SYNOPSIS.

The story opens during a trip of the "Overland Mail" through the Rocky mountains. "Uncle Billy" Dodge, stage driver, Alfred Vincent, a young man, and Phineas Cadwallader, introduced. They come across the remains of a massacre. Later at Anthony's station they find the redskins have carried their destructive work there also. Stella Anthony, daughter of Anthony, keeper of station, is introduced. Anthony has been killed. Vincent is assigned his work in unearthing plans of enemies of railroad, being built. Vincent visits town where railroad men are working on the road and receives token of esteem from Stella. The old stage driver decides to work close to town in order that he may be able to keep fatherly watch over the young woman. She is engaged as a tutor for Viola Bernard, daughter of hotel landiady. Vincent visits society circles of enemies of the Central Pacific railroad and learns their secrets. He returns to Stella, each showing signs of love for the other something's gone wrong with the Flora, an' the last lot was shipped on learns their secrets. He returns to Stella each showing signs of love for the other. Phineas Cadwallader, pushing a railroad opposing Central Pacific, reaches mining town. She writes to Alfred Vincent his boast. Plying his attentions Cadwallader insults her and she is rescued by Gideon, her father's servant. In turn he proposes marriage, is rejected, leaves her declaring he will return the sort of a man she will love. Vincent "shows up" San Francisco and Washoe road and is praised by governor and heads of Central Pacific. Being known as agent of C. P. he decides to retire to position of a brakeman for a short time. Stella hears from her lover, Gideon, and of his phenomenal success. Pinds letter of importance involving plans of opposition road. "Uncle Billy "returns in terrible suffering from long mountain trip. Plot to destroy company's ship Flora is unearthed and incriminating evidence against Cadwallader on charge of wire tapping is also found, the letters found by Stella being deciphered by Brakeman Alfred Vincent, who arrives on scene.

Something's gone wrong with the Flora, an' the last lot was shipped on her."

The plunge of the horse, urged upon the men with cruel spur, startled them into rigidity. Gregory's hair bristled under his hat. His nose lifted threateningly. His cheek paled and his geyes flung a burning spark to every shirkling soul.

"You hell-hounds! Call this work? Is this what you're giving the C. P. company for their good coin? You think any railroad under God's canopy can be built a-sitting on your hammers? I'll break your worm-eaten heads! I'll set men over you with shotguns! Fill send you into kingdom come without wooden overcoats! I'll "His invectives tore along the line"

CHAPTER XI.—Continued.

Alfred stretched his weary legs and went out into the cool evening. The day had been stressful and a bed would have been welcome. Yet Stella! He looked into the overhead blue and saw a young moon that might last till 11 o'clock

"A light night! I can ride fast and do it by 9:30," he said to himself with sudden cheer. "Stella!"

A hasty snack at a nondescript restaurant, a fresh horse and he was again in the saddle, following the stage track westward, re-riding the miles that he might have an hour with Stella-dear Stella, who had discovered the plot and whose service to humanity and to the Central Pacific Railroad company might never be known to more than Alvin and himself.

CHAPTER XII.

"Our Banner Shall Float Red." George Gregory urged his horse to a gallop over the rough path that skirted the long string of ties-ties that had waited many days for iron.

The noon hour was on. At all the camps men and beasts were feeding. The superintendent took letters and dispatches that met him as he dismounted, and, passing his bridle to the man in waiting, went to the lee side of the dining tent to read them ore eating. One after another he glanced over yellow slips, tore open envelopes.

"No iron yet. 'Flora' detained," e read, and groaned as he thought of bare ties, and the 50 miles still far from finished.

Snatches of low table talk came to Gregory, fitful straws on gusts that woop along the track of labor, contrary to the steadier gales of capital. "The Union Pacific ain't doin' nothin' neither; failed in their contracts." one voice said.

"If that company can't build a railpad next door to cheap food, cheap iron, good forage and a flat country, what do these C. P. fellers expect to do against a wall of rock standing on edge a mile an' a half high?"

"Yes; an' 40 feet of snow on top of that." a third added. "An' thar's the Iron-not enough to ate some of them were, cowed under But he was intrepid still, sitting erect,

had, no ships to tote it, an' 20,000 his blasting tirade, breathing easily listening carefully. niles to come. The superintendent heard, though luckless foreman coming round the

eye and mind were reading letters. point. He though of the delayed "Flora." and pain stabbed sharper at his tem-

ntendent that the meal was nearly Crocker. inished. He moved off a little that the men might not guess themselves gram to Bennett. "Pass it along," he overheard; scrutinized them keenly as said. "Let every man in camp know they filed out and sought here or there the iron is coming." a sheltered spot for pipe or chew before the short respite ended.

The superintendent went inside and head. A long breath of relief brought ate sparingly of the coarse food, di- ease, and he lifted his eyes to the gestion losing its fight to the over- firmament. The gray day had passed. wrought brain. Why could not the din- The sun paused in splendor on the ner-time critics, with all their know- western neights, flinging a triumphant ings, have gained yet a few other red banner across to meet the apfacts? Land jobbers and stock specu- proaching twilight curve. lators held the Union Pacific franchise by the throat, dallied with the work, cheated their contractors. These cheated in turn, making their cuts narrow and ragged, their fills loose gloomed. The company had proseand brush padded, starving their men cuted on the charge of wire-tapping and failing with their time limit. No only. This troubled Phineas but litwonder United States commissioners | tle. refused the road!

But the men of pick and shovel-Francisco had raised a large sum men upon whom, then as now, depends for his bail; retained for his defense the success of all contests with na. the best lawyers in the state. As he ture-saw only the bare fact, failure. had been held on the lighter charge And failure in the east meant, doubly, he felt sure the plot to blow up the failure in the west!

A second time Gregory read a San at the stupidity of his underlings, Francisco newspaper clipping in never suspecting another cause might closed in a letter from the treasurer: have saved the "Flora."

"The Central Pacific company can Whether chance or plan had given never build on time as long as the Phineas his name he knew not; but present owners control the Sacra-| he had believed in its meaning, gloried mento Valley road. That little link, in it. Phineas, mouth of brass; Cadwith its Freeport connection, and its wallader, battle arranger. Many a arms outreached to McLane's road go- brazen battle had he arranged and in November, and he went to a bank ing east from Placerville, will put the fought to a successful finish. But to get them renewed. Though he had it my business to ruin you." iron horse to the state line long before these were past. The easy, luxurious Stanford can make good his bluff at life was surely gone. The best seat his time limit. The state and the na- the finest room, the open cigar case. tional government should hail McLane drinks that cost him nothing, the still- tension, insisting that he should pay and his associates as their saviors hunt for secrets, popularity, jollity- his notes on the day they fell due. from a monstrous steal."

"Test's the cussed stuff that works stead the-prison, perhaps. Restless. stared him in the face. He went to a like slow poison among the men, ma- ly he walked the narrow room, his friend and asked him what he king sight crooked and brains mag- courage rising, while his nimble brain should do. goty." Gregory thought aloud as he wove him yet another bold plot. went to a rude kit for paper and pen. Through his attorney he contrived an his adviser. "I have it. Go to Mr. an orchestra chair among the ordi-

letters and dispatches to a messenger

and was off again. two hours later he rounded the elbow shares in the Sacramento Valley railof a small hill and came upon a gang road?" of track-layers working alone, the foreman being hidden by a second sharp turn. For a moment the men did not hereafter work for our interests as know themselves watched. Some were you have before now worked for those resting on their hammer handles, some opposing us?" snatching a surreptitious smoke, while low joke and dialogue ran lazily around. Others kept up a noise with trusted to you, and never by any sort half-hearted blows at the spikes.

"Take your time, boys. This is all the nature of this interview, to give the iron for a month o' Sundays. the slightest hint that it ever took Something's gone wrong with the place?"

the men with cruel spur, startled them tails of the bargain. At a nod from into rigidity. Gregory's hair bristled the governor toward the hall door, ununder his hat. His nose lifted threat- seen by Phineas, a man with scratcheningly. His cheek paled and his pad and pencil entered so quietly that eyes flung a burning spark to every only by the expression on the govern-

company for their good coin? You himself again. shotguns! I'll send you into kingdom stern.

came to pass with unexpected prompt-

The governor entered, outwardly the I had to serve those who paid me." genial, rosy citizen adored by California's best, wrapped as with a man- sycophancy. "Words are cheap, Mr. tle in his optimistic atmosphere of Cadwallader." He rose, stepped to success. But to-day he was face to the door to make sure of privacy, reface with crime. Phineas' tricks might turned and stood near Phineas. His be veiled-his tricky heart was not. large body, powerful instrument of a The governor measured him in an instant and went on guard.

"Yes, sir, I can do it; I can deliver the goods," Phineas said emphatically, friends and right doers, but the eye after a full statement of his proposi- that confounded malevolence, burned tion and sharp questions from his list into the other man's very soul, downed tener.

"Let me understand you thoroughly. chair. We'll go over it again, and slowly. It is too important a matter to be hurried-or bungled. You agree to de- insure your continual interest in our liver into our hands within one month | welfare I have to tell you that we hold Riding west to the end of the rails from date a controlling number of

> "I do." "You agree to enter our employ, and

"I do." "You promise to keep secrets inof word or communication to disclose

"I do." "Very well."

There followed a few further deor's face was his coming announced to "You hell-hounds! Call this work? Phineas. He turned and started half Is this what you're giving the C. P. out of his chair, yet quickly composed "Did you get that perfectly?" the

> governor asked of the stenographer. He nodded affirmatively. "Read it." The governor's voice was

> Phineas went ashen as the sale of

" His invectives tore along the line himself to the corporation he hated,



"I'm sure' I shall, sir. I've been in

sympathy with you from the start, but

The governor scowled at the bald

still more powerful will, towered above

Phineas unconsciously threatening.

His eye, not kind as it ever was for

his gaze, held him cowering in his

"We shall expect more than words

from you, Mr. Cadwallader. And to

a perfect chain of evidence convicting you of intent to blow up the 'Flora.' Our people found the powder, the fuse, the open packages of petroleum. We know the man you hired to carry out the plot, we have a correct reading of your cipher dispatch, some certified affidavits-all that is needed to send you to the penitentiary. This is filed away safely. The day you betray us by word or sign, or to the amount of a two-bit piece, you will be arrested and put on trial. Good afternoon."

The governor left the room without a glance at the man behind him.

CHAPTER XIV. Hearts Revealed.

Phineas "delivered his goods;" and the historic Sacramento Valley railroad, the first bit of track on the Pacific coast, the iron link that proved to be the undoing of the spurious San Francisco & Washoe railroad, dropped mysteriously into the hands of the Central Pacific company.

The opposition, defeated, yet never dead, still cried "Wolf!" But no cry was loud enough to flutter the brave men at Sacramento. Only nature and the nation's extremities could retard them now. And against these enemies in the open, officers and emploves, down to the humblest, took heart of grace and charged again the rocky ramparts of the Sierras.

When the angel of death swept down in the breath of the powder flash upon James Sackett, an unborn child was blighted. It came later to its birth, only to sigh and pass to the care of him who rules life and two eternities. Through weary weeks the mother lingered, unaroused to convalescence by hope or by skill of physicians. The warm frontier heart of the town watched and sorrowed with her, cheerfully adding the burden to their laden shoulders; supplying all possible comfort and every obtainable

luxury. Stella, regularly attentive in the sickroom, reported daily to Alfred. His humble berth of "extra" brakeman had brought his sleeping hours in the little town, left his evenings free. For several weeks he had devoted these to planning a benefit for Mrs. Sackett that was to invade jointly the domains of Thalia, Polyhymnia and Terpsichore.

For days Stella and Viola had toiled at the tasks Alfred set them. Details, as well as most of the men's parts, rested on Alfred, for men were too busy or too bashful for "play acting." of himself his lips trembled. But his He had chosen short extracts from one or two popular plays and planned a couple of charades representing local interests. He had drilled Viola in the A shuffling inside warned the super- mento. Iron at Front to-morrow, and Phineas felt himself vanquished rendering of some songs and a boy or two in recitation. But the ambitious part of the performance was to preciable instant, his face contracting be two scenes from "Romeo and slightly yet quickly clearing, and Juliet."

Under Alfred's tuition Stella discov-The governor did not fail to interered a different Shakespeare from her pret correctly that hesitancy. He dis- father's pompous poet. Stella walked Weight seemed to leave her

missed the clerk and turned to on air. Phineas. "Mr. Cadwallader, I shall body. Sleep and food were no longer not attempt to conceal from you the necessities. All day she longed for satisfaction this transaction affords evening; all night dreamed it over me. I hope it will not be otherwise again. She was journeying the old, with you. Serve us well and you will old rose-path, believing herself a disfind the Central Pacific company a coverer! fair employer." (TO BE CONTINUED.)

Saved Merchant From Ruin

Needed Financial Help.

"Is that correct, Mr. Cadwallader?

"Quite so, Gov. Stanford." In spite

"Then sign it," the governor said;

He took up the pen, hesitated an ap-

"Let Every Man in Camp Know the Iron Is Coming."

like thunderbolts. Rough men, desper-; sentence by sentence, was riveted.

Late in the afternoon a hurrying tone was steady. It would not be so

by the tone."

signed.

again only when he turned to meet the

dispatches. "The 'Flora' is at Sacra-

The superintendent handed the tele

Bennett moved away, and Gregory

took off his hat and threw back his

CHAPTER XIII.

Vanquished.

Alone in his chamber Phineas

Fulfilling his expectation in case

of discovery, certain merchants of San

steamer was still secret. He fumed

messenger overtook the "boss" with bad, he thought.

has just returned from New York tells he turned to his phone and rang up a story illustrative of the effort of J. the bank. Pierpont Morgan, the New York financier, to stop the financial depression.

been a large depositor and was known to be a man of scrupulous honesty, caller. the bank declined to grant him an exall that he best loved was lost. In. This was impossible, and bankruptcy

He wrote steadily for an hour, handed interview with Gov. Stanford that Morgan and state your case to him." nary people.

Word from J. P. Morgan Brought the manufacturer responded, hopelessly. "But I'll try, anyhow."

Mr. Morgan received him courteous-

"Mr. So and So is in my office," he said, "and tells me you have declined A Jewish manufacturer had been to grant him an extension of his notes. operating his business for some time It is just such people as you who are on credit. His notes fell due early making the condition serious. Unless those notes are renewed, I shall make Then the financier turned to his

"I think," he said, "you will find the bank willing to extend your notes. It was.

Perhaps the most uncomfortable moment in a man's life is that one in which he takes a seat in a box at a "No bank will loan you a cent," said play and sees his employer sitting in

BRIDESMAID HALF

GIRL AND GROOM NEARLY MADE MAN AND WIFE BEFORE DIS-COVERY OF MISTAKE.

ORGANIST WAS RESPONSIBLE

Preacher Begins Marriage Ritual When Music Stops-Real Bride's Arrival Unravels Tangle Just in Time.

St. Louis.-The momentary stopping of an organ at a time when Rev. T. L. Mueller, of the Bethel Evangelical English Congregational church, was impatiently waiting to perform a wedding almost precipitated Miss Clara Kanke into wedlock with Charles L. Reid, her friend's fiance.

Rev. Mr. Mueller had begun reading the marriage ceremony when the error was discovered through the arrival of Miss Caroline Loheide, the real bride. Miss Kanke and Mr. Reid were so much excited and embarrassed by their predicament that they were unable to stop Mr. Mueller long enough to explain that all the requirements of a wedding but a bride were on hand.

When the mistake was corrected by the marriage of Miss Lohelde and Mr. Reid, spectators in the church were no longer able to suppress their merriment and burst into loud laughter.

Miss Kanke volunteered to act as bridesmaid and went to the church in company with Mr. Reid. They, a flower girl and two other attendants drew themselves into line before the altar.

The organist had been playing vigorously. He looked from his loft and decided that there were enough in the party to supply a bride and bridegroom. He silenced the organ and hung over the railing to witness the ceremony.

Taking the stoppage of the organ as a signal that it was time to marry some one Rev. Mr. Mueller opened his ritual and began reading Miss Kanke into matrimony.

Miss Kanke nudged Reid, hoping to prompt him to some explanation. The



Rev. Mueller Began to Read Miss cated. Kanke Into Matrimony.

mere fact of being a bridegroom had rattled him. The knowledge that he was bridegroom to the wrong bride paralyzed his faculties. Miss Kanke only blushed and stammered. Those symptoms are so common in brides that they held no special significance club was raided that they sought sefor Rev. Mr. Mueller and the ceremony was on a fair way to make some business for a judge when Miss Loheide came into the church with Albert Maschmeier, best man.

The organist and Mr. Mueller both saw the mistake. The organist attacked his instrument afresh and played all the nuptial music he could call to mind in the next three min-

By this time Miss Loheide posted herself by the side of Mr. Reid, Miss Kanke and Maschmeier retreated to positions in the rear and the ceremony was resumed.

After the wedding the party went to the home of Mrs. Reid's father, There Miss Kanke was hailed as a near bride and the joke helped the celebration considerably.

Cut Away 100 Pounds of Fat.

Richmond, Va.-Andrew Bazzle, 55 years old, the heaviest man in the vallev of Virginia, is a patient in St. Luke's hospital, where he has just undergone an operation. Dr. Stuart Mc-Guire removed nearly 100 pounds of superfluous flesh from the man's abdomen. Bazzle experienced great relief after the removal of the tissue. He will probably be able to return to his home in a few days. Bazzle weighed 400 pounds before the operation. His weight began to tire him, so he declared he could no longer stand it. The big patient is married and has a large family.

Girl's Hair Is Torn Off. New York.-Kate Gorham, cashier

of a Williamsburg department store, is at a hospital in a critical condition as the result of a peculiar accident. A Washington treasury official who ly and listened to his statement. Then a wire parcel basket attached to a While she was standing in her booth cable caught in her hair, which was stripped from her head. Nearly her entire scalp was torn away, and the hospital surgeons have little hope of saving her life.

Solicitude.

you let Fido eat out of your hand."

"Oh, I know there's no danger to

you," impatiently rejoined his wife.

"I was thinking of Fido." - Chicago

Necessity for Action.

Nan-I was astonished to learn that

a fly.

FIND BEATTIE ROBBER TOWN'S MODEL YOUTH

MAN WHO TOOK \$25,000 IN JEWELS IS TEACHER IN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

London.-The burglar who robbed the wife of Capt. Beattie, daughter of the late Marshall Field, of \$25,000 in jewels last fall, taking them from her hunting lodge at Rugby, has been discovered, but no trace of the princely loot has been found.

The burglar was an artist. By day he conducted a small dry goods business in Leicester, being one of the highly respected merchants of the place, and by night he plied his trade as a burglar.

Sunday he taught in a Sunday school, and his particularly exemplary life and character won for him the



The Policeman Was Dazed When He Recognized His Prisoner.

local prize known as the "Town Hun-

dred." This consists of £100, or \$500, which is advanced for 12 years, without interest, to especially worthy young men to enable them to start in

The discovery of his burglaries caused a sensation. In addition to cleaning out three hunting boxes in one week, he committed several burglaries in Leicester itself and in the neighborhood of his own house.

These aroused keen local apprehensions, for John Spencer, the model merchant. Sunday school teacher and burglar, organized a public meeting which he addressed himself and protested eloquently against the inefficiency of the police protection of property.

He was caught in the act of robbing a place on April 9. He fought desperately in the dark with the policeman who captured him. When the burglar was finally overcome and dragged into the light the policeman was so dazed with astonishment when he recognized his prisoner as the up the number of kisses he has given model John Spencer that he all but let him slip away.

In his burglaries Spencer used drugs

he employed. More than 40 burglaries have been traced to the model merchant, but not reduced by half, and in the third a single article of all the valuables he | year to ten a day, while in the fifth stole has yet been recovered or lo- year his better half had to be content

GAMBLERS HIDE IN COFFINS.

Twenty-Two Players, All Dust and Cobwebs, Rounded Up.

South Norwalk, Conn.-So "dead" game were 22 players when a poker curity in caskets and coffin boxes. Others hid in an attic, and when rounded up ,all dust and cobwebs, they

were a sorry sight. Norwalk is a moral place. bling is tabooed. That a poker club existed under the guise of the Norwalk Social club was never suspected, but that is what the police and the prosecuting attorney state they found when they swooned down upon the

place at midnight. Two dozen men were around the tables, but two jumped 30 feet from | weft. a window into a pile of ashes and escaped. Others broke through a wooden partition to an undertaking place and hid in the coffins.

This Rat Chews Tobacco. New York .- A gray-bearded wharf rat at the Aiken lumber vard. Perth Amboy, N. J., chews tobacco.

Ed Thompson, watchman at the yard, uses a plug that reeks with licorice and molasses. Thompson left his plug to dry in the sun on a pile of boards; he saw a rat take a big chew

of the tobacco. After that Thompson, who is not selfish, and who is lonesome at the yard, left a chew of tobacco for the rat every day, and they became fast friends. Now the rat has the habit and comes to the watchman for its chew.

Straw Hat Saves Man's Life.

York, Pa.-Gored by a savage bull on his farm near Loganville, William Miller, aged 65 years, is lying at his home in a critical condition. To his straw hat he owes the fact that he is even alive.

The bull chased him about the barnyard, and after tossing him was about to trample upon his body when his hat blew off.

The bull started after his hat, and as it did so the old man crawled under a fence. Muscles and ligaments of his neck are torn and several ribs broken

Lil Billiwink had gone and married "Cyrus," hastily exclaimed Mrs. that Spriggins boy. Why, she's a good lymes, "you ought to be careful how ten years older than he is.

"Why, there isn't a bit of danger," said Mr. Jymes. "He wouldn't harm

Fan-I know it, but it had narrowed down to a choice between him and his father, and she had to decide quick .chi ago Tribune.

The Golfing Girl.

The golfing girl, the golfing girl, Queer are her ways and tricks; A man's heart serves her for a ball. And chapples are her "sticks." -Chicago Daily News. A KENTUCKY CASE.

That Will Interest All Suffering Women.

Mrs. Della Meanes, 328 E. Front. St., Maysville, Ky., says: "Seven years through the hips,

ago I began to notice sharp pain in the kidneys and a bearing down sensation dull headache and dizzy spells. Dropsy appeared, and my feet and ankles swelled so I could not get my shoes on.

I was in misery, and had despaired of ever getting cured when I decided to try Doan's Kidney Pills. One box helped me so much that I kept on until entirely cured."

Sold by all dealers, 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

KNEW WHAT THE JOB MEANT.

Angry Citizen Put Ordeal Up to Street Car Company.

Not long ago there entered the office of the superintendent of a trolley line in Detroit an angry citizen, demand-

ing "justice" in no uncertain terms. In response to the official's gentle inquiry touching the cause of the demand, the angry citizen explained that on the day previous as his wife was boarding one of the company's cars, the conductor thereof had stepped on his spouse's dress, tearing from it more than a vard of material. "I can't see that we are to blame for that," protested the superintendent. "What do you expect us to do, get her

a new dress?" "No, sir, I do not," rejoined the angry citizen, brandishing a piece of cloth. "What I propose is that you people shall match this material."-Harper's Weekly.

IS IT POSSIBLE?



"And who were the people who first thought of music, auntie?"

"Why, child, they are considered to be prehistoric. "Oh, auntie, how well you do remember!"

Dispenser of Kisses.

▲ Frenchman, who apparently has been amusing himself by reckoning his wife during the first 20 years of, his married life.

He finds that in the first year he to stupefy the sleeping inmates of the dispensed about 100 kisses a day, or, houses he entered. In one case a say, allowing for birthdays and legal child died from the effects of the drugs and church holidays, about 36,700 in the year.

with two a day, one in the morning

and one in the evening. What happened after the fifth year is "wrapped in mystery," but at the same rate of "progression" he probably arrived eventually at one kiss on the first of January every leap year .-

Chicago American. "Helpful Hints" That Hinder.

Many of the "helpful hints" followed by our mothers are now proved utterly useless, if not more harmful than helpful. For instance, no one now uses moist tea leaves to clean a carnet or rug, because of the inevitable staining. And salt used on a carpet collects dampness and rusts the tacks. Newspapers, dampened and torn, answer the purpose much more satisfactorily. Rugs should be shaken from the sides, for the strain of the weight on the end is very apt to loosen the

THE FIRST TASTE

Learned to Drink Coffee When a Baby.

If parents realized the fact that coffee contains a drug-caffeine-which is especially harmful to children, they would doubtless hesitate before giving the babies coffee to drink.

"When I was a child in my mother's arms and first began to nibble things at the table, mother used to give me ips of coffee. As my parents used coffee exclusively at meals I never knew there was anything to drink but coffee and water.

"And so I contracted the coffee habit early. I remember when quite young, the continual use of coffee so affected my parents that they tried roasting wheat and barley, then ground it in the coffee-mill, as a substitute for coffee.

"But it did not taste right and they went back to coffee again. That was long before Postum was ever heard of. I continued to use coffee until I was 27. and when I got into office work, I be gan to have nervous spells. Especially after breakfast I was so nervous I could scarcely attend to my correspondence.

"At night, after having coffee for supper, I could hardly sleep, and on rising in the morning would feel weak and nervous.

"A friend persuaded me to try Postum. My wife and I did not like it at first, but later when boiled good and strong it was fine. Now would not give up Postum for the

best coffee we ever tasted. "I can now get good sleep, am free from nervousness and headaches. I recommend Postum to all coffee drink-

"There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle

Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new interest.

one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human