I made my last appeal.

defiant and fearless.

CHAPTER XXIV.—Continued. vered when I was about to despair. I you patiently. Listen to me. I shall I shall give him my message before was successful to this extent: Sir have justice. You have chosen to ally you." Mortimer agreed to have a secret yourself with a forger, a thief, and a Pardon me if I refuse. I am unmeeting with the banker at this cha- would-be murderer. You will be armed, and Alphonse would have me

"To-day!" I stammered. "And Sir throw yourself on my mercy. Great Mortimer is dead!"

were in the kursaal with me." "You need say no more. I under- nearer to your precious Macedonians; the chateau only too well. A just fate | confessed to me, that Dr. Starva is | closed eyes. snatched from your lips the cup of one of the band of assassins who has from your hand only to tempt you messiah you look to for succor." with another. I have seen for myself

"Never!" interrupted Madame de Varnier, her voice trembling,

"And you wish me to do-what?" "An interview of half an hour and changed. Oh, I know that the move is sion-help me to rescue the great an. Five minutes passed; she smoked best augury of success. Look, I give you power such as few men have held. Sir Mortimer lies in that room dead. But there are four people only who know of his death: Dr. Starva, Alphonse, myself, and yourself. One hour after this interview, it will be given out that he has died suddenly from heart failure. But in the meanwhile the interview between yourself and the banker will have taken place."

"Woman, you are mad," I cried scornfully. "Let us suppose for the moment that this interview has taken place between myself and the banker. Let us say that the deception has proved to be completely successful. The loan is promised to Ferdinand, but how is that promise to be made good? There are papers to be signed and attested-there are checks to be drawn and receipts to be given. Who is to sign these documents-who is to sign the receipts? I, the false Sir Mortimer? Egregious folly! Your fanaticism has run away with your common sense. There is no pressure on earth that could make me consent to your scheme. Your banker would not be so great a fool as to be deceived, I say again, even if I consented. Did you think he would hand out a package to you containing millions as a grocer passes a packet of soap across the counter to a customer?"

That I should even discuss the matter with her at all seemed to her hopeful sign. She drew her chair closer to me. I regarded her disdainfully. For a clever woman, her scheme seemed to me preposterous on the face of it.

"Do you think, my dear monsieur, that the perplexities you mention have not occurred to me?" She was violently scornful in her turn. "Yes; and there are a hundred others. But I have thought of them all. Money? I have not mentioned money or checks or receipts. I am not quite an imbecile. I have arranged all that. You have simply to see this Kuhn. There will be no discussion. You will lay before him an ultimatum. If he agrees, a document will be given to him promising on the part of England her moral support. This document will have been officially sealed by the minister of the British Foreign Office. It will already have the signature of Sir Mortimer Brett."

She leaned close to me. Her breath was in my face. Her eyes were liquid fire. Because I was silent for the moscorn was too great for utterance. "A forgery!" I said at last.

ture of Sir Mortimer Brett."

Mortimer is dead?" "Dr. Starva is a clever penman.

That is why he is useful."

to goad me to enraged impatience.

are a fool-a fool to think that your face." scheme can be successful-

shall succeed-

may count on that? I am willing too bars. And you-" cance till last night? Madame de Var- my net." nier, be advised by me before it is too It is true. If I have come to this chateau as your guest, it was to spy on with." you-to learn what I have just learned. to learn what I shall learn."

"Do you think I have been blind to and fear. that?" she interrupted, smiling dis-

the violence of the Middle Ages—last-ly, when the woman whom I have will be punished presently. In the have paid \$5 for them as readily as shall have it. Be sure of that."

murder Helena Brett?"

I flung myself into my chair again with a careless assurance I did not feel. I remembered Locke's warning: look out for the Countess Sarahoff. She was about to scratch, and I was to sheen of a japanned box. feel her claws. For this woman, exquisite in feature, was at heart barbaric; the fierce cunning and treach- Sir Mortimer's dishonor were in that ery of the tigress were hers when

writing of Sir Mortimer Brett?"

She had opened a drawer of the ta-

not seen the box. If the proofs of

dispatch box it would not be many

minutes before I had destroyed them.

useful as an original," she said coolly,

and, placing the box on the table, she

unlocked it with a little key that hung

dispatch box two envelopes. Their

shape and bulk suggested vividly the

nackets that she and Dr. Starva had

been examining in the hotel at Vitznau.

trusting person," I sneered. "No,

madame, I am not quite so callow as

that. A copy may be forged. Per-

haps you are as clever with the pen

as Dr. Starva. Show me the originals

mockingly. "And you wrong yourself.

I am not so stupid as to expect you to

take these typewritten copies for

granted. Nor am I so stupid as to

"Again it looks like a deadlock. The

burden of proof lies with yourself. As

you say, I am not familiar with the

handwriting of Sir Mortimer. Who is

"One whose word you will scarcely

I raised my clenched hand. Her

cruel smile made me for the moment

forget her sex. If she had been a man

"Then, that was your message. You

"She will be waiting in the music

room below. It is for you to say if

I lowered my hands slowly. "I have

sonality of the devil. I believe it now.

"Let us understand each other first.

In this envelope are copies of certain

dispatches and notes made by Sir Mor-

timer. . The originals are in a safe

that is in the third room yonder. You

will examine these copies. It will be

for you to determine whether Miss

Brett is to be the final arbiter of Sir

"And if I refuse to call on Miss

"Sooner or later she shall see these

"What advantage will that be to you

when I have failed to be a partner to

"I shall be revenged on you, mon-

sieur." Her eyes glittered. "And my

revenge will be profitable. The Rus-

sian or Austrian governments would

pay a long price for the papers in the

"I will give you your own price for

"And be robbed of my revenge?

ments that night at Vitznau. You

gained access to that apartment by

passing me off as Sir Mortimer. Where

did you find them? How did you know

"Sir Mortimer had hidden them be-

tween the folds of a Venetian blind.

That they were concealed in his rooms

at Vitznau was told Dr. Starva by Sir

Mortimer himself. When he had left

Sofia for Lucerne he was very ill. He

was accompanied only by his physic-

ian, his nurse, and his valet. I need

hardly say that Dr. Starva was the

physician; myself, the nurse; and Al-

phonse, the valet. But Lucerne savor-

ed too much of publicity for our plans.

Even Vitznau was not desirable, espe-

cially in view of the alarming state

of Sir Mortimer's health. This cha-

documents hidden in his room at Vitz-

Starva with consternation. He joined

me in Lucerne, thinking that our

"In the meanwhile you had met one

who might yet rescue your plans from

failure. The rest I can guess. Secret-

ly you had the body of Sir Mortimer

conveyed to this chateau. Provided

your tool could be coaxed or brow-

this horrible story. Show me the pa-

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

beaten into submission- Enough of

Mortimer's guilt or innocence."

your nefarious intrigues.

safe, M. Coward."

them." I said hoarsely.

ready for the proofs?"

they were there?"

lapse.

I think I could have killed her then.

doubt-the sister of Sir Mortimer."

might destroy them, for instance."

to vouch for its genuineness?"

have sent for her?"

Show me the papers."

Brett?"

"You wrong me," she protested

"Evidently you think me a very

at her chatelaine. She took out of the

"If that is the case, a copy is as

CHAPTER XXV.

Countess Sarahoff Tempts Me. "Before we settle our affairs I must speak to Alphonse.'

"To what purpose?" I demanded suspiciously.

"You shall hear for yourself. Have "At least it was easier. I perse- Madame de Varnier, I have listened to no fear that I am to play you a trick.

dragged down with him unless you at his mercy.'

"Bah, I begin to think I should call or nothing." God, your madness reaches its apoth- you by your true name. If you forbid "I learned of his death when you eosis in this: you resort to every crime me to speak to Alphonse, I shall be that you may bring freedom a little dumb. Now what have you to say?" She lighted a cigarette, smiled destand why you have brought me to and I know, as absolutely as if he had fiantly and regarded me between half-

"It looks like a deadlock," I said success. But fate dashed one cup doomed to a violent death the very cheerfully. "If you are obstinate I can be obstinate as well. At any rate She stared at me a full half minute, I shall not open that door until I that I bear a sufficiently marked re- this adventuress with nerves of steel. have seen the proofs of Sir Mortimer semblance to deceive one who has But it was the woman, the lover, who Brett's dishonor. If time is valuable known Sir Mortimer but slightly. Per- looked up at me. She loved Ferdi- to me, allow me to suggest that it is haps Kuhn has never actually met Sir nand; I read it in her anguished face. even more so to you. You tell me that the interview between Sir Morti-"Cast off that scoundrel before it is mer and the banker was to have taken too late-before he betrays you. Help place to-day."

me to bring him to justice before he I had spoken with downright assurdooms to death the prince you ance. But I had my misgivings as I the destinies of a nation will be worship. Make to me a full confes- noted the sullen defiance of the woma desperate one. Its audacity is the name of Sir Mortimer Brett from the furiously. I began to pace the room dishonor that you ayer (but have in I listened at the door of the little no way proved) besmirches it—and I chamber in which she had said Cap- she is to be spared the ordeal. You swear to you that you shall be spared." tain Forbes was imprisoned. I did will cause her the suffering, not I." She laughed at my appeal. If the not again knock at this door. I laughter was hysterical, it was also thought it impossible that my voice laughed at the old doctrine of the percould be heard. Presently I opened



"A Copy Is as Useful as an Original," She Said, Coolly.

ment she imagined me tempted. But played my last card? Do you think I of Sir Mortimer, my back to the if I were silent it was because my am so easily frightened by your scowls woman. and loud voice? The dishonor of Sir | Was he indeed guilty as she had Mortimer Brett not yet proved? It is said? It seemed incredible that the "Listen. The document itself is of- proved only too surely, and you are to heart of this noble gentleman had ficial. It awaited merely the signa- see those proofs presently. You have been black with guile. The face, pal- Mr. Stanley Walters, an obscure Engcalled me a fool more than once; per- lid in death, had the majesty of death. lish tourist. "How was that obtained, since Sir mit me to return the compliment in It had, too, that same noble serenity all sincerity. I have told you much- that had so impressed me when I first Sir Mortimer felt some misgivings for enough to send Dr. Starva and myself saw Helena Brett. to jail for many tedious years. But I My reflections were rudely disturb-I sprang to my feet, pushing back can trust you with my secrets because my chair so abruptly as to overturn I know only too surely that you dare of the staircase shocked me into tardy it. Dr. Starva's name was a red flag not betray them. You will realize heed of Madame de Varnier. that presently; have no fears. You "And this is the forgery that is to see I can threaten as well as yourself, save a nation!" I cried in fierce con- and behind my threats is something tempt. "I say again and again, you more formidable than a scowling the closed door. It was a short mes-

"Very well," I cried, not without sat-"Will England repudiate an act of isfaction (for I had offered to spare her minister because he dies shortly her because I pitied, rather than beafter attesting it? I tell you, mon-sieur, I have counted the chances. I stand each other thoroughly. In 24 hours I shall have done my best to put "And the loyalty of Dr. Starva? You you and your dear comrade behind the

believe that your mad project has "I shall drag you with us if you by been planned with the hope that it any chance are successful. You say may benefit your oppressed race. I you did not take the drug-that you will give to you the doubtful virtue of were acting that you might keep fanaticism. But that arch-fiend Star- watch on our movements. Who will va-it is impossible that he be influ- believe you? Captain Forbes? I think enced by an unselfish motive. That not. You will find it difficult, my dear death-mask, did you know its signifi- monsieur, to extricate yourself from

"Say that I grant that," I said conlate. You have said I am your enemy, temptuously, "you have still the possible treachery of Dr. Starva to deal

This time she controlled her agitation, though in her eyes lurked terror

"For the present Dr. Starva is powerless. Had I remained in ignorance "Had the treachery been absent- of the meaning of that horrible stamp had the foul play of thugs and mur- I might have listened to your warnderers not been resorted to-I should ings with some misgivings. But since still have refused to aid you. But you have deepened my suspicions conwhen I find myself secretly watched cerning him, I have been able to rewhile I am your guest-when I am arrange my plans. Dr. Starva is no perfidiously effered a drug, which, by longer necessary to me. Even if he is ed them among a pile of iron holders the way, I did not take-when I see a member of the Committee of Free and dust cloths she bought them withan English gentleman treated with dom, he is no more dangerous than worn to help is shot at by a lurking meanwhile their intended victim is she did 50 cents. villain—I have a right to my revenge. warned. No, Monsieur Haddon, your shall have it. Be sure of that."

"You say that Starva attempted to urder Helena Brett?"

"I have waited patiently enough, I hope, madam."

Warned. No, Monsieur Haddon, your threats do not frighten me. On the she sighed with satisfaction; as she hugged her little bundle close to her side and departed with her chum.

"What are they—wash rags?"

"My dear Monsieur Haddon, you are | the door of the oratory and looked too delicious. Do you think I have down in deep thought at the calm face

ed. A sudden blow struck on the door the proofs of his dishonor would be

She was giving her message to Alphonse after all. She had taken my nau. His unexpected death filled Dr. hint of making herself heard through sage. I had not understood one word schemes had utterly failed." of it. Though she had raised her voice almost to a shout, she had doubtless spoken in her native tongue. She reseated herself complaisantly, offering me her cigarette case

"Now I am ready, monsieur, for our little affair."

"The sooner it is over the better." I said, irritated that she had stolen a

pers.

## For An Old-Time Room

Articles Were Just the Thing Miss M. Was Looking For:

They were at a utility table at a ed to ignore them-to consider them, running through the scalloped edge on one side-but when Miss M. discoverout even asking the price, and in her

"Just what I have wanted for ages,"

"What are they?" demanded her

"Easily telling you're not from New England," replied Miss M., who then charity bazaar, and everybody seem- explained the mission of hushers. "They slip over the edges of soap probably, only ugly little bands of dishes and other articles of the washwhite crocheted cotton, with a cord stand furnishing, and, as their name suggests, deaden all noise. They are so quaint and oldtimey, and will give just the finishing touch to my colonial bedroom."

> A Story from Germany. The doctor had forbidden his patient

to drink alcoholic beverages. The pa tient replied: "But, doctor, you your-self drink alcohol." "Yes, my good friend, but not as a doctor," replied the man of medicine; "when I drink I do so only as an ordinary man."

# "Are you familiar with the hand- BOON TO THE COOK Friting of Sir Mortimer Brett?"

ble at which we sat. I caught the SOME APPETIZING DISHES OF SWEET CORN. "No," I said, pretending that I had

> Delicacy Can Be Utilized in Many Different Ways-Proper Method of Frying-Corn Pudding a Delicious Confection.

There is no product of the soil that can be utilized in so many different ways, and always so appetizingly, as sweet corn. Now that it is in season, we can get it at its best,-fresh from the market gardener,-but, even if we buy it in cans, we have the comfortable assurance that it will respond gracefully to the efforts of any cook who understands how to handle it.

lineator readers who have never eat. Washington.—Apply at the reen fried corn there certainly is a culinary delight in store for them. At the first opportunity, therefore, let them take some young, tender green ors, which was fixed more than 50 corn-a dozen ears will not be too years ago, and it was expected that many for a family of four or five- when the increase is granted there trust the originals in your hands. You and let them see that the corn is will be a rush of recruits. scraped carefully from the cob. Let corn a very little flour should then be past to secure increases in pay. sifted, with salt and pepper to taste. In the meantime, let some slices of tematic preparations that are being fat bacon be placed over the fire in a made to lay the subject of "something trying-pan, to remain until all the wrong in the army" before congress at grease has been extracted. When this the next session it has been discoverhas been done the meat should be re- ed that this belief is founded in error moved and the corn put into the pan and that several nations are much to fry in the bacon fat until it has be- more liberal in the treatment of their come deliciously brown and tender, soldiers than is the United States. but it must be stirred almost constantly during the 15 or 20 minutes that it tention of congress in connection will take to cook it. If not, it will with the subject of a general in-

> Corn Pudding.-A corn pudding is and navy. another dish that will never be forgotten after one has eaten it. To make it, take a dozen ears of tender corn and remove the kernels as for fried corn. Beat separately the whites and yolks of four eggs. Add the yolks to one tablespoonful of granulated sugar and two tablespoonfuls of butter that have previously been rubbed together. Beat very lightly, then add one quart salt. Mix together thoroughly, then band of the daughter of Mrs. John A. beaten to a froth, stirring them well his wife. into the mixture. Bake the mixture in a piece of brown paper over the top of the report which has been made of the baking-pan to prevent the pud- after a full and careful investigation ding from getting too brown. As an of the charges. The inspector general accompaniment to the roast nothing of the army has had several of his could be better than such a corn pud- best inspectors at work on the case, ding.-Charles E. Jordan, in The Del and testimony has been sought upon report. lineator.

How to Cover Jellies. There are three methods in common

They are beyond price. Come, you 1. Dip a round of paper in either weary me with questions. Are you alcohol or brandy, lay this on top of act upon the report before starting make any statement." the jelly as soon as it is cold, then for the Philippi put the tin cover of the glass over the were stolen from Sir Mortimer's apart-

top 2. Dip a round of paper in slightly beaten white of egg; cover the glass with this and press down over the glass till the paper adheres closely. For this method the paper must be large enough to overlap the top of the glass at least half an inch on all sides.

3. Cover the jelly when cold with melted paraffin wax, having the wax a quarter of an inch thick, as it contracts when cold and if too thin a por tion of the jelly will be left uncovered. The wax melts at a very low temperature, so that if put in a cup and the cup placed in hot water for a few minutes it will be liquid enough to

French Tomato Salad. This is rather a novelty in salads, and one that is generally liked:

teau was our rendezvous. But on the way here Sir Mortimer suffered a col-Peel and chop fine two small apples and two medium-sized onions. Take "Dr. Starva remained with his pasix or eight tomatoes, peel and chop tient; I returned to Lucerne to throw about half of them, mixing the pulp off suspicion as to our movements. In with the apples and onions. Rub a an obscure village in the mountains few breadcrumbs on a clove of garlic. Sir Mortimer died. Or, rather, it was and add them to the salad, also two not Sir Mortimer Brett, Minister of cold boiled potatoes, which have been His Britannic Majesty at Sofia, but a sliced and chopped. Add to the salad a tablespoonful of vinegar, two of oil, and a little powdered sugar, salt and "I regret to say that before he died pepper. Mix all thoroughly together, and let stand about an hour. Cut the his conduct. He realized that the end remainder of the tomatoes in slices, was near, and that sooner or later and also two hard-boiled eggs, and arrange on the top of the salad, which discovered. In his delirium he raved may be garnished with nasturtium continually of certain incriminating flowers and leaves if liked.

A pretty way to arrange bedroom window curtains is this: The upper sash it hung with a dainty flowered muslin, and the lower with a filmy madras. Both are simple sash curtains and thus will be easily laundered. The colored curtain is protected from the light by the shade, which is usually drawn to the middle of the window. For this reason the colored curtain will not be liable to

The colored curtain is much prettier if ruffled with white. This scheme gives a charming touch of color at the windows, but admits of the use of the sash curtain as a screen for the lower part of the window.

. Fruit Creams. Any sort of fruit may be used for these. Stewed apples are particularly nice, also gooseberries, rhubarb, or any of the berry or stone fruits in season. Stew the fruit in the usual way with a little water and sugar; when quite tender, mash well and pass it through a coarse sieve. When perfectly cool, half fill custard or jelly glasses with the sweetened pulp. Beat up the whites of two eggs to a firm froth, whisk separately a gill of cream. mix both together and sweeten to taste; flavor with a drop or two of vanilla if liked; put some of the cream on top of each glassful of fruit pulp, and hand round with ice wafers, or fingers of sponge cake.

Take two quarts of grated corn, one quarter of a pound of butter, one pint of milk, two eggs, one tablespoonful of flour, salt to taste, beat well together. Bake three-quarters of an hour in a slow oven.

# Washington Gossip

Interesting Bits of News Picked Up Here and There at the National Capital

## CAMPAIGN ON TO RAISE PAY OF OUR SOLDIERS.

pay of United States soldiers and sail-

It has been generally assumed that the corn be cut through the center of Uncle Sam's soldiers were by far the the kernel, so that all the pulp and best paid in the world, and that belief juices may be extracted without the has in large part been the cause of removal of any of the hulls. Over the the failure of attempts made in the

But now, in connection with the sys-

The fact will be brought to the atcrease in the salaries of both army



Beat very lightly, then add one quart of Sweet milk and a teaspoonful of pay department of the army, hus-family skeleton is not paraded exadd the corn and beat again until the Logan, who is now stationed at Chi- avoided. blend is perfected. Add the whites cago, will not be court-martialed on of the eggs, which must have been the charges preferred against him by

This is the opinion of army officers the Pacific slope and in the Philip-

The report has been prepared and forwarded to Secretary Taft, who is the report has been prepared. We It is expected that Secretary Taft will officially of its contents before we can

in all matters affecting the private report is published.



A Canadian sergeant, for instance, enters upon his service with a wage of one dollar per day, which increases according to the provisions of the longevity laws to \$1.25.

The American sergeant gets \$18 a month at first, and the expenses are larger than the Canadian non-commissioned officer, because of the considerable difference in the scale of living and the lower tariff rates upon the

necessities of life in Canada. Even Cuba pays her soldiers three times as much as the American private. The Cuban rural guard gets the pay of a New York policeman. Other countries than these two exceed America in the pay allowed their soldiers, and data is being gotten together to make up a strong case to demonstrate to congress that the real reason for the numerous desertions from the American army is not dissatisfaction with the hard work, or dislike for some particular officer, nor even the lack of a simple and well regulated canteen, but the small wage paid to the soldier compared with the compensation in civil life.

#### NO TRIAL FOR TUCKER ON CHARGES OF WIFE

cept upon occasions which cannot be

Mrs. Logan and Mrs. Tucker are in Washington. When informed that the report of the inspector general had been sent to Secretaary Taft they a slow oven for about an hour, keeping who are familiar with the contents both said they had no advices concerning the status of the case, that they had not been called upon for testimony by the inspectors who were assigned to the case, and that they had no knowledge of the substance of the

"It would be highly improper for us to say anything at this time," said Mrs. Logan. "We do not know that at Murray Bay enjoying a vacation. must await its publication and know

Army officers who are in a posi- her mother and will not discuss the tion to know the substance of the re- case in advance of the publication of port say that the inspectors have the report. Neither she nor Mrs. not found sufficient evidence to war- Logan would at this time give any exrant the department in ordering a pression concerning plans for further court-martial. Mrs. Tucker has the proceedings in the event the report is, civil courts open to her for redress as expected, adverse to the charges if she desires, and may sue for a made against Col. Tucker. If they divorce without consulting the offi- contemplate the institution of civil cials of the war department, but offi- proceedings in the courts that fact cials say the department goes slowly | will not be discussed until after the

## **INCREASE IN IMPORTS** BENEFITS WHOLE WORLD

profited from the large increase in im- iron alone shows an increase in the portations during the fiscal year just 11 months ending with May of nearly ended. This gain, as already announced by the bureau of statistics of the de- alone, pig tin an increase of \$3,500,000 partment of commerce and labor, and cotton cloths, cotton laces, silk, amounts to over \$200,000,000 compared with the preceding year.

is in imports from Europe, \$33,000,000 in imports from Asia, \$25,000,000 in imports from North America, about \$20,000,000 in imports from South dom, Germany, France, Brazil, Japan, British India, Cuba, Italy, Egypt and United States



grand divisions of the world, have 000,000 over the preceding year. Pig \$7,000,000 from the United Kingdom crude India rubber and manufactures of various sorts, as well as many other Of this increase about \$115,000,000 less important articles, show a considerable growth.

From Germany imports show an advance of about \$26,000,000. This occurs chiefly in beet sugar, chemicals, America, nearly \$10,000,000 in imports | kid gloves, silks, knit goods and paper from Africa and about 5,000,000 in im- manufactures, the largest single inports from Oceania. The United King- crease being in sugar, which alone shows an increase in the 11 months ending with May of nearly \$6,000,000 China are the chief beneficiaries from compared with the 'immediately preforeign purchases by the people of the ceding year. From France the im ports show a gain of about \$21,000,000. The largest increase in imports from chiefly in silks, laces, diamonds, gloves one country is from the United King- and other manufactured articles.



there is not a dentist in the whole

to congress at its session this winter. Gen. Rixey will urge three important measures, upon which he is now submitted to the secretary of the the employment of a sufficient number cal state.

#### **NAVY WITHOUT DENTISTS:** TEETH OF SAILORS BAD

17 ITH 30,000 enlisted men in its; of dentists to attend to the needs of service, dependent almost wholly the enlisted men in the service and on the aid they receive aboard ship, the creation of a corps of women nurses. In his last report Gen. Rixey naval service. This is the showing showed, and also when he appeared that Surgeon General Rixey will make | before the house and senate naval affairs committees, that a very large percentage of the sickness in the navy was directly attributable to the lack working, and which will later be in- of dentists aboard ship and at the corporated in his annual report to be various naval stations. He said he considered this one of the most impornavy. He will urge in the strongest tant matters upon which congress terms possible that congress pass a law | could act, as the whole ability of the authorizing the reorganization and en- sailors properly to perform their dulargement of the naval hospital corps, ties was dependent upon their physi-

Not a Question of Fish Only.

"The older bachelors grow, the more conceited they become," said Ada Lewis, of "Fascinating Flora." "I was talking to one recently, and I asked him why he did not marry. He evaded the question by describing a series of young women he had known and finding some fault with each one. the day before he was to make a cer-But all of them, it seemed, had mar-

"You are in danger of getting left,' peared this paragraph: said to him. You had better hurry up before it is too late. must "Oh," said the bachelor, "there are on!")"

| just as good fish left in the sea.' "'I know that,' I said, 'but the bait -isn't there danger of the bait becoming stale?" "-Young's Magazine.

Vanity.

Apropos of vanity, Secretary Root told at Yale about a politician who, tain speech, sent a 41-page report of it to all the papers. On page 20 ap-"But the hour grows late, and I must close. ('No, no! Go on! Go