characteristic to maintain There was old walrus-faced Wallenloup; the thin, dark, reckless Colendorp; Adiron, whose great bulk behind a calvary sword was a sight for the gods, and so on, the three lieutenants following closely in the footsteps of the three lieutenants who cavalry." thad been before them; men who went to the rendezvous of a duel in all comfort,

"Gentlemen," said Wallenloup at length, when his last remark had been received with approval, "I have the honor to in- HE ROSE TO HIS FEET AS HE SPOKE, AND, GRASPING THE HILT OF HIS SWORD, GLARED ROUND UPON THEM.

on the move.

form you that M. Selpdorf has seen fit to appoint, vice Captain Insermann, deceased, Lieutenant John Rallywood of the Frontier A silence followed this announcement.

"Upon whose recommendation has M. Selpaffecting to be infinitely more afraid of dorf taken this step?" inquired Captain catching cold than of being killed; men plendorp gravely.

"I have laid the alternative before you, to the Continental on his arrival in Re- embankment of the river, along which they gentlemen," he said; "the cards or the vonde. dice."

health

when he could speak. "Let him alone. He's pose, as the case might be. equal to any mortal occasion! He reminds me of the day when his imperial majesty over the border complimented him on the remarks. appearance of the guard, saying he should feel proud to number us among the regiments of the German army, 'And I can assure your majesty that the feeling of admiration is entirely reciprocal,' says the C. O. 'We should be happy to incorporate your army in ours!"" The men had heard the story often bepeculiarities ?"

fore, but it was greeted with all the relish of novelty, a quality which lives eternally sermann's empty place, which he was never in any anecdote that tells on one's own side. Before the laughter had subsided another man entered the room. He was, perhaps,

his was a mistake," commented Adiron. nearer 30 than 20, and the face under his And the worst of it is that his death dull, coloriess hair was singularly pale, but about them? breaks the line of the Xanthal Insermanns. there was promise of great strength in the "I shall also have the rooms tomorrow." long, angular body.

the moment.

voice.

good stock, and I, for one, don't like new blood. What have you to say about that turned to the newcomer. pass now, Colendorp? If I am not mistaken,

passed for some distance before reaching Here presently Counsellor dropped in upon the courtyard of the palace. This was the story that rose in the minds him. Rallywood was in his dressing room The great entrance hall was still full of

of the men round the mess table, and a transforming himself as rapidly as possible arrivals, while up the wide central staircase minute later they joined in a simultaneous into the likeness of an English gamekeeper; trooped masks and dominos in a changing shout of laughter. Adiron's big face was for a magnificent festivity in the shape of kaleidoscope of form and color. Eager heads flushed as he called for a special brand of a masked ball was about to take place at the thrust this way and that, picturesque figchampagne wherein to drink the colonel's palace. All the world had been invited, and ures grouping and greeting, cavallers of all as many of the world as could go were go- periods, maidens of all nations, monks, bar-"He's magnificent-the old man!" he said ing, each with his or her own dream or pur- barians, cardinals, queens and clownssometimes the wisest head under the most Major Counsellor sat and surveyed his

foolish caps-while here and there a few favored paper folk made desultory notes and friend, occasionally offering suggestions and sketches.

The painted ceiling stretching overhead "Are you aware that the guard of Maaone of the triumphs of renaissance art. sau never condescends to show itself in The identity of the master hand who Revonde in any costume but its own blazachieved that marvelous work has been a ing uniform? I see you have your edition moot point in art circles for a couple of of it lying on their chair over there. Why centuries or thereabouts, and quite a library are you not conforming with its amiable on the subject exists. The Maasauns are very proud of their ceiling, prouder still of the Rallywood had his back to Counsellor at ontroversy which has raged and continues o rage around it.

"So I have heard, but I do not join until M. Selpdorf, as representing his master tomorrow," he replied in an expressionless stood at the head of the staircase and re ceived the guests with a good deal more "And your quarters in the palace? How politences and discrimination than the duke

himself might have shown, for that personage was said to have an awkward habit of long, angular body. "My congratulations, Unziar." Colendorp his companion. "Hullo! I didn't notice you pened to dislike. before. Is that your notion of the gentle

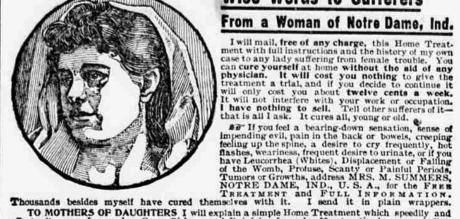
Major Counsellor was greeted with effuslon; Rallywood with raised eyebrows and a slight reserve.

"I had hoped to welcome the new captain of the guard this evening," Selpdorf said in a low voice, and with a significant glance at Rallywood's velveteens.

"I have not yet joined, your excellency. Tomorrow I hope to have that honor," returned Rallywood and passed on into the gallery beyond. This gallery, opening from the head of the staircase, ran round the great saloon, which served the purpose of a ballroom, and many of the guests were



SISTER: READ MY FREE OFFER



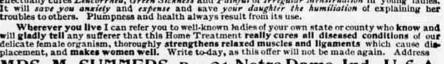
TO MOTHERS OF DAUGHTERS I will explain a simple Home Treatment which speedily and effectually cures Lencorrhea, Green Sickness and Painful or Irregular Menstruation in young ladies, It will sore you anxiety and expense and save your daughter the humiliation of explaining her troubles to others. Plumpness and health always result from its use.

TURKISH T. & P. PILLS brings monthly men

"Thanks. By the way, have you heard | art of masquerade? What are you meant | amusing themselves by looking down over the silk-hung balustrade on the dancers

high military tunies round their throats. thought my father held the power to give "No. But it's Abenfeldt, of course. The colonel as good as promised him last year." of his sturdy figure, clad in the uncompro-"Ever heard of Lieutenant Rallywood of liss carlet so dear to his country's out masks, but he seemed to have curiously they astonished at being recognized so

I will mail, free of any charge, this Home Treat-ment with full instructions and the history of my own



MRS. M. SUMMERS, Box 31 Notre Dame, Ind., U.S.A.



of Insermann' Gone out, they tell me." to be a-sort of Tommy Atkins?" 'Yes. And have you heard of the new

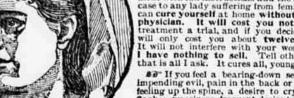
appointment?"

"I believed myself to be disguised as an below.

15-147 Laa astor

officer and a gentleman," returned Counsel- In the gallery Counsellor paused to say a

Wise Words to Sufferers From a Woman of Notre Dame, Ind.



who kissed the wife and dispatched the husreadily by Rallywood. Rallywood drew his to warn you, but I think you know more, per-"Reasons of state-mere reasons of state. the frontier?" demanded Colendorp, in his heart. "This is the uniform of the Thirlittle facility in penetrating disguises. band with equal skill and as little noise as He had the audacity to tell me so." finger round his throat by way of explana- haps, than I can tell you, or than you will tieth dragoons as worn in or about the year Presently a burly old man in the glittering slow way. might be; men who were feared by a tough, "I understood, sir, that you had other tion. There was a general laugh, and the tell me. What is going to happen? I want of grace 1730." green and gold of the guard disengaged swaggering, rancorous soldiery, whom they "Yes, I do happen to know him. Unziar men scattered, each to seek his own par- to help you-you must let me help you. views" said Adiron "Your old regiment?" himself from the curtains at the back of the looked around in some surprise. "He was only knew through the hard-faced ser-"Well, yes, we had virtually agreed upon Rallywood laughed, but perhaps his arm Counsellor nodded. "And my grandfathticular pleasure. Rallywood remained, lookgallery, and nodding a supercilious acknowlgeants; men, in fact, who lived out their the frontier fellow who undertook to ing down on the dancers. There was in the | drew her a little closer as they moved more our choice, I may say, gentlemen." "What's the matter with the er's" adding. edgment of Rallywood's salute, brought his debonair, picturesquely evil lives to the my second at the station when I fought De back of his mind some desire to identify slowly during the concluding bars of the "Certainly, sir. And you made that clear hand down-with a rough heartiness on satisfaction of themselves and of few to the chancellor?" dress ?" Balsas because he insisted that our trains the woman whose glove was still in his waltz. "Nothing," said Rallywood, laughing. Counsellor's shoulder. others. "I did so-perfectly clear. I told him in were inferior to those in Germany, Rally-"My dear mademoiselle, I assure you that possession. He fixed now on one tall Perhaps 1 imagined on an occasion of this "Back again in Maasau, Major Counsellor. On this occasion Colonel Wallenloup, the wood-you don't mean to say?" a slow comomino, now on another, but without satis- your fears are quite groundless. I am proud the most reasonable manner that we wanted kind you might possibly stoop to something I'm glad to see you!" he said with th commandant, was not present. Of him it was prehension dawning upon him. "But it's faction. He was discontentedly coming to to belong to the guard of Mansau, and they no condemned rabble in the Massaun guard! told that while still a lieutenant he had I told him that we had practically decided more misleading than this blatantly British laugh in his small eyes marred by a wrinkle impossible! The fellow's an Englishman. the point of knowing that he had made a have so far shown no intention of rejecting get-up." of suspicious cunning, an expression which fresh mistake when he turned his head me. As for the duels, if there happen to be been offered, as a reward for services ren-How could such a thing be possible? On on Abenfeldt in case of a vacancy occur-"What were you expecting-a troubadour! seemed startling on what was at first sight the frontier, yes, but not in the guard!' dered to the crown, the command of any ring. I even went so far as to remind abruptly with a vague sense of being looked one-are not affairs common in Maasau? a big, bluff, sensual face. "What good wind am satisfied to appear in my own charac-Maasaun regiment he might choose to seat and saw a black domino standing for an And afterward fewer funerals take place him that there had been Abenfeldts among Colendorp was a silent, reserved man, dister. Only a proportion of the people wear has blown you back among us?" lect, and he had replied that he would instant alone at the further end of the gal- than one would suppose likely! us for four centuries." liked by persons who met him casually in Besides, masks at this ball; it's an annual affair, Be-"Thanks, my lord," Counsellor turned lery. Even under the muffling silken folds M. Selpdorf's wishes cannot be lightly disrather be a lieutenant of the guard than a "He couldn't meet that argument!" society, but to those who inhabited with with ready response. "I am glad to find eides, life with a purpose is too wearing; one field marshal elsewhere. And so he rehim the quarters at the palace he stood as he fancled he recognized the attitude of regarded in Revonde." claimed Adiron. must always be on the alert and have the that some of my old friends, especially mained to flavor the mess with his some-"No, he parried it, gracefully, I admit. the girl he had met at the chancellor's. the impersonation of the grim spirit of the "You will be drawn into a quarrel beourpose in view, like the actor in a six-Count Sagan, have not forgotten me," he what blood-and-iron jokes. The messroom He began at once to make his way through fore the night is over." Mademoiselle Selp-He reminded me in turn that there had guard. He drew away from the table and enny theater, who plays up to the gallery said simply. he crowd in her direction, but when next dorf stated her conviction very plainfy, withwas a spacious hall, and though only three been Selpdorfs also in the guard, and swore crossed his legs. and keeps his eye open for the rotten ega "We believed you had forgotten Maasan, men sat at table the place seemed full of that had he a son of his own to nominate "The idea has at length occurred to one he looked she was gone. He descended to out noticing his disclaimers. f his enemy. The egg may not be thrown "Maasau will not allow herself to be forlife and color from the black polished floorhe must still at this moment have given man," he said, with a glance on Unziar's the saloon, where he danced with more than The music ceased. Rallywood spoke once but he must be ready to dodge it all the totten!" laughed Counsellor. "She is a ing to the carved and vaulted ceiling, from one masked woman. His six feet of stature the preference to this Englishman. I left more. "To prove to you how little I anticipale face: "to M. Selpdorf, in fact." same. And-I have never excelled in dodgcoquette, and demands consideration from which hung in tattered folds the old ban- him to reconsider the matter, however, and marked him out from the shorter Maasauns pate anything of the sort, will you allow me Unziar looked back at his interlocutor, his ng. all the world." and the tall, athletic figure of the game ners of the regiment. Red hangings partially rode home, to find that already waiting for eyes hardening. to have the last dance on the program?" "Ah! just what the chancellor thinks. He draped the dark walls, and over all from me in my quarters," and he pointed to the Sagan's face changed. "Of course," he said, bringing out each keeper, who moved with so much of unex-"That is nothing! What can I do for says he has an immense admiration for you "Yes, a coquette, who trifles with many the stained dome the light fell in rich tones pected case and grace, excited some attenparchment in Adolf's hand. word distinctly, "Rallywood must be got you ?" she exclaimed. as the most honest diplomat in Europe.' admirers, but who knows how to hold her of color, while through the talk of the men Adolf looked up with a smile. tion. rid of." "Expect me! If you would promise to ex-"He put himself to the trouble of mention own against them," he replied significantly ran the one weird sound that never ceased "He will not join immediately, sir, this After an interval, as he stood back pect me, I don't yet know the man who "It will offend M. Selpdorf if his nominee 'Who is that?" he added, staring after ng that fact to you, did he? Then I shall about these walls, the whimpering of the Rallywood ?" he said, with his gentle lisp. against the wall to allow a couple who had could stop my coming to you be interfered with." went on Colendorp. Rallywood. "I think I recognize him as an take the precaution of insuring my life wind. been following him to pass, they drew up "Not for a week." Anything might happen to a man of whom The words were lightly spoken, but "I have already undertaken that little English lieutenant in the frontier cavalry." Suddenly the door opened and a young "Then it doesn't really matter, you in front of him. Vaferie Selpdorf, looking up into Rallymatter," put in Adolf eagerly. he has so villainous an opinion." "He is the same today," said Counsellor. man, small and thin, with a faint down know," added the young man. "I obey you, mademoiselle," said the Rallywood was arranging his gaiters. wood's eyes, understood that he was likely "What ?" exclaimed Sagan. "Why today ? There was an undercurrent of meaning upon his upper lip, entered quickly. Wallenloup's red-shot eyes gleamed upon to be able to make any words of his good. in all this of which each man present was "Why? You don't suppose Selpdorf is go Has he, then, come in for one of your "Unziar has won!" he cried. him suddenly. His companion, who wore a black domino They were handsome eyes, rather long in fully aware. Unziar was presumed to have ing to throw the egg? He spoke of you with colossal fortunes?" "Won what?" asked Adiron, the senior made a gesture of dismissal. Then she "As your commanding officer, sir," he shape, frank and steady, the irls of a dense very strong private reasons to propitiate absolute affection.' "Who can say?" returned Counsellor. turned to Rallywood. "You have been lookman present, as he pourned out another said, grimly, "I don't understand your "My good John, he has already thrown it gray bordering on hazel, as became the sunrather than to offend the powerful minister. fortune or-a colossal misfortune. Ah! glass of wine. ing for me?" she said, as her late partner meaning; but-" and an odd smile flickered Now I must harrass myself to find out the burnt yellow of his hair and mustache, and "Won his second match against Aben-But this happened to be a typical instance there is Mme. Aspard. Au revoir, count." moved away. about the savage lips. at that moment they contained an expresfeldt with seven to spare." Adiron stretched his legs and leaned reason," said Counsellor. "You have spollt Counsellor passed on, perfectly well aware in which the interests of the corps overrode "But naturally, mademoiselle," replied sion which remained in Valerie's memory "As a private gentleman, colonel-" put my evening out. Before I had no purpose those of the individual. Moreover the cusof the heavy meaning attached to the will-Rallywood. n Colendorp. now you have thrust one upon me. You as the distinctive expression of his face. ful ignoring of Rallywood's appointment tom of the guard required the individual back; his figure was well adapted for lean-"You know who I am?" Whenever in the future she recalled Rally-"As a private individual I understand should have kept your news until tomor "Not in the least. I cannot even make a ing back. most concerned to prove his loyalty at such to the guard by its colonel-in-chief. There your meaning very well. But if I were wood, she thought of him as he looked then. row." times. was certainly danger ahead. "My good Adolf, explain yourself." guess, though I have been waiting to know here as your colonel, Lieutenant Adolf, by "I will expect you," promised Valerie. "Hadn't you heard of it? Why, they ar-Rallywood was getting himself into his dince this day last week." Colendorf continued to gaze at Unzlar. They both knew that for the moment they heaven, sir, not all the officers of the guard, CHAPTER V. "It would have been easy to ask the queevelveteen coat with a good deal of unneces ranged it last night at Countess Sa-"We are much obliged to you, Adolf," h stood together at one of those crossroads past or present"-he rose to his feet as he tion-of any one," she said, with an odd sary violence. gan's." said courteously; "but in compliment to his spoke, and, grasping the hilt of his sword, where life and death meet, where, more-"I don't believe the chancellor is so dan-Good Luck and a Firefly. intonation. "Abenfeldt fancies himself as a shot comvades I feel sure that Unziar will hardly over, a look and a word convey a mutual glared round upon them-"should dare to Meanwhile Rallywood had come to an "By no means. There are questions which but he forgot he had to do with Unziar," gerous," he said, carelessly. "He is a conwish to allow any other to undertake this hint at insult to a comrade!" and he drove revelation of character such as years of orcannot be asked-of any one, because the special matter." Adolf would have spoken again, but Unummate actor, but one knows it." nchor beside one of the high embossed laughed Captain Adiron. the blade home with a clatter into its scabdinary intercourse often fall to supply. "Abenfeldt bet that he could shoot more "Yes," assented the major, thoughtfully; Rallywood doors of gold and white which led from the answer touches too closely." bard, and strode out of the room as he had (To be Continued.) yet the moment to watch him is the mopulled himself up, with a sudden sense of gallery into various luxurious withdrawing swallows in half an hour before breakfast ziar stopped him. come, like a thunderstorm. than any man in Revende. That was in ment when he acts that he is acting. With rooms. As he leaned against the lintel a being ridiculously in earnest. An Awful Moment. The men waited in silence until the echo "As a personal favor, Adolf, leave it to September, you know, and Unziar took him of his footsteps died away, and in the mind Chicago Times-Herald: Mildred--Have us others acting is troublesome; with him voice suddenly said in his ear, as it seemed: And then they were dancing. me," he said. t is habitual and a pleasure. However, he "My dear lady, why have such seruples? "Yet you are not a stranger in Revonde you ever though that your last moment had up-with service revolvers-and shot fifteen. of each rose a vivid memory. It hap-Adiron, who had thus far taken no par winning easily. Abenfeldt can't get over it pened, from causes which might, in the has given you your company; the rank They are the most detestable things in Mme, de Sagan could have answered your come? What an awful feeling it is that in the discussion, now struck in. substantial as far as it goes and at least the life and the least profitable. They polson question-had you cared to ask it," the girl and challenged him to a shooting match comes over one at such a time! case of the guard of Maasau, be called nutagain last night, I say," Adolf broke off ural, that the three present lieutenants, "But remember, Unziar, that you must act accompanying pay is not altogether visionpleasure even when they do not altogether said. Gertrude-Yes, I had that experience once with caution. For obvious reasons there "It did not strike me to ask her. I trusted and his face altered; he thrust out a little ary. deprive us of it. And what does one gain when I was out riding with a fellow and his viz.; Unziar, Varanheim and Adolf, had must be no apparent design. The dispute, 'Yes, he's done all that." Rallywood was foot and surveyed the spurred boot that by them? Absolutely nothing, not so much to the fact that, belonging to the guard, I horse started to run away. It seemed as if joined on the same traditions of their imwhatever it may turn upon, must appear covered it critically. "I've just ridden back flinging some of his belongings back into his must some day have the good fortune to we would certainly be dashed to pieces. as the good opinion of our friends, who can mediate predecessors, each instantly agreed to come about naturally. Above all it must never be brought to believe we possess from Brale. That new charger of mine portmanteau. find you again." Mildred-And what was the first thing you to challenge each of the others, the result not take place here." "You are patient! "The next thing will be to find you bolted down the hill by the paling. I went them." said a man in a mocking tone. thought of when death seemed to stare you of which would, in all probability, have "Precautions from Adiron!" remarked A distinctly uncomfortable sensation per-"No," replied Rallywood, "I am not mission in the face? been the speedy occurrence of three fresh Colendorp with a thin smile. "The affair patient. But I know that all things come "He has done that also." Rallywood raised vaded Rallywood's mind for the second Gertrude-A hole in the toe of my left vacancies in the list of officers. becomes serious indeed!" an expressive face. "I am to reform the which preceded the reply. The voice was to him who walts. I wait." stocking. I have never since then run the PILES Wallenloup heard of this, and sent for the "We cannot afford to offend England while "So I see-excellently! guard! Baron von Elmur's and there was a note of risk of being found dead in such a conleutenants, whom he considered too valua-"Have I not waited long enough to hear Elmur is at work in this country. She is Counsellor burst into a great laugh, but admiration in it that he had reason to be dition. to be thus easily lost. at this moment our very good friend," Adyour name first from your own lips?" as suddenly grew grave. acquainted with "Gentlemen," he said, "I am about to eniron observed apologetically. "There will "They will take it kindly! Their welcome 'Stop for a moment." Then, standing be-A woman laughed, a light, provoking force an old order that expressly forbids be many public occasions-at the Palace ball side him, she continued: "Ask me toto you is likely to be-interesting." laugh. Rallywood, who was still held by quarrels amongst the members of our corps. Kodol with preiruding piles brought on by constipa-tion with which I was afflicted for twenty years. I ran across your CASCARETS in the town of Newell, Is., and never found anything to equal them. To-day I am entirely free from piles and feel like a new man." C H. KEITZ, Mill Jones St., Slour City, Is. for example."" the crush against the door, knew it well. I expected. But I went down to th morrow." you want to fight, fight some one else mess last week and was introduced by old but he breathed freely, for it was not the "If I am alive I will!" he laughed. "You may trust me to keep up appear There are plenty of men who stand badly in He felt her hand move with a quick tremor Wallenloup. They were very civil." laugh he had feared to hear. ances," said Unziar. "Then it is underneed of being killed. Turn your attention "Ah! and since you left they have been on his arm. stood that I arrange the affair of Captain "Nevertheless, baron, I like scruples; they to them. But if any trouble should arise Rallywood at the Palace ball if possible civil and too silent. Looks bad, you know." are always respectable, and, therefore, of "I knew it! Which of them has chal-Dyspepsia Cure between any two of you, come to me. lenged you, Unziar ?" The swift question, "O, that's all right; Selpdorf told me no The matter may safely be left in my hands. sometimes." the lady answered, in a There has been enough of this kind of scanbe drawn into any shallow quarrels," echoing his own thought, took him com-Once more the folding doors were thrown high, sweet tone. dal about us lately, and, therefore, for the Rallywood answered with a smile. pletely by surprise "Your husband, my Lord Sagan, has not back, and between the crimson portieres ap future we will do the thing quietly with a CATHARTIC He passed his arm around her, for the But the major did not take up the smile peared the face of Colonel Wallenloup found them indispensable in his career." pack of cards, or if you prefer it, with dice. Digests what you eat. The two vertical lines above his fleshy nose charged with a strange expression. He ad "But he is not a woman!" with a sigh. waltz was nearing its end. The man who loses can-go. There is the deepened. "Shall we go on? No; no one has done It artificially digests the food and aids vanced a step or two into the room, then "A beautiful woman can d'spense with river, or for choice, his own pistol. You "It strikes me, my boy, that you've go me the honor of sending me a challenge. Nature in strengthening and reconeverything except-her beauty! That makes turned to introduce a man behind him. understand me?" the devil by the tail this time," he said, structing the exhausted digestive orfoole of us all! Besides-" "Let us have an end of this absurd "Captain Rallywood, gentlemen," he said Varanheim looked at Unziar, and Unziar gruffly, as his eyes raised for a moment on mystery!" said the girl, impatiently. The rest of the sentence was lost, as "I am gans. It is the latest discovered digestlooked at Adolf, and they smiled. Rallywood: "but you know how to take care Rallywood managed at length to force his Valerie Selpdorf, and you areant and tonic. No other preparation CHAPTER IV. "I think," said little Adolf, "we migh of yourself. Ready? We can drive to the way through the crowd, which was thicken-"John Rallywood of the guard of Maasau." can approach it in efficiency. It infind others to brawl with." Danger Signals. palace together. I have a carriage waiting," stantly relieves and permanently cures ing rapidly. he interposed. "I had my commission from Pleasant, Palatable, Potent, Taste Good, Do od, Never Bicken, Weaken, or Gripe, 10c, 25c, 50c. "The river is abominably cold," added A week later Rallywood returned from The couple proceeded downstairs, bought Then he came upon a group of men he you in the anteroom of the hotel du Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Heartburn, Flatulence, Sour Stomach, Nausea, the frontier to take up his appointment in cigareties of the waiter and started. The knew, men from the frontier, from the Unziar. CURE CONSTIPATION. Chancelier. But for that I should have been al. New York. SIR "And the same dish is served for us the guard. Advised by a note from Wallen wind was howling in its usual twanging marshes about Kofn ford and the crags of more than half inclined to refuse it." Sick Headache, Gastralgia, Cramps, and concluded Varanheim. cadences down the broad streets, increasing Pulesco, men with tanned skins like his loup that his quarters were no yet in readi-NO-TO-BAO sists to CUME Tobacco Habit. "I wish you had refused it. It may con all other results of imperfect digestion. Wallenloup laughed. ness for him at the palace, he drove direct in force as they gained the open lighted own and the mark of the collar rim of their you-more than a man cares to pay. Prepared by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago.