The CZAR'S SPI The Mystery of a Silent Love Chevalier WILLIAM LE QUEUX AUTHOR of "THE CLOSED BOOK," ETC. ILLUSTRATIONS 64 C.D.RHODES

CHAPTER XVII-Continued.

-17-"In sheer desperation I went to the ministry of the interior and sought to me with the news that the charge inately. against my mother had been proved general to Finland. There, for the sia and had not returned. first time, he introduced me to his son "About ten o'clock I went below to make up my mind.

minister of the interior, and had to drink at his leisure. made those cruel, baseless charges "The unusual character of my felagainst her! Then I discerned the low-guests on board that craft was fate as my mother had done"

cible vow of vengeance.

upon a false charge. He warned me intentions of the Russian agent. against the man who had pretended to Presently the two men took fresh When Everyone Was Asleep I Crept be my father's friend, and also told cigars, ascended on deck, and cast me that he had known my father in themselves in the long cane chairs

father-a friend of Oberg's-and in corner of the deckhouse, when, to my was said, been warned on several oc- with us from Petersburg, and in response to their invitation went for abject horror, I saw under the electric casions by the nihilists. It was, there-Southampton. Our party was a very sideways in his chair with part of his pleasant one, and included Woodroffe face blown away. Then the hideous the Bay of Biscay and along the Portu- The cigar which Oberg had pressed guese coast proved most delightful upon him down in the saloon had ex-One night, while we were lying outside ploded, and the small missile con-Libson, Woodroffe and Chater, togeth- cealed inside the diabolical contriver with Olinto, went ashore, and when ance had passed upwards into his felt boded no good. He intended to upon the life of Madame Vakuroff they returned in the early hours of brain. For a moment I stood utterly the morning they awoke me by cross- stupefied, yet as I looked I saw the ing the deck above my head. Then I baron, in a paroxysm of rage, shake heard someone outside my cabin door his fist in the dead man's face and cry working as though with a screw- with a fearful imprecation: 'You driver, unscrewing a screw from the hound! You have plotted to replace woodwork. This aroused my interest, me in the czar's favor. You intended Nice. Yet almost daily he referred was the scheme of the governor-gen- of wine on the bow of a new vessel as and next day I made a minute exam- to become governor-general of Finination of the paneling, where, in one land! You knew certain facts which part. I found two small brass screws you intended to put before his majthat had evidently been recently re- esty, knowing that the revelations moved. Therefore I succeeded in get- would result in my disgrace and rival and his victim."

ting hold of a screwdriver from the carpenter's shop, and next night, him had been doctored," went on the when everyone was asleep, I crept out and unscrewed the panel, wheneto fierce, murderous look such as I had an interview with the baron, who, my surprise I saw that the secret when I told him of the disaster, ap cavity behind was filled with beautipeared greatly concerned, and went at ful jewelry, diamond collars, tiaras, sockets as he realized that I had been once to the nolice department to make necklets, fine pearls, emeralds and

"I replaced the panel and kept careby a statement of the woman Ship- ful watch. At Marseilles, where we but he only laughed at my entreaty. roff herself, and that she had already called, more jewelry and a heavy bag- 'See!' he cried, 'as you saw how he started on her long journey to Si. ful of plate was brought aboard and enjoyed his cigar, you may as well see beria-she had been exiled to one of secreted behind another panel. Then this!' And with an effort he raised those dreaded Arctic settlements be- I knew that the men were thieves.

yond Yakutsk, a place where it is al- "Well, one hot summer's night we for a moment on the vessel's side, and most eternal winter, and where the were lying off Naples, and as it was then, with a hoarse laugh of triumph. conditions of life are such that half a grand festa ashore and there was heaved it into the sea. There was a the convicts are insane. The barcy, to be a gala performance at the thea, splash, and then we were alone 'And however, declared that, as my father's ter, Leithcourt took a box and the you!' he cried in a fierce voice-'you friend, it was his duty to act as guar- whole party were rowed ashore. The who have spied upon me-you will foldian to me, and that as my father had crew were also given shore-leave for low! The water there will close your been English I ought to be put to an the evening, but as the great heat had chatter mouth!' I shricked, begged. English school. Therefore, with his upset me I declined to accompany the and implored, but his trembling hands self-assumed title of uncle, he took theater party and remained on board were upon my throat. First he me to Chichester. For years I re- with one sailor named Wilson to con- dragged me to my feet, then he threw mained there, until one day he came stitute the watch. We had anchored me upon my knees, and at last, with suddenly and fetched me away, tak about half a mile from land, and that grim brutality which characterizes the cruise would occupy too much ing the over to Helsingfors-for the earlier in the evening the baron had him, he directed me to go and get a czar had new appointed him governor gone ashore to send telegrams to Rus- mop and bucket from the forecastle

Michael, a pimply-faced lieutenant of try and sleep, but I had a slight atcavalry, and said in a most decisive tack of fever, and was unable. Theremanner that I must marry him. I fore I redressed and sat with the light naturally refused to marry a man of still out, gazing across the starlit bay. whom I knew so little, whereupon, Presently from my port-hole I saw a finding me obdurate, he quickly a!- shoreboat approaching, and recognized tered his tactics and became kind in it the baron with a well-dressed ness itself, saying that as I was young stranger. They both came on board, he would allow me a year in which to and the boatman, having been paid, pulled back to the shore. Then the "A week later, while living in the baron and his friend-a dark, middlepalace at Helsingfors, I overheard a laged, full-bearded man, evidently a conversation between the governor- person of refinement-went below to general and his son, which revealed to the saloon, and after a few moments me a staggering truth that I had never called to the man Wilson who was on suspected. It was Oberg himself who watch, and gave him a glass of whisky had denounced my mother to the and water, which he took up on deck

reason. She being exiled, her fortune, such that my suspicion was constantly as well as that of my father, came to on the alert, therefore curiosity temptme. The reason they were scheming ed me to creep along and peep in at for Michael to marry me was in order the crack of the door standing ajar. A to obtain control of my money, and closer view revealed the fact that the then, after the necessary legal for stranger was a high Russian official malities, I should, on a trumped-up to whom I had once been introduced charge of conspiracy, share the same at the government palace at Helsingfors, the Privy Councillor and Sena-"The infernal scoundrei!" I sjacu- tor Paul Polovstoff. They were smoklated, when I read her words while ing togther, and were discussing in from Jack, who had been looking over Russian the means by which he, my shoulder, escaped a fierce and for Polovstoff, had arranged to obtain plans of some new British fortifica-"The baron took me with him to tions at Gibraltar. From what he Petersburg when he went on official said, it seemed that some Russian business, and we remained there near- woman, married to an Englishman, a ly a month," the parrative went on, captain in the garrison, had been im-While there I received a secret mes- pressed into the secret service against sage from 'The Red Priest,' the unseen her will, but that she had, in order to and unknown power of nihilism, who save herself, promised to obtain the has for so many years baffled the po- photographs and plans that were relice. I went to see him, and he re- quired. I heard the Englishman's yealed to me how Oberg had con- name, and I resolved to take some trived to have my mother banished steps to inform him in secret of the

timately, and that if I got into any amidships. Still all curiosity to hear cate with him and he would assist of espionage against my own nation, me. Oberg took me back to Helsing I took off my shoes and crept up to a fors a few months later, and in sum- spot where I could crouch concealed mer we went to England. He was a and overhear their conversation, for and never pry into my affairs again.' marvelously clever diplomatist. His the Italian night was calm and still. tactics he could change at will. When They talked mainly about affairs in "In London, at Claridge's, we met report, and a man's short, agonized

downfall. But, you infernal cur, you i

raise the inert body with its awful warks. Then I rushed forward and faced him

"In an instant he sprang at me, and I screamed. But no aid came. The man Wilson was sleeping soundly in which went safely out of the channel, iniquity existed in the world, or that the bows, for the whisky he had given narrative. "Upon his face was a never seen before. 'You!' he screamed. his dark eyes starting from their a witness of his cowardly crime. 'You inquiry. Next day, however, he came turquoises, all thrown in indiscrim- have spied upon me, girl!' he hissed, 'and you shall die also!' I sank upon my knees imploring him to spare me, the dead body in his arms, poised it and remove the dark red stains from the chair and deck. This he actually forced me to do, gloating over my horror as I removed for him the traces of his cowardly crime. Then, with his hand upon my shoulder, he said: 'Girl! Recollect that you keep tonight's work secret. If not, you shall



Out and Unscrewed the Panel.

die a death more painful than that further difficulty I was to communi- further details on the ingenious piece | dog has died-one in which you shall experience all the tortures of the damned. Recollect, not a single word -or death! Now, go to your cabin.

"A great sensation was caused when the body was discovered. The squad-I was at school he was rough and bru- Finland, and with some of Oberg's ron was lying off Naples about a week by treating me with kindly regard pulling thoughtfully at his cigar, there tice was taken of it, but by the marks was a bright, blood-red flash, a dull on the dead man's linen it was discov- Finland. ered that he was Polovstoff, one of the my old schoolfellow Muriel and her cry. Startled, I leaned around the highest Russian officials, who had, it called in his son, who had traveled place. a cruise on their yacht, the Iris, from rays the czar's privy councillor lying fore, concluded that his death had marry him. I wrote my reply-a firm

been due to nihilist vengeance. "The real reason why the baron and Chater, while our cruise across truth in an instant became apparent. spared my life was because, if I died, I should either marry his son or die, my fortune would pass to a distant Then next day, while walking alone cousin living at Durham. Yet his out beyond the town of Helsingfors. manner towards me was now most as I often used to do, I was arrested a titular deity at the stern of their polite and pleasant—a change that I upon the false charge of an attempt obtain my money by marrying me to and transported, without trial, to the his son Michael, whose evil reputa- terrible fortress of Kajana, some of the Acts, the boat that carried Paul tion as a gambler was well known in the horrors of which you have your from Malta to Rome, was "under the Petersburg. We traveled back to Fin- self experienced. The charge against sign of Castor and Pollux?" It was, land in the autumn, and in the winter me was necessary before I could be so says Acts. he took me to stay with his sister in incarcerated there, but once within, it to that tragedy at Naples, and threatened me with death if ever I uttered riage by threats and by the constant adapted custom. For the ancients of a single word, or even admitted that I terrors of the place. He even went fered a libation to Neptune or Posel-

did not know that those who attempt paragraph, "we were in Helsingfors, that if in one month I did not consent to thwart Xavier Oberg either die by when one day the baron called me he should allow me to be sent to exile. accident or so for life to Kajana or suddenly and told me to prepare for a While I was in Kajana he knew that the mines!' And he spurned the journey. We were to cross to Stock- his secret was safe, therefore by every body with his foot and laughed to holm and thence to Hull, where the means in his power he urged me to himself as he gloated over his das- Iris was awaiting us, for Mr. Leith- consent to the odious union, court and Muriel had invited us for a "I watched his rage, unable to utter summer cruise to the Greek islands. Providence directed you to me as my a single word. I saw him, after he We boarded the yacht much against deliverer, and how Woodroffe followed had searched the dead man's pockets, my will, yet I was powerless, and dare you in secret, and pretending to be not allege the facts that I had all my friend, took me with him to Peters. featureless face and drag it to the bul- ready established concerning our fel- burg. He had learned of my fortune low-guests. Muriel and 1, it seems, from the baron, and intended to marry were taken merely in orde: to blind me himself. But now that all is over the shore-guards and customs officials it appears to me like some terrible

different appearance from the Iris.

having strict orders not to show our. Therefore, let us forgive." selves. We, however, watched you, and I saw you pick up my photograph which I had that day torn up. Then hours in the middle of the night. Just ever revealed. before they returned the baron rapped at the door of my cabin saying that dress and accompany him. He would fearing, I suppose, that she might learn too much. In obedience I rose and dressed, and when I went forth he told me to get my traveling cloak and dressing bag, adding that he was compelled to go north, as to continue time. He was due back at his official duties, he said. As soon as I had finished packing, the three men returned to the vessel, all of them looking dark-faced and disappointed Woodroffe whispered some words to the baron, after which I went to Muriel's cabin and wished her goodby, and we went ashore, taking the train first to Colle Salvetti, thence to Pisa, and afterwards to the beautiful old city of Siena, which I had so longed to see. One of my teeth gave me pain, and the baron, after a couple of days at the Hotel de Sienne, took me to a queer-looking little old Italian -a dentist who, he said, enjoyed an excellent reputation. I was quick to notice that the two men had met before, and as I sat in the chair and gas WAR IN THE CARPATHIANS was given to me I saw them exchange I became insensible, but when I awoke an hour later I was astounded to feel a curious soreness in my ears. My tongue, too, seemed paralyzed, and in a few moments the awful truth dawned upon me. I had been rendered deaf and dumb!

concerned about me," it went on, "but obtained by those on the yacht.

writing again demanded that I should refusal. He struck the table angrily with his first and wrote saying that eral to obtain my consent to the mar- it is launched is another ancient had ever seen the man who was his so far as to obtain a ministerial order don, who ruled the seas, as they for my banishment to Saghalien and launched their boats.

"Last June," commenced another brought it to me to Kajana, declaring

"All the rest is known to you-how as to the real nature of the vessel, dream I never believed that so much was repainted and renamed the Lola, men could fight a defenseless woman until her exterior presented quite a with such double-dealing and cruel ingenuity. Ah! the tortures I endured "The port of Leghorn was our first in Kajana are beyond human concep place of call, and for some reason we tion. Yet surely Oberg and Wood ran purposely upon a sandbank and roffe will obtain their well-merited dewere towed off by Italian torpedo serts-if not in this world, then in the boats. Next evening you came on world to come. Are we not taught by board and dined. Muriel and myself Holy Writ to forgive our enemies?

There my silent love's strange story ended. A bald, straightforward narraimmediately after you had left Wood- tive that held us all for some moments rofie, Chater and Mackintosh went absolutely speechless-one of the ashore and were away a couple of strangest and most startling stories

She watched every expression of my countenance, and then, which I had he must go ashore, and telling me to finished reading and placed my arm tenderly about her slim waist, she never allow me the luxury of a maid, raised her beautiful face to mine to receive the passionate kiss I imprinted

upon those soft, full lips. "This, of course, makes everything plain." exclaimed Jack. "Polovstoff was a very liberal minded and upright official who was greatly in the favor of the czar, and a serious rival to Oberg, whose drastic and merciles? methods in Finland were not exactly approved by the emperor The baror was well aware of this, and by in geniously enticing him on board the Iris he succeeded by handing that small bomb concealed in a cigar-a nihilist contrivance that had probably been seized by his police in Finlandin freeing himself from the rival who was destined to occupy his post.'

"Yes." I said with a sigh. "The mystery is cleared up, it is true, yet my poor Elma is still the victim And I kissed my love passionately again and again upon the lips. THE END

meaning glances. In a few moments Passes Which the Russians Are En deavoring to Force Are of Immense Importance.

The Carpathian chain, from south of Krakow to the Roumanian border runs a distance of 300 miles. Months ago, before the Russian recoil from "The baron pretended to be greatly Bukowina, there was contact along nearly the entire line. Today the I quickly realized that I have been the armies are in clash on a line of about victim of a foul and dastardly plot, 120 miles. In the north is Dukla pass. and that he had conceived it, fearing by forcing which the Russians would lest I might speak the truth concern- clear the way to Barfa or Bartfeld ing the Privy Councillor Polovstoff, and the railway line leading through for of exposure he lived in constant the important city of Kassa to Buda fear. To encompass my end would pest. Thirty miles southeast of Dukla be against his own interests, as he lies Lupkow pass, through which runs would lose my fortune, so he had si- the railway from Przemysl by way of lenced me lest I should reveal the ter- Mezo-Lamorc, toward the Hungarian rible truth concerning both him and capital. Fifty miles southeast of Lupnot rich, and kow is Uzsok, the strategic center of have reason to believe that from the Carpathians, through which comes time to time he gave information as the railway from Lemberg. Thirty-five to persons who possessed valuable miles to the southeast lies Beskid pass, jewels, and thus shared in the plunder through which the Russians at one time had penetrated as far as Volocz "From Italy we traveled on to Ber- in Hungary. Midway between Uzsok lin, thence to Petersburg, and back to and Beskid, on the Galician slope of dreary Helsingfors, journeying as the Carpathians, the German forces quickly as we could, yet never allow- sent to brace up the Hapsburg troops ing me opportunity of being with have been standing on guard in the strangers. Both my ears and tongue vicinity of Koziowa, where terrific were very painful, but I said nothing. combats took place when yet there He was surely a fiend in a black coat. was hope of relieving Przemysl. From and my only thought now was how to Koziowa the Germans will not attempt escape him. From the moment when to bar the Russian advance through that so-called dentist had ruined my the Uzsok gap. Should the Russians hearing and deprived me of power of force their way through-and Petro speech, he kept me aloof from every- grad has been claiming successes in one. The fear that I should reveal that region-a march of less than everything had apparently grown to twenty miles will bring them out on tal in his manner towards me, as he expressions of opinion Polovstoff ven- after the Iris had left, and while we haunt him, and he had conceived that the Hungarian plain, while further to was to all; but now he seemed to be tured to differ. Suddenly, while the were there the body was washed up terrible mode of silencing my lips. the north and south the Carpathian endeavoring to inspire my confidence privy councillor lay back in his chair near Sorrento. At first but little no- But the true depth of his villainy was barrier widens out and presents diffi not yet apparent until I was back in cult country for a rapid advance. Along the fifty miles from Lupkow to "On the night of our arrival he Uzsok the decisive clash will take

Why We Christen Boats. The modern custom of christening vessels is without doubt an adaptation of an ancient custom, just as so many of our other customs and habits have been adapted from ancient ones. The ancients used to place the image of vessels, in the tutela, or shrine. Do you remember that the boat mentioned in the twenty-eighth chanter of

The ceremony of breaking a bottle

Laboratory Gems

when he was about to pronounce the Jewelers say that the statements of benediction He paused, expecting the chemists as to laboratory gems them to rise, until an old shepherd, have been exaggerated in various "Say | ways and as a result dishonest dealawa', sir; we're a-sittin' to cheat the ers often take advantage of the situation. Such dealers may try occasionally to sell an imitation for a real gem, but more common frauds are in making extravagant claims for the

> Rubies and sapphires are declared by the jewelers to be the only gems that are really reproduced in the educate his children Both are gems of the corundum group.

Complete Understanding. "I understand that you are a great peace advocate, Mr. Dolan?"

"An' might I inquire what you're go-"I don't have to do anything. Man boy I've met about everybody



BUILD ROADS IN MOUNTAINS

California Highway Commissioner Points Way for Opening of Arable Lands-Convicts to Be Used.

"If you will give us the convicts to build roads through the mountains there are 7,500,000 acres of arable land on the eastern plateau of the Sierras that can be opened for settlement," said Charles F. Stern, highway commissioner of California, in supporting the bill which passed the California legislature to permit prisoners to be employed in road building.

California prisoners have not been employed in this work other than in a small way around the prison, but the need of opening the mountain districts has started road building by the prisoners.

The act just passed is modeled after Colorado legislation, under which excellent results have been obtained The highway department is authorized to make requisition upon the prison department for the number of convicts required, and is to organize and maintain the camps as well as supervise the road work. The prison depart ment, however, retains control over the discipline of the prisoners, and, although the national committee or prisons and prison labor believes better results can be had under the West Virginia system, where the prison department maintains the camps, both the convicts and the state of California will assuredly benefit under the new legislation.

The men are to be worked under the honor system, and the prison department is empowered to grant additional good time allowance to convicts emploved in this work, conditioned upon their loyal, obedient and efficient cooperation with the state. To bring about the earlier comple

tion of the state highways which will make the isolated regions accessible, the bill went into effect ninety days after the adjournment of the legislature.

Reporting the successful passage of the act to the national committee on prisons and prison labor. Mr. Stern writes: "We expect to use from 1,000 to 1,500 convicts on our mountain roads, and a year hence will



Good Road Through Mountain Pass.

doubtless have very interesting facts to relate."

California is the last of the western states to employ her convicts in this way, and it is hoped the new legislaion is a step toward the reconstruction of her whole prison system along the lines advanced by those who have the welfare of the convict at heart.

Bottomless Illinois Roads. While the American submarine that car, cross the ocean and come back on one helping of fuel is a great machine. the perfected submarine will be able to travel on the hottomiess "roads" in

southern Illinois after a rain. In spite of much lingering prejudice against automobiles their influence in improving roads is everywhere in evidence in a way which

cannot be denied.

Help Strawberry Plants. If strawberry runners are not rooting well throw a little dirt over ends of the runners or places at which

plantlets have started. Supplement the Pastures. Loss, expense and risk hasten in the wake of withered pastures, unless supplemental feeds are promptly supplied.

The Greatest Tax. It costs the American farmer more to feed his insect foes than it does to

Forage plants are the feed that cheapens the cost of hog raising. Look after your pastures and save money thereby.

One Farm Necessity.

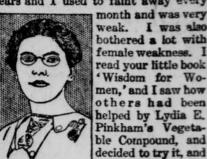
A repair shop is quite as much a farm necessity as the more common equipment.

Spraying Controls Insects. Chewing insects and the plant diseases are both controlled by summer spraying.

IN STERLING LIVES A GIRL

Who Suffered As Many Girls Do-Tells How She Found Relief.

Sterling, Conn.-"I am a girl of 22 rears and I used to faint away every



month and was very weak. I was also bothered a lot with female weakness. I read your little book 'Wisdom for Women,' and I saw how others had been helped by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and

it has made me feel like a new girl and I am now relieved of all these troubles. I hope all young girls will get relief as I have. I never felt better in my life."-Mrs. JOHN TETREAULT, Box 116, Sterling, Conn.

Massena, N. Y .- "I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I highly recommend it. If anyone wants to write to me I will gladly tell her about my case. I was certainly in a bad condition as my blood was all turning to water. I had pimples on my face and a bad color, and for five years I had been troubled with suppression. The doctors called it 'Anemia and Exhaustion,' and said I was all run down, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound brought me out all right."-Miss LAVISA MYRES, Box 74, Massena, N.Y.

Young Girls, Heed This Advice.

Girls who are troubled with painful or irregular periods, backache, headache, dragging-down sensations, fainting spells or indigestion, should immediately seek restoration to health by taking Ly-dia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

It is just as well if you prefer abuse to violets. You will get more of it.

When all others fail to please Try Denison's Coffee.

A plumber, by 'he w.y, is a skilled mechanic, who sits on a soap box while his helper does the work.

Wash day is smile day if you use Red Cross Ball Blue, American made, therefore the best made. Adv.

Military training is compulsory on all male citizens between the ages of twelve and twenty-five in New Zea-

Because. Drawing Teacher - Rastus, your

drawing of the mule is very good, but why didn't you finish it? Rastus-'Cause, Miss Emily, you tol' us to leave out de tail.-Judge.

Where the Idea Originated. Mrs. Newlywed-I saw a piece in the paper tonight that people would feel better to go without breakfast! Mr. Newlywed-H'm! Wonder which of our cooks wrote that?-Puck

Underground Fighting. Mrs. Church-Wouldn't your husband like to go and fight in the

trenches? Mrs. Gotham-No; trying to get a seat in the subway is about all the underground fighting he wants.-New

What She Had She'd Hold.

It was the happiest moment of their lives. He had just proposed and she had grab-er-accepted him.

Then he took a tiny leather case from his pocket and slipped a sparkling circlet on her finger, while she beamed with pride.

"I'm afraid it's rather loose, darling," he murmured, "Shall I take it back and have it made smaller?"

The damsel shook her head decided "No, Rupert," she said calmly. "An

engagement ring is an engagement ring, even if I have to wear it around

A DOCTOR'S EXPERIENCE Medicine Not Needed in This Case.

It is hard to convince some people that coffee does them an injury! They lay their bad feelings to almost every cause but the true and unsuspected

But the doctor knows. His wide experience has proven to him that, to some systems, coffee is an insidious poison that undermines the health Ask him if coffee is a cause of con stipation, stomach and nervous troubles

"I have been a coffee drinker all my life, and when taken sick two years ago with nervous prostration, the doc tor said that my nervous system was broken down and that I would have to give up coffee.

"I got so weak and shaky, I could not work, and reading an advertisement of Postum I asked my grocer if he had any of it, He said, 'Yes,' and that he used it in his family and it was all it claimed to be.

"So I quit coffee and commenced to use Postum steadily, and in about two weeks I could sleep better and get up in the morning feeling fresh. In about two months I began to gain flesh. I weighed only 146 pounds when I commenced on Postum and now I weigh 167 and feel better than I did at 20

"I am working every day and sleep well at night. My two children were coffee drinkers, but they have not drank any since Postum came into the house, and are far more healthy than they were before." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

years of age.

Postum comes in two forms: Postum Cereal-the original formmust be well boiled. 15c and 25c pack.

Instant Postum-a soluble powderdissolves quickly in a cup of hot water, and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. 30c and 50e tins

Both kinds are equally delicious and cost about the same per cup.

"There's a Reason" for Postum -sold by Grocers

Mystery.

Possible Explanation of Events That

Have Been More or Less of a

A well-known scientist recently suggested that the mysterious explosion which destroyed the British battleship, the Bulwark, might have been due to the influence of wireless waves. The theory that wireless causes explosions was put forward some time ago by a French engineer. To prove his point, disaster to the British steamer, the dered by the police. Volturno, which was burnt in the Atlantic took place just on the junction Senghenydd also occurred on the Clif- paper, she said that she had reached

den-Paris wireless line. The French engineer also points out strange effect on the mind, and he considers that it is for this reason that she would not go down into the celcollisions between ships have greatly lar. increased of recent years. Many of "I do not care a fig for the Zep kese mishaps have taken place at the pelins," she said. "It is no use ask-

DISASTERS LAID TO WIRELESS | junction of wireless wave routes, and | ing me. I will not go down into the | ciate, he found the people all sitting | it is said that the wireless so affected cellar." the brains of ships' commanders that in critical moments they lost control of their vessels. This theory is con- spiders." firmed by the fact that birds flying near wireless stations move in an uneasy, agitated fashion, as if their senses were under some strange in-

fluence

Zeppelins or Spiders? A story is told of a young French woman who observed with punctilhe called attention to the fact that the lousness the wartime precautions or-

She kept the shutters closed a nightfall and the curtains pulled point where the wireless waves from down, so that not a speck of light the Eiffel tower and Glace bay meet. would escape from her apartments. The mysterious mine explosion at But one night, when reading the news-

the limit. The newspapers said that if the that in his opinion wireless has a Zeppelins came all persons must go into the cellars. She told her friends

cause," she replied, "I am afraid of Churchgoing Collies.

"But why?" asked her friend. "Be-

The article in a recent number of the Companion about the shepherd dogs that accompany their masters to

church in some parts of Scotland has reminded a contributor of another col-In a district of Sutherland, where the population is very scanty, the congregations are often made up one-half of dogs, each human worshiper having his canine companion. These dogs ammunition stores and airship sheds in the heart of the enemy country.

sit out the Gaelic services with commendable patience until toward the On the other hand, it would seem that end of the last psalm, when there is a against aeropianes as distinguished universal stretching and yawning, and from airships the present methods of all prepare to scamper out, barking in a most excited manner while the ben- ligible.-London News and Leader. ediction is being said.

The congregation of one of these churches determined that the services should close more decorously, and seem-er-rather distant this eve borhood. There's none of 'em that took steps accordingly. When a ning." Girl-"Well, your chair isn't | won't admit I'm the best man. strange clergyman came there to off- nailed down, is it?"-Brooklyn Eagle. | what's there to quarrel about?"

Service of Aircraft It cannot be said on the evidence so far furnished by the war that the striking power of aircraft-as distinguished from their use for reconnoissance—has as yet been absolutely vindicated, except perhaps as a laboratories with the same chemical means of attacking definite points un- composition as the natural stones. assailable by other means, such as

looking up to the pulpit, said:

dowgs."-Youth's Companion

attack from the earth are almost neg-Mr. Slowboy (calling on girl)-"You

"I am that," answered Mr. Rafferty, ing to do to preserve peace?"

that thinks he's a fighter in this neigh-