CHAPTER XXVI.

Incriminating Dispatches.

deftly in some sort of order. ter of Ferdinand is in that language; tool of Russia? Sir Mortimer's notes and answers are, of course, in English."

I drew toward me the first of the

papers she indicated. "You are nothing if not modern in down the page. "Your safes and Roumania. typewriters bring back to me the asso-

he cashes it." instrument," she yawned, "and I am fall. We do not desire bloodshed. tial guarantee could justify me in tak- safe." proud of my success in mastering it. There shall be none, we swear it, if ing the risks involved." As for the safe, if you have been a England will support the insurgent (Third letter to Sir Mortimer from banker, you know that the combina- party. But in any case Bulgaria must the society.) tion is carefully guarded, M. Coward." be free.

It gave her the cruelest delight to taunt me with the shameful word. Durso at least half a dozen times. I bent of the people. my attention on the paper before me. I translate roughly Ferdinand's let-

"(Strictly confidential.) "Hotel du Rhin, "Place Vendome, Paris, "May 23.

"My Dear Sir Mortimer: "I expect to start for Sofia via Vienna and Budapest in about a week; I trust I shall see you at the Palace shortly after my arrival. Meanwhile let me urge on you once more that you exert without further delay your great influence with your Foreign Office, that your ministers may be convinced that the crisis has come-the opportunity we have so long awaited. Now or never I must lead my army to the succor of the distressed people of Macedonia. I think that the profound knowledge you have always shown of affairs in the Balkan Peninsula must make you realize the truth of this statement. It is useless for me to repeat my arguments. For what you have done I thank you. But it is not to the diplomatist i am now speaking, but to the man. I have written this letter with my own hand, for reasons that you will understand.

"Believe me, my dear Sir Mortimer "Faithfully yours. "Ferdinand."

"I see nothing incriminating in this the usual run of letters.

"You will notice on the back of the letter this brief statement: 'Answered. June 3d, M. B.' As to the answer of the letter it is equally innocent. It is simply the guarded reply of a diplomatist dealing with a delicate topic. In these typewritten copies this letter and its answer are meaningless. The originals are simply useful to prove the authenticity of Sir Mortimer's handwriting."

I scanned the answer. It was not an exact copy, but the substance of Sir Mortimer's letter jotted down to refresh his memory:

"I replied in substance as follows: It was useless to bring up the matter again; my personal wishes would not be sufficient to change the programme of the Foreign Office; at present I did not see my way clear to advocate as a diplomatist England's espousal of this cause; I would continue to lay the matter before the Foreign Office: more than that, when events justified the act, I would see that such influence as I possessed was exerted in the manner Prince Ferdinanl wished; but at present I could offer no encouragement."

(Note concerning the above, also in Sir Mortimer's handwriting.)

"This reply will put an end, I think, to further correspondence in that quarter. Certainly, the hopes of the nation seem so radically devirgent from those of the ruler that I can favor one only at the expense of the other. Naturally, I prefer to favor the party that

handwriting and signature of Sir Mor- of the postal authorities were in sym-

receive the papers I had read. I did treachery in the camp.' not relinquish them, however. I laid them carelessly on my knee as if to traitor to the cause he will receive his refer to them later.

"That remains to be proved," I said enough to me; on the face of it it the sheet. Read it," she commanded would mean simply that Sir Morti- harshly. mer's interests were identical with the interests of England."

"We shall see," she returned with confidence. "The papers of the second envelope, which I have called Documents B, are all in English. The writer was evidently an educated Bul- diplomatic duties hitherto as a magar of the official class; many of this class are trained at Roberts College, Now I find that I am human; that I by himself. and speak and write English fluently." "Sofia, Headquarters of the Society of

"To His Excellency, Sir Mortimer Consul General to His Britannic Ma-

jesty at the Court of Sofia: "Sir: We of the Society of Freedom wait patiently and anxiously for your Bulgaria's cause; but I protested that many things which otherwise we ther that the fine was paid. It was Excellency's answer to our humble petition. We trust your Excellency does not ignore this petition because England are my own; but if it could less say something. Thus we promote the signatures of the petitioners are be done without too great a risk, I be the publishing business, create a denot added thereto. Surely your Ex- lieve, God help me, I would further my mand for wood pulp, assist in the decellency understands that the dictates of prudence make it inevitable that it I am tempted." is sent to you anonymously.

tolerated by his subjects. We fear clear: The people of Bulgaria pledge the British Foreign Office, however, their word, through this committee, does not realize the extent of Prince | that if England gives to the insurgent She had been arranging the papers Ferdinand's unpopularity. Even if party is support in overthrowing the your ministers care nothing for that, rule of Ferdinand, the relation of Eng- me," I said indifferently. "But be sure

"He has asked Russia repeatedly England. that he be recognized a King, and that he receive that title. His vanity is aware that your Excellency's incon- leave a helpless girl to bear the dissuch that he would sacrifice the free- venience and labor must be recom- grace of her dead brother, when by a dom of his people to be on equal terms | pensed. The sum of £20,000 is al- word you might save her the sufferyour methods," I scoffed, glancing with the sovereigns of Servia and ready placed in the Ottoman bank, ing. Your pretended honor is so pre-

"Once more, perhaps for the last mand." ciations of my banking business. And time, we petition your Excellency to a banker, let me warn you, scans the exert the extraordinary influence your above letter.) signature of a draft carefully before Excellency possesses, that the English Minister be advised in time. The gov- tioned was too ludicrously small to be these flimsy typewritten copies? You "The typewriter is an amusing little ernment of Prince Ferdinand must considered. Only the most substandant must let me see the papers in the

"We do not ask for the active aid of England. We beg that England placed in the Ottoman bank to your ing the next half hour she insulted me shall not interfere with the ambitions Excellency's account. The society

son to regret being our friend. And lency give his answer without delay?" there are other means of rewarding (Note by Sir Mortimer pinned to friendship besides empty words of the above letter.) gratitude. Let your Excellency once "I have taken the step. It is too late I refuse absolutely, not only to help assure us of you intention to support to ask myself now whether I have you, but to believe that Sir Mortimer our cause, and we shall make this been indiscreet. If I have consulted is guilty.' more clear.

such expressions were hideously sig- cue them from my grasp. When she nificant. But I met calmly the male- saw that it was too late, she laughed volent triumph of Madame de Varnier. | boisterously-a laughter that showed

"When you read the next letter," at once contempt, defiance and trishe said, watching me closely, "you umph. will understand the meaning of the "Bravo!" She clapped her hands expression, 'There are other means of dersively. "You take your precaurewarding friendship besides empty tions. You are desperate. Protest as words of gratitude.' Even so stanch an | you will, you are convinced of Sir Moradvocate of Sir Mortimer's honor as timer's guilt." "You are mistaken," I replied coolyourself must realize that in the vords you have just read, he was enly. "But even if these papers are true deavoring to discover just what that copies of genuine documents, it is as well that even the copies be destroyed.

vague promise meant." I received the next letter in silence. If they are forgeries, and you have yet "To His Excellency, etc.:

to prove to me they are not, they are

"Another copy is easily made, so

"You are never weary of insulting

"No; you are so brave that you

"Silence, woman!" I cried passion-

"If you are desperate enough to de-

stroy a copy, I should scarcely trust

you with the original. For the last

time, must the woman you love know

of her brother's disgrace? I am in

your power: perhaps you hope that I

shall be coaxed into opening the safe.

"I should have resorted to that

measure long ago had I thought it

would prove effectual. It seems that

there is again a deadlock between us.

"If I show the papers in the safe to

Helena Brett, even she must believe

the evidence of her eyes. Shall I call

her and ask her if she recognizes her

brother's handwriting? If you believe

so strongly as you profess that Sir

Mortimer was innocent of wrong-do-

"I would spare her even the thought

"That is impossible. She shall see

"'Sufficient unto the day is the evil

"Again we must compromise it ap-

thereof," I quoted flippantly; but I

began to think it inevitable that

pears. I will call Sir Mortimer's sister

here. She shall see the papers-de-

cide for herself and for you whether

they are genuine. You see, I am

strong enough to prevent a woman

from destroying the originals as you

"And when she has seen those pa-

pers?" I asked thoughtfully. "Say

ven that she herself believes them

"It will be for her to decide. Per

haps she will refuse to ask you to do

what I wish. Perhaps she will offer

to you happiness if you consent. She

shall be the one to decide. You pro-

fess to believe that Sir Mortimer is

innocent. More than that, you think

her soul so white that she will refuse

even if she believes her brother guilty,

to rescue his memory from dishonor

She had put into words my own

"We will let her decide." I said

CHAPTER XXVII.

The Two Women.

mands to my servant through the

closed door?" asked Madame de Var-

I unlocked the door of the staircase

"Has Miss Brett come to the cha-

teau as I wished?" Madame de Var-

nier spoke naturally through the half-

opened door, not betraying my pres-

"She is waiting in the music room,

"I shall do as madam wishes. But

this American, this man we called his

Excellency-he surprised me just now

"He came here to keep an appoint-

-has he intruded on madam or-"

in silence, taking the precaution, how-

ever, of not admitting Alphonse.

"And am I again to shout my com-

those papers-if not to-day, to-morrow,

the next day; it makes little difference

ing, you will not refuse that."

Helena Brett be summoned.

have destroyed the copies."

genuine? What then?

with dishonor.'

nier ironically.

ence behind it.

"Bring her here."

madam."

thought.

quietly.

to me."

of its possibility," I said sternly.

Or are you about to compel me?"

ately. "Do you think I am convinced

long as I have the combination of my

safe, M. Coward."

of blackmail."

woman whom you love."

"Our answer to your Excellency's dangerous toys, and so better dekind letter wishes to make this fact stroyed." "You read French, I think? The let- do they feel no concern that he is the land to Bulgaria shall be similar to of this, you will find I am not coward that which exists between Egypt and enough to yield weakly to your scheme

"The Society of Freedom is fully payable to your Excellency on de- cious to you that you scorn to aid the

(Note by Sir Mortimer pinned to the

"To this I replied that the sum men- of Sir Mortimer's guilt because of

"To His Excellency, Etc.:

"The sum of £50,000 has been trusts that this sum will be sufficient "Your Excellency shall have no rea- to justify the risks. Will your Excel-

my own wishes, if I have furthered "Your Excellency knows the man- my own plans, I feel that I am justified



I Tore Them to Atoms Before Her Eyes.

ner in which your answer may be con- | morally. I am helping an oppressed veyed to this society. spect, we submit ourselves,

Freedom. I placed this letter on my knee with the others I had read.

"This Society of Freedom, is it concerned with the trick of the death-

mask stamp?" "I fear so," she answered in a low "Then has the fact no significance

for you that Dr. Starva received a letpromises the most for my own inter- ter with one of those stamps on the ing of bribes. envelope last night? These stamps "I told you that the originals are are proscribed. They could be sent particularly useful to identify the through the mail only because certain demanded gloomily. timer. But observe, monsieur, the ex- pathy with the revolutionaries. Letpression: 'Naturally, I prefer to favor ters with these stamps, it is safe to the party that promises the most for infer, would be sent only to those who about her neck. my own interests.' That sentence is are equally in sympathy. Dr. Starva to be remembered when you read the must be favorable to this party, if he other letters. It has its significance." is not actually one of the committee. Again she stretched out her hand to I warned you last night that there was

"If Dr. Starva has proved to be a punishment. The memorandum of Sir Mortimer's reply to the letter you grimly. "The expression seems simple have just read is pinned on the back of

"It is a perplexing dilemma that has confronted me. To keep my honor as a minister intact, and yet not to sacrifice my own personal hopes. I think this is the first temptation of my diplomatic career. I have fulfilled my am a man, with a man's weaknesses. I say to myself, is my excuse. But any beast slop over, in the true sense money to be had, "shingle scrip" be-Brett, Minister plenipotentiary and lofty principles are not sufficient. I of the term. These distinctions we came the currency of the land. disguised my true feeling in answer- owe to the gift of speech. ing this letter by vague objections. I The gift of speech, moreover, lays us to convince me. The interests of have nothing to say, we may neverthedate the law to prevailing conditions.

"I say I am tempted;" "If it could discontent and contribute, at length, "Your Excellency must be familiar be done without too great risk, I be to progress and petulance.

With our greivances. Our present ruler cannot and will not be longer my own ambitions at her expense"—

Speech a means of concealing thought,

people gain their liberty. My own "With profound expressions of re- recompense is meager enough. If the Foreign Office should probe the mat-

"The Committee of the Society of ter, and discover the extent of my indiscretion, my diplomatic career will be ended. But I am content to do a little evil that good may come." I crushed the paper in my hand. sick at heart. I shuddered at the

hypocritical comfort this guilty man had hugged to his breast. I had hoped against hope. But if they were true copies, I could no longer doubt that Sir Mortimer had stooped to the tak-

"And these documents are word for word copies of those in the safe?" I

"I swear it by every oath I hold sacred!" she replied without hesitation, and kissed the jeweled cross that hung

She stretched out her hand for the papers. I tore them to atoms before her eves. For a moment she struggled to res-

ment with me." Madame de Varnier replied composedly, cutting short his agitated whisper. "Ah, that is well."

Alphonse sighed his relief, and departed on his errand. "What inducement can you have of-

fered that she should come boldly to this Castle of Despair?" "Is not the inducement great that she is to see a loved brother?"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



Where Mankind Is King

Gift of Speech Puts Him in a Class by Puck Himself.

The gift of speech is the last proof of Divine favor in virtue of which

own ambitions at her expense. I say forestation of the earth's surface, stir up a new school of kickers, increase

but we have nothing to conceal.-

Shingle Currency. The records of the squire's court at mankind has the rest of the animal Blaine, Whatcom county, Washington, chine, that neither thinks nor feels. kingdom faded, and stands in a class a little town near the British Columbia line, bear testimony to the finan-Some beasts are stronger than men, cial stringency of the early '90s. What-I say I am tempted. I believe that and some know more, but no beast com county is in the heart of the lumlofty principles actuate Bulgaria. That, can be such a bore as a man, nor can ber country, and as there was no

The court records show that John Smith was "fined 10,000 shingles for confessed my self in sympathy with under compulsion to read a great drunkenness." The books show furmore potent arguments must be used would not, in order that when we an able judge who could so accommo-

> Paying for Speed. "It costs more to live than it us

o." remarked the economist. "Yes," answered the energetic man, "but think of how much more business you can transact in a given time and the corresponding results you can get out of life." Spain's Royal Infant



First portrait of King Alphonso's son and heir, the Prince of Asturias shown in the arms of the Countess of Puerto; the new crown prince is thriving wonderfully and is said by the court physician to be in perfect health. The baby is gaining in weight rapidly and has developed in intelligence to such an extent that he recognizes his parents and prefers their society, on the rare occasions when state affairs do not take them away from him. In spite of the fact that he is attended by a corps of nurses the royal infant is in no danger of being spoiled, and is already being taught that he cannot have his own way simply by crying for what he wishes.

TONGUE TIED BY WRIT.

AGAINST WOMAN.

Man Has Troublesome Tenant Restrained by Court From Speaking to Him or Her Own Husband About Orders.

Kalamazoo, Mich.-A Kalamazoo man has at last discovered the way DREAM MADE HER BREAK NECK. to curb the tongue of woman. His discovery is timely, and the only fear In Turning Girl Dislocated Vertebrae is that the system will be worked! overtime.

Frank B. Morris, who owns a farm near this city, employed Irve Savage the traditional bugaboos of childhood, to work it. Savage has a wife, claimed ten-year-old Olga Bennett of South to be all her name implies, and soon | Second street was frightened so badly after the farmhand and his wife had by a vision of the beasts pursuing her taken possession of the tenant cottage that she turned suddenly and dislocaton the farm Mrs. Savage discovered ed her neck. The pain of the dislocathat she did not like the owner.

Mrs. Morris. The landowner claimed her bedside and tried to allay her that during his and his wife's visits fears, but she continued to scream unto their farm to oversee the work and til she fainted from the pain. erable for them. Consulting an attor- revive her they noticed that he ney he was advised to make application for an injunction.

petition was presented to Judge John diately that her neck was dislocated. W. Adams. In it he charged that An ambulance was called and she was Mrs. Savage has an uncontrollable hurried to the Homeopathic hospital, temper, and frequently used coarse where a careful examination of the inlanguage in his presence and that of jury was made. It was found imposhis wife.

have influenced her husband not to the X-rays were used. With their aid carry out the orders given by Morris, an attempt was made to replace the and the landowner prayed the court that Mrs. Savage be enjoined from speaking to either himself or wife on cessful, and the surgeons were in desthe farm or on the street. Also that she be restrained from interfering finally an attempt was made which is with her husband carrying out the orders his employer issued.

court's order was served on Mrs. Sav- there. It will be several days, howage. By its provisions she cannot, ever, before it is known what the rewithout being in contempt of court, sults of the peculiar accident will be. leave the lot which surrounds the In the meantime the case is being girl to marry. tenants' cottage, nor can she speak to watched with much interest by the Mr. and Mrs. Morris.

Enraged by the order, Mrs. Savage | boring cities.

LANDLORD OBTAINS INJUNCTION | packed her belongings and moved away from the farm. Before going, however, she pulled up every growing plant in the garden she had made. While the Savages have left the Morris farm, the court's order stands, and Mrs. Savage must not speak as she passes her husband's former employer on the streets.

-Surgeons Reset Them.

Camden, N. J .-- Dreaming of bears, tion awakened her and she called The dislike grew and finally reached loudly for help. Her parents rushed to that I was masquerading.

give orders Mrs. Savage made life mis- When the older folks attempted to ized that the adoption of a disguise hung limp from her body. Not understanding what could ail the child they Morris followed the advice, and his called in a physician. He saw immesible to make any progress in giving The woman was also alleged to the girl even temporary relief until

dislocated vertebrae. The first few attempts were unsuc pair of saving the child's life; but thought to have been successful. With the aid of a harness the girl's head The injunction was issued, and the has been put in position and held medical profession of this and neigh-

ONE-HALF OF HIS BONES REMOVED.

Man Lives Ten Months After Remark. Detroit sanitarium, and was witnessed able Operation.

Detroit, Mich.-George J. Schwartz, aged 31, died after living ten months without any bones on the right side of the entire time, his fight against death

for nearly a year providing a new wonder for the world of medicine. Mr. Schwartz was afflicted with a

an operation. This was unsuccessful other operation was all that could prolong his life. A like attempt had never been per-

formed. Physicians found that all the bones on the right side of the trunk were diseased and must be removed operation was held Oct. 3 last at the friends.

by physicians from all over Michigan, medical students and members of the medical profession from adjoining states. All the ribs on the right side. the collar bone, the breastbone, part his body, lying flat on his back during of the hip and shoulder blade were removed and the patient was left without any frame for his right side.

Mr. Schwartz recovered, but was never able to lie in any other position tumor three years ago. He underwent than on his back. His fortitude wa declared marvelous by all physicians and three, other operations followed under whose notice the patient came. within the two years following. Last No one who witnessed the operation summer his condition became so seri- thought he would survive. For some ous that his physicians decided and time past his death was momentarily expected, but he constantly rallied until the battle against the final end had exhausted all strength.

When a woman has a good-looking husband she always keeps one eye on to insure a continuance of life. The him and the other on her woman

WOMEN ASK FOR UNIFORMS.

Are Willing to Wear Bloomers to Save Street Car Fare.

decked in uniforms. Postmaster Joseph B. Messick, who has been in communication with the department at work. Washington, has recommended the Postmaster Messick says it would adoption of a uniform consisting of a resembling in color and texture the erally. garments worn by the carriers. It is believed permission will be granted Postmaster Messick to make the experiment.

The principal reason for the change lies in the fact that the men employes, when in uniform and wearing a badge, ride on street cars without paying car fare. A lump sum is paid monthly by the men to the street car company, and this is less than their car fare would be to and from the post office. The plan has worked admirably, the letter carriers getting over their routes more quickly and handling much more handb

the custom several years ago. The girl clerks and employes of the post office seem to think they have been St. Louis.—The women clerks in the discriminated against and are willing East St. Louis post office may soon be to wear any uniform suggested, so the free car rides to and from their

stop rivalry in dress among the em-"romper" waist and skirt, of material ployes and better the service gen-

Up to Snuff.

The Farmer-Sellin' books, hey? I expected a lot of yew fellers would be along here any day, but I can tell yew I fer one ain't as green as I uster be! I read the papers now an' then,

The Book Agent (bewildered)-Great cats! What's the matter with

The Farmer (mysteriously)-Nuthwhere the perlice wuz drivin' all yew handbook fellers out uv Noo York!—

"Well," rejoined the l. c., a suppose the floods did carry away a lot of sand."—Chicago News. in'-only no later than yestiddy I read

GIRL DONS TROUSERS

THEN TRAMPS LONG DISTANCE TO REJOIN HUSBAND.

Pretty "Broncho Buster" After Being Arrested for Masquerading at Last Reaches Better Half In Western City.

Spokane, Wash.-After having tramped more than 1,000 miles attired in a man's garments, arrested at Walla Walla, south of here, and detained in jail two weeks on a technical charge of masquerading, Mrs. George Earl, who was Nora Clay, daughter of a former cattle grower near Ft. Worth, Tex., has joined her husband in Spokane after a separation of six

weeks. They eloped three years ago, because the bride's father threatened to place her in a convent. She was then 16 years of age, and had a reputation throughout the panhandle as a "broncho buster." Mrs. Earl is of medium height, slender and comely, a typical Texan, and speaks with an air of refinement. George Earl has found employment in a local hotel, where Mrs. Joseph A. White has given the girlwife a home. This is her story:

"I was raised on the plains of Texas and started to ride bronchos when four years of age. When I was 10 I started busting mustangs and Indian ponies. Papa sold his ranch later and started a wild west show. I did trick riding and broncho busting. It was easy, as had roped and branded cattle on the

Texas ranges. "While with the show I met George and we fell in love. My parents objected to our marriage because they said I was too young. I was 16. Then George and I ran away, because papa threatened to put me in a convent. I was to be taken to Lott from El Paso on the 6:35 o'clock evening train and George and I left for Waco an hour earlier.

"We went around the country, final-

ly going to Oregon. "George failed to get work and started for Walla Walla. I did not hear from him for several days, and my funds gave out. Determined to reach him, I decided to don a suit of his clothing and beat my way to Walla Walla. Reaching there, I heard he had gone to Spokane, and started out to tramp it to this city. When I reached

Starbuck I got a report that he was at Walla Walla, and turned back. "I tramped all the way from Starbuck back to Walla Walla on the railroad track, not having a bite to eat from Sunday morning to Monday night. I was arrested by the constable at Walla Walla, who noticed that I wore women's shoes, and suspected

"I told the police of Walla Walla that I was stranded, and was determined to reach my husband and realwas the only means whereby I could carry the scheme through. I was turned over to the Salvation army, where I was treated nicely, and received transportation to Spokane, after George had written to me where he was. We expect to stay in Spokane, as we have found good friends who

will assist us in making a home." TWITS BRIDE-ELECT: SPURNED.

Pennsylvania Swain Makes Fatal Mistake at Clerk's Desk.

Philadelphia.—Because her fiance twitted her about her age, Miss Emma Perth, of Reading, broke off her engagement with Harry Bissell, of the same city at the marriage license bureau in the city hall this morning. Miss Perth indignantly told Bissell that he talked too much for her, and that he could go and find some other

All went well until Clerk Smith began to ask the customary questions. Bissell stated that he was 24 years old, while the bride-to-be admitted 29 summers.

"She doesn't look her age, though,"

said Bissell. "You needn't apologize for me." said the prospective bride. "I am old enough to know my own mind."

"You bet you are," replied Bissell. "I consider that an insult," said Miss Perth. "You talk too much. Now I will never marry you. No man who makes remarks about his wife's age will make a good husband. Good-by.'

Hogs to Eat Omaha Garbage. St. Louis.-It was learned the other day that 1,000 head of hogs bought recently by Thomas McPherson from the immense herd of porkers on Chesley Island, in the Mississippi river below the city, where the St. Louis garbage is consumed by the swine, were destined to feed on the garbage of Omaha. The municipal contractors had found that the high-bred Poland Chinas and Berkshires from Iowa wouldn't eat the daily dumpings of filth from Omaha. The Omaha contractor paid a good price for the St.

taste. Cupid Kept Busy at Panama.

Louis swine with undiscriminating

New York.-According to Herman Weeks and his wife, who arrived here the other day from Panama, the government has promised every wan who brings his bride to the canal zone or marries there a detached cottage. The result has been such a boom in that they, too, will have the benefit of marrying that the brides and bridesgrooms are ahead of the cottages by several laps.

Hen Is 20 Years Old.

Northville, Mich.-Wesley Mills of this place has a hen that is 20 years old which he raised on his little farm here. It is just as brisk an egg laver as any in his flock. A peculiar characteristic of the egg bird is that it does a crowing stunt every day just like a rooster.

What the Floods Did. "What makes sugar so high this

year?" asked the lady customer. "The high price is due to the spring