

SOMETHING NEW IN FICTION.

A Style Suggested by the Great Electrical Transmission Lines.

A nomadic electrical engineer and inventor, recently returned from the Pacific coast, relates the following story in the Electrical Engineer: "A few weeks ago a great American eagle, which had been born and brought up in California, and was, therefore, a sound-money advocate, was making a visit in the vicinity of Fresno, Cal. While he was waiting around on the mountainside for his friends to appear he became weary and decided to alight in some convenient place for an interval of rest. He happened to land on one of the barb wires of the electric transmission line coming down from the mountains into Fresno. While enjoying his siesta an eagle came along whom the California bird at first mistook for one of his friends. The stranger also made the mistake of supposing that the California eagle was a friend of his, consequently he alighted on another wire of the transmission line directly opposite and began a conversation. In the course of the talk it was discovered that the newcomer was a Nevada bird, and consequently a rabid free-silverite. It is much the same with the feathered things of the air as it is with human beings; that is to say, that the course of conversation naturally turned to politics and from that to a discussion of the money question. The crisis came when the birds passed from words to blows. The man who saw the fight is not exactly certain in his own mind who struck first, but he is positive that when the beaks of the two eagles met the only thing that he could see was a cloud of smoke and a flash of lightning. Closer investigation revealed the fact that immediately under the perches formerly occupied by the two eagles were two pairs of claws, two beaks and several bushels of scorched and pungent feathers scattered over the scenery. The puff of smoke included the balance of the remains. But here is where the real damage was done. When these two eagles crossed their bills they short-circuited the line and caused an arc, which was maintained for some minutes, between the two opposite sides of the line, until the copper was melted through and the circuit was broken. A search party was sent forth to discover the cause of the lack of electric power in Fresno, and it was several hours before the damage was repaired. The linemen who straightened out the tangle have preserved the beaks and claws of the birds and several of the feathers found on the ground. This is all the proof that any sane man would require as to the actual occurrence I have described."

CZAR'S EAR CAUSES A STRIKE.

Remarkable Credulity of the Russian Peasants Quaintly Illustrated.

In the western districts of the Cherson province of Russia there recently occurred a strike of peasants, who resolutely declined to do any more work for the local landowner, says the New York Mail and Express. The police investigated the matter, and, according to a St. Petersburg correspondent, gave the following extraordinary reasons for the outbreak: A picture of the present czar was recently sent to all communal councils in Russia, including, of course, those in Cherson. As the picture only presented a side view of the czar, only one ear was visible. This led the peasants to believe that the czar really possessed only one ear, and the loss of the other they thus accounted for: When Alexander III died (say those peasants) his widow and old adviser began to confer together, afterward inviting Nicholas II to join them. As soon as Czar Nicholas entered the room he declared that all land in Russia must be equally divided among the peasants. One of his counselors replied: "As sure as you can not see your own ear you won't divide the land." The czar thereupon cut off one ear and remarked, "As surely as I now see my ear I will divide the land. The peasants in Cherson were so convinced of the truth of this legend that they believed a strike against the landowners would be followed by the intervention of the czar and the division of the land among themselves.

The Georgia Editor's Idea.

A Georgia editor makes this bid for public favor: "Get a first-class newspaper while you are about it. Our contemporary, over the way, keeps this notice at the head of his journal: 'Entered at the postoffice as second-class matter.' You don't want that kind of a newspaper, do you?"

Accounted For.

Katie—Well, youse a sight! I t'ought you said you could lick Mickey Dugan standin' on yer head an' wit' bote yer hands tied behind yer back. Patsy—So I could, but de slob wouldn't fight dat way.—Puck.

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ALABASTINE IS WHAT?

Alabastine is a durable and natural coating for walls and ceilings entirely different from all alabastine preparations, made ready for use in white or twelve beautiful tints by the simple addition of water (latest make being adapted to mix with cold water), put up in dry powder form, in 5 pound packages, with full directions on every package.

WHAT ARE KALSOMINES?

Kalsomines are cheap temporary preparations manufactured from chalk, clay, whiting, etc., are stuck on the wall with decaying animal glue. Alabastine is a cement, which goes through a process of setting, hardens with age, can be removed and re-coated from time to time without having to wash and scrape off its old coats before reusing.

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Kind Old Gentleman: "Why have you had trouble with this poor little boy?"

Johnny Eastside (haughtily): "No trouble at all, Mister, I done him up with one hand."—Brooklyn Life.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark. I, Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Hyattsville, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the name that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. Look carefully at the wrapper and see that it is "the kind you have always bought," and has the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President. March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M. D.

Brute! I know that you are leading a life.

"Well, my dear, I certainly am not leading a single one."—Life.

Catarth Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarth is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarth Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarth Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarth. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

If you intend to drown yourself, always remove your clothing.

It may fit your wife's second husband.

SEATTLE, unquestionably best and cheapest starting point and outfitting station for Alaska and Klondike.

does not ask or advise you to go, but you will find Seattle's facilities, stocks and experience unsurpassed and prices the very lowest. Washington state has Klondikes of its own. Seattle is the chief city. Strangers are protected by Public Comfort Bureau. Address Chamber of Commerce, Seattle, Wash.

Don't play cards with a woman who has winning ways.

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TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

One heaping tablespoonful of granulated sugar weighs an ounce.

Give the Children a Drink

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee, but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant, but a health builder, and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about 1/4 as much as coffee. 15 and 25c.

Candy in excess is worse than rum in moderation.

Crecent Hotel, Eureka Springs, Ark.

Opens March 1st. In heart of Ozark Mountains, climate mild and bracing, scenery wild and beautiful. Unequaled medicinal waters. Excursion rates, through sleepers, via Frisco Line. Address Manager Crecent, Eureka Springs, or Geo. T. Nicholson, G. P. A., Frisco Line, St. Louis, Mo.

A man likes neatness in a woman's attire at all times.

PRES. McKinley vs. FREE SILVER.

A battle of giants is going to take place this summer on 30,000 farms in America, not in talk or votes, but in yields. Salzer's two new potato marvels are named as above, and he offers a price for the biggest potato yield, also \$400 in gold for suitable names for his corn (17 inches long) and oat prodigies. Only seedsmen in America growing grasses, clovers and farm seeds and selling potatoes at \$1.50 a barrel. The editor urges you to try Salzer's Northern Crown Seeds, and to

Send This Notice with 10 Cts. in Stamps

to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., for 11 new farm seed samples, worth \$10.00, to get a start, and their big catalogue. W.B.C.

The woman who puts on gloves should know how to spar.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c. or 81c. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Man is not in love with every woman he glances at.

Star Tobacco is the leading brand of the world, because it is the best.

In the church the kicker gets everything he wants except religion.

One's Cough Balm

Is the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

The egg plant is a native of Asia, Africa and South America.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup

For children teething softens the gums, reduces inflammation, cures colic, cures wind-colic. 25c. a bottle.

A prompt and pointed answer does not turn away wrath.

The German emperor as king of Prussia has the sole right to name streets, and he has just refused his consent to the proposal to call two streets after the names of Dr. Bestram and Dr. Langerhaus, two popular members of the municipal council.

His majesty disapproves of such a course during the lifetime of the god-fathers. This apparently refers to men of official standing only, whose political opinions might change after a few years. This apparently refers to men of official standing only, whose political opinions might change after a few years.

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I believe that Piso's Cure is the only medicine that will cure consumption.—Anna M. Ross, Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 12, '95.

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Four Women Who Own Their Present Happiness to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—When I wrote to you last June,

I was not able to do anything. I suffered with backache, headache, bearing-down pains, pains in my lower limbs, and ached all through my body. Menstruations were very painful. I was almost a skeleton. I followed your advice and now am well and fleshy, and able to do all my own housework. I took medicine from a physician for over a year, and it did not do me a particle of good. I would advise all suffering women to write to Mrs. Pinkham. She will answer all letters promptly, and tell them how to cure those aches and pains so common to women.—Mrs. C. L. WINS, Marquez, Texas.

I think it is my duty to write and let you know what your medicine has done for me.

For two years I suffered with female weakness, bearing-down pains, headache, backache, and too frequent occurrence of the menses. I was always complaining. My husband urged me to try your Vegetable Compound, and I finally did. I have taken three bottles and it has made me feel like a different woman. I advise every woman that suffers to take your medicine and be cured.—Mrs. GABRIEL LIGHTY, 612 S. Prince St., Lancaster, Pa.

I had suffered for over two years with backache,

headache, dizziness, nervousness, falling and ulceration of the womb, leucorrhoea, and about every ill a woman could have. I had tried doctors, but with no success, and it seemed as though death was the only relief for me. After using five bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and four packages of Sanative Wash, I am well. Have had no more pain, womb trouble, backache or headache.—Mrs. CLAUDIA HALPIN, Cream Ridge, N. J.

Before taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable

Compound I was afflicted with female complaints so that I could hardly walk. My back ached terribly, in fact, I ached all over. Was not able to raise myself up some of the time. I had no appetite and was so nervous that I could hardly sleep. I have taken but two bottles of your Compound and feel like another person, can now eat and sleep to perfection, in fact, am perfectly well.—Mrs. SUE McCULLOUGH, Adlai, W. Va.

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