

SYNOPSIS.

Captain Nathaniel Plum of the sleep person, lands secretly on Beaver is ad, Lake Michigan, stronghold of the ormons. Ohadiah Price, an eccentric d man and councilor of the Mermons, he has been spying on him, suddenly entrouts him and tells him he is expect. Plum insists he has got the wrong an. Price ignores his protestations and arguins for the ammunition on board as sleep. He binds Nat by a solemn oath deliber a package to Franklin Pierce, resident of the United States. He agrees show Plum the Mormon town, St. sines. Plum sees the frightened face a young woman in the darkness near foor's cratin. She disancears leaving an

CHAPTER II.-Continued.

For several minutes Captain Plum stood as if the sudden apparition had mate." petrified him. He listened long after the sound of retreating footsteps had died away. There remained behind a faint sweet odor of lilac which stirred his soul and set his blood back. If he's willing to settle for five fighting. It was a beautiful face that he had seen. He was sure of that and yet he could have given no good verbal groof of it. Only the eyes and And if I don't come back by to-morthe odor of Illac remained with him row at sundown, Casey, you take comand after a little the lilac drifted mand and blow it to hell without me!" away. Then he went back to the log So, Obadiah Price, if there's treachand sat down. He smiled as he erythought of the joke that he had un- The old man clutched at his hands wittingly played on Obadish. From with insane fierceness. his knowledge of the Beaver Island Mormons he was satisfied that the swear to God there will be no treach. they pass these graves. Some day-" old man who displayed gold in such ery! Come, we will go-" reckless profusion was anything but a bachelor. In all probabilit- this was one of his wives and the cabin follow?" behind him, he concluded, was for some reason isolated from the harem. Twelve, Nat, and lord high treasurer "Evidently that little saintess is not of his majesty, King Strang!" a flirt," he concluded, "or she would

recutered the cabin and made his way next room. The master of the Ty-mysterious light again shining in the to the little room, where the candle phoon followed close behind him. old councilor's eyes. But now Nawas still burning dimly. To his astonishment he beheld the old man sitting beside the table.

"I've been waiting for you, Nat," he eried, straightening himself with spring like quickness. "Waiting for you a long time, Nat!" He rubbed his hands and chuckled at his own familiarity. "I saw you out there enjoying yourself. What did you think of her, Nat?" He winked with such sudacious glee that, despite his own estonishment, Captain Plum burst Into a laugh. Ohadish Price held up warning hand. "Tut, tut, not so loud!" be admonished. His face was & map of wrinkles. His little black eyes shone with silent laughter. There was no doubt but that he was immensely pleased over something. Tell me, Nat-why did you come to

He leaned forward over the table, his odd white head almost resting on and twiddled his thumbs with we derful rapidity. "Eh, Nat?" he urged. "Why did you come?"

St. James?

"Because it was too hot and uninteresting lying out there in a calm, dad," replied the master of the Ty-"We've been roasting for 36 hours without a breath to fill our sails. I came over to see what you people are like. Any harm done?" "Not a bit, not a bit-yet," chuckled

the old man. "And what's your bustmens, Nat?"

"Sailing-mostly." "Ho, ho, ho! of course, I might have known it! Sailing-mostly. Why, certainly you sail! And why do you carry a pistol on one side of you and a knife on the other, Nat?" "Troublous times, Dad. Some of the fisherfolk along the Northern End aren't very scrupulous. They took a cargo of canned stuffs from me a

Year back " "And what use do you make of the four-pounder that's wrapped up in tarpaulin under your deck, Nat? And what in the world are you going to do with five barrels of gunpowder?"

"How in blazes-" began Captain Outside the councilor hesitated for a thaniel stood erect, his nostrils sniffing

12 instead of eight? Eh, Nat?"

tarpaulin and I've got five barrels of kingdom-come did you find it out?"

"I know more than that, Nat," he him by the arm. whispered. "Listen! A little while ago-say two weeks back-you were bocalmed off the head of Beater is Price. "We have very fine lilacs on land, and one dark night you were the island." boarded by two boat-loads of men "And I smelled lilac back there," - and the next day you went back to thumb over his shoulder. "I smelled Chicago. Eh?"

Nathaniel stood speechless.

pirates were Mormons, enlisted some doubt it. She is very fond of lilacs. of your friends, armed your ship- She wears the flowers very often." and you're back here to make us settie. Isn't it so, Nat?"

hands experly, excitedly,

wouldn't! One of our friends in Chi- feet. The lights of a few fishing him no nearer to the town below. cago sent quick word ahead of you feet. to tell me all about it, and-Strang, the king, doesn't know!"

earnestness.

with me? Will you shake hands?and then we will go to St. James!"

the old man gripped it. The thin man and waited for him to speak. a bayonet against his breast. fingers tightened like cold clamps of But the councilor did not open his

Obadiah Price underwent a strange change. The hardness and glitter went out of his eyes and in place

there came a questioning, almost an appealing, look. His tense mouth relaxed. It was as if he was on the point of surrendering to some emotion which he was struggling to stifle. He attempted to withdraw his hand but Captain Plum held to it.

"Not yet!" he exclaimed. "There are two or three things which your friend didn't tell you, Obadiah Price!" Nathaniel's eyes glittered danger-

"When I left ship this morning I gave explicit orders to Casey, my

He gazed steadily into the old man's unflinching eyes.

"I said something like this: 'Casey, I'm going to see Strang before I come thousand, we'll call it off. And if he isn't-why, we'll stand out there a passed. Then he heard them running. mile and blow St. James into hell!

Still Captain Plum hesitated.

"Who are you? Whom am I to

have given me time to speak to her." | from the surprise of this whispered The continued absence of Obadish announcement the little old man had you about Jean before you go away." Price began to fill Captain Plum with freed himself and was pattering awimpatience. After an hour's wait he fully through the darkness of the him he would have seen that soft

his knees, he gazed steadily at the beacon, and as he looked it shuddered and grew dark, like a firefly that suddenly closes its wings. With a quick spring the councilor straightof the Typhoon.

"You have a good nose, Nat," he said, "but your ears are not so good. Sh-h-h-h!" He lifted a hand warningly and nodded sidewise toward the path. Captain Plum listened. He heard low voices and then footstepsvoices that were approaching rapidly, and were those of women, and footsteps that were almost running. The old man caught him by the arm and as the sounds came nearer his grip tightened.

"Don't frighten them, Nat. Get

down!" He crouched until he was only a part of the shadows of the ground and following his example Nathaniel slipped between two of the knolls. A few yards away the sound of the voices ceased and there was a hesitancy in the soft tread of the approaching steps. Slowly, and now in awesome silence, two figures came down the path and when they reached a point opposite the hummocks Nathaniel could see that they turned their faces toward them and that for a brief space there was something of terror in the gleam he caught of their eyes. In a moment they had "They saw not!" Captain Plum ex-

elaimed. Obadish hopped to his feet and rubbed his hands with great glee. "What a temptation, Nat!" he whispered. "What a temptation to frighten them out of their wits! No, they didn't see us, Nat-they didn't see us. "There will be no treachery, Nat, I The girls are always frightened when

"Graves!" almost shouted the master of the Typhoon. "Gravesand we sitting on 'em!"

"That's all right, Nat-that's all "A member of our holy Council of right. They're my graves, so we're welcome to sit on them. I often come here and sit for hours at a time. They Before Captain Plum could recover | like to have me, especially little Jean -the middle one. Perhaps I'll tell If Captain Plum had been watching



"I Know More Than That, Nat."

"I smell lilac!" he exclaimed. "Certainly, so do I," replied Obadiah

'em back there, when-"

"He, he, he!" chuckled the councilor He pulled himself away and Captain Plum could hear his queer The little old man was rubbing his chuckling for some time after. Soon they entered the gloom of the woods "You tried to get the revenue cut- again and a little later came out into ter Michigan to come down with you, another clearing and Nathaniel knew walked with extreme slowness and but they wouldn't-ho, ho, they that it was St. James that lay at his along paths which seemed to bring

"Ah, it is not time," whispered sorbed in thoughts of his own, and Ohadiah. "It is still too early." He held his peace. Was it possible that He spoke the last words in intense drew his companion out of the path he had spoiled his chances with the which they had followed and sat him- councilor because of a pretty face and Then, suddenly, he held out his self down on a humtacck a dozen a bunch of lilacs? The thought yards away from it, inviting Nathaniel | tickled Captain Plum despite the deli-"Young man, will you thake hands by a pull of the sleeve to do the cacy of his situation and he broke same. There were three of these into an involuntary laugh. The laugh hummocks, side by side, and Captain brought Obadiah to a halt as sud-Captain Plum thrust out a hand and Plum chose the one nearest the old denly as though some one had thrust

moment, as if debating which route the air, catching once more the sweet "O, to be sure, to be sure—they're to take, and then with a prodigious scent of lilac. He hurried out into for the fisher-folk," interrupted Oba-dish Price. "Blow 'em up, eh, Nat?" of his inimitable chuckles, chose the behind him, and peered down into the And you seem to be a young man of path down which his startled visitor starlit gloom into which the two girls education, Nat. How did you happen of a short time before had fied. For had disappeared. The lovely face The Buff Leghorns of the best strains to make a mistake in your count? 15 minutes this path led between that had appeared to him for an in-Haven't you 12 men aboard your sloop thick black walls of forest verdure. stant at Obadiah's cabin began to the white variety and are fast gaining instead of eight, Nat? Aren't there Obadiah Price kept always a few haunt him. He was sure now that his popularity, the color being more atpaces ahead of his companion and sudden appearance had not been the tractive to some tastes. The Black "The devil take you!" cried Captain spoke not a word. At the end of only cause of its terror, and he felt and Dominique Leghorns also have Plum, leaping suddenly to his feet, perhaps half a mile the path entered that he should have called out to her their advocates. Each of the Leg-Plum, leaping seederly to his seed, perhaps half a mine the path entered that he should into a large clearing on the farther or followed until he had overtaken horns, although naturally having singot 12 men and I've got a gun in side of which Nathaniel caught the her. He could easily have excused glimmer of a light. They passed close his boldness, even if the councilor gle combs, are bred also with rose grapowder! But how in the name of to this light, which came from the had been watching him from the cabin combs. The rose comb is obtained window of a large square house built door. He was certain that she had by introduction of Hamburg blood, Obadiab Price came around the end of logs, and Captain Plum became passed very near to him again and and the result is in general a tendency to breed crossbred chickens for broilof the table and stood so close to suddenly conscious that the air was that the fright which Obadiah had to smaller bodies and smaller eggs in ers and roasters, and of late years the Captain Plum that a person ten feet filled with the redolent perfume of attempted to explain was not because the rose comb varieties. The single tendency of the poultry plants seems away could not have heard him when line. With half a dozen quick strides of the graves. He swung about upon combs vary greatly in size and weight, to be toward the use of one or anothhe overtook the councilor and caught his companion, determined to ask for according to strain. Some of the er of the pure breeds. Cross breeding an explanation. The latter seemed to larger strains are almost equal in size is more trouble and results less unidivine his thought.

> "Don't let a little scent of lilac disturb you so, young man," he said with singular coldness. "It may cause you becoming jealous.

For some time there was silence between the two. Obadiah Price now Nathaniel could see that he was ab-

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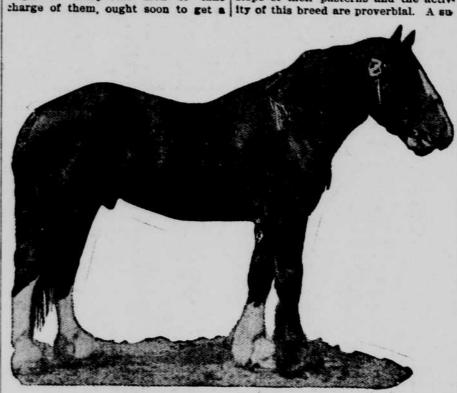
tips. Doubled over until his chin rested almost upon the sharp points of BREEDING PEDIGREE STOCK IS HIGHLY PROFITABLE

ened himself and turned to the master Man Must be Lover of Animals and Possess More Than Ordinary Amount of Patience if He Is to Become a Prosperous Breeder.

> breeding pedigree livestock is the ion. It is true that some breeds seem most interesting, and, in addition, it to flourish almost anywhere, notably has the further recommendation that shorthorn cattle and Shire horses; but when properly conducted it is profit- an owner of Shires who brings them able. I know that many persons have dropped money, and some large amounts, over pedigree stock; but I could name several tenant farmers who have weathered bad times and are today in a prosperous condition, thanks mainly to this industry. A man must be a lover of animals and possess a more than ordinary amount of patience if he is to become a prominent breeder, says a writer in Country Life. Furthermore, unless he is able to place a large amount of capital in loads, and one can judge from the the business he must be prepared to photograph of this strong, heavy and lock his money up for some years. Those who can afford to buy the bestbred and most typical animals of any dales are not such massive horses as breed as foundation stock, and who are the Shires, neither are they so are content to pay good salaries and large in the bone, but the strength and wages to competent men to take slope of their pasterns and the activ-

Perhaps of all branches of farming | neighborhood where it is not the fashup on light, thin-skinned land is se verely handicapped when his horset come into the show-ring. He ther finds that his rivals who occupy stiff fer and richer soil can produce animals with more bone and hair than he can. Large, well-shaped feet, plenty of bone and good joints are absolutely necessary nowadays on a first-class animal of this breed.

Shire horses are especially adapted for town work and for hauling heavy yet compact mare how suitable this breed is for that purpose. The Clydes-



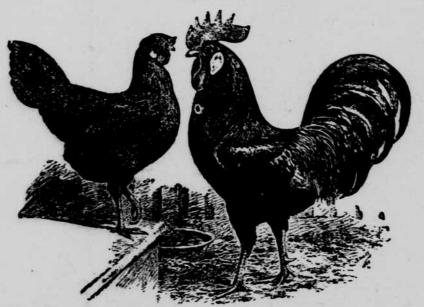
Champion Clydesdale.

breeding on too large a scale.

should govern, to a great extent, the able for working in towns, where variety of stock which it is decided to strong, quick-moving horses are need-

good return for their investment. Per- | Not only does it take some time for sons with limited means must be sat- a breed new to the district to become isfied to start with a few animals less acclimated, but it is always difficult perfect in type and conformation or to dispose of one's surplus stock in a with aged individuals which can be perabundance of hair on a Clydespicked up for comparatively little dale's legs is not considered necesmoney, and then gradually breed up a sary, as it is on those of the Shire; stud herd or flock. The latter plan, this can be seen by glancing at the ilunless one is a good judge of stock lustration of Royal Guest, the chamand a practical farmer, is the one I pion Clydesdale stallion at this year's should advise. Clever and experienced Royal. The Suffolk horse is preferred breeders are apt to make mistakes in when quite clean-legged, i. e., with no buying, mating and rearing their stock long hair on his legs. It is a very and a novice is sure to purchase his active, quick animal, with any amount experience very dearly if he starts of pluck and endurance, and no breed is better suited for farmwork. Suf-The situation and soil of one's farm folks, like Clydesdales, are also suit-

SEVERAL KINDS OF LEGHORN



Of the several breeds of Leghorn, | weight breeds, and it is claimed that the white is the most popular and the the size is not obtained at the expense brown next, says the Farm Poultry. to the average of some of the medium form than from the pure breeds.

Consul Alexander V. Dye, of sufficient numbers. Rape should have who made you and your crew prison- continued Nathaniel, still holding to great unpleasantness." He went Nogales, says that conditions in the a growth of a foot high before old ers, robbed you of everything you had the old man's arm, and pointing a shead and Nathaniel followed him, Mexican State of Sonora favor the fowls have access. Otherwise they assured that the old man's words and building up of a poultry and egg busi- will eat it so closely that it will not the way in which he had spoken them ness. During the past year \$119,088 enake much of a growth. It is a deno longer left a doubt as to the iden. of eggs were imported into that con- light to see the hens eat at the green "And you made up your mind the softly. "I don't doubt it, Nat, I don't tity of his night visitor. She was one sular district from the United States rape leaves. Rape also is a good plant of the councilor's wives, so he and sold at an almost uniform price to furnish shade for young poultry. thought, and his own interest in her of 50 cents per dozen in Nogales, with Also flies and other insects will alight was beginning to have an irritating higher prices at the mines in the in- on the leaves, furnishing insects for effect. In other words Obadiah was terior, where many of them were con- the fowls. In a favorable season rape sumed. Chickens sell for 621/2 to 75 will grow very rapidly. Four weeks cents apiece, weighing 3 to 4 pounds from sowing ought to make a fair each. Owing to the difficulty in se- growth. curing fresh eggs, nearly all the mining companies raise their own chickens, some of them devoting considerable attention to it and having large poultry yards. . In fact, it is sometimes said jestingly that such and such a mine has quit the mining business and gone into the poultry business.

> Rape. We are aware that chickens are ing care not to move any combs from very fond of young cabbage plants. diseased colonies or the light hives They devour as readily dwarf rape. may be fed with syrup or liquid honey Rape undoubtedly is an economical in a feeder.

Poultry Business in Mexico. | green food provided we have yards in

of laying powers. The Leghorns, like

most of the breeds, need to be bred

with care to prevent the tendency to

smaller sizes. Small bodies, pinched

or cramped in shape, are considered

undesirable, as tending to small eggs

Eight or ten years ago Leghorn

cockerels were in considerable de

mand for crossing. The Leghorn and

Brahma cross, Leghorn and Wyandotte, or Leghorn and Plymouth Rock

were preferred by many poultrymen

and lack of constitution.

Uniting Bee Colonies. Queenless or very weak colonies may be united with others by placing them on top with a newspaper between, leaving a hole so that only one bee at a time can pass from one hive to the other. In a week or two the top hive may be taken off and stored away. Some hives will be found with more honey than others, and equalizing of stores may be practiced, tak-



American Gibraltar in Manila Bay



WASHINGTON.-About two years guard the principal port of the Philippines should inquire with indifferent considered impregnable from the sea interest as to the name and use of a side. small dun-colored rock, hardly discernible any distance away and looking much like an irregular shaped houseboat floating on the ocean, they will be told that they are looking at El Fraile in the world.

fying will be of steel and cement.

The defenses of Manila bay entrance | walls, turrets and all.

present the most picturesque as well as the most complete set of fortifications Uncle Sam possesses. Stretching across the mouth of the harbor are a series of islands. The largest of these islands and the one which will be used as a base of supplies for the others is Corregidor, from which the first hostile gun was directed against Admiral Dewey's fleet in 1898. On Corregidor the hence if passengers on steamers army is installing a 24 company post. entering Manila harbor and passing be- Warehouses of a capacity to contain tween the several small islands that supplies for a whole year for 20,000 men have been built. This island is

But the most interesting of all the islands is the El Fraile, at present a tiny rock rising in a pinnacle 180 feet. above the bay. The shape of the island will, as stated, be changed by means island. Perhaps, also, they will be told of steel and concrete walls which will that the little island, scarce two hun- extend below the water line, to resemdred feet square, is the most diaboli- ble the hull of a battleship. No seccally effective fortification of its size tion of the island ground will be exposed to fire. It will be surrounded For eighteen months army engineers and covered over by steel and concrete have been directing the work of forti- walls, about fifty feet thick on the fying what is intended as the backbone sides and almost solid steel on the top. or keystone of the strong defenses in On the surface of this "deck" two tur-Manila harbor. They have resorted to rets will be placed, each turret cona plan suggested by a young engineer taining two 14-inch guns. Besides the officer after their superiors had thrown four large guns, four six-inch rapidup their hands in despair at the pros- fire rifles will be placed in embrasures pects of attempting to fortify the rock at the seaward end, and like batteries which showed its head above the water of small guns will be placed at other for so small an area. It involves the points of advantage. Quarters will be leveling of the island almost to the sur- provided for only a sufficient number face of the sea and erecting a struct of men to work the guns and machinture in the form of a battleship deck ery. The cost of this powerful little stripped for action. The artificial forti- fortress, the most dangerous fort of its size on earth, will be \$3,000,000, guns,

Treasury Building Is Overcrowded



WHEN the small army of architects and artisans has finished the work now in progress on the United States treasury building, the beautiful old structure will show the first material change since 1869. Architecturally it still will represent a pagan temple, indicating, many folk say, the American people's worship of money. But visitors to the nation's capital who have not seen the treasury in 40 years will find some changes for efficiency

The nucleus of the present building. claimed, "Put 'er there, on that spot," state department building. will remain unchanged, but the double- The long cold spoiled the beauty of that side of the more than a year ago.

building, plans for which were drawn by William T. Elliott, a surveyor, who came to Washington in 1813.

The 30 granite monoliths, each of which cost \$5,500 and weighs 30 tons, now stand in an unbroken row. They are said to be the finest example of their kind of the stonecutter's art. It required ten men, working 60 days, to produce each of them, and a solid train of 30 flat cars brought them to Washington from the quarries in Massachu-

To make more space inside the building all the files of letters and documents will be stored in the old coal vaults under the lawn on the Pennsylvania avenue side, and new coal vaults are being built on the side opposite the White House,

The completed building, as it stands, represents three stages of construction. located where President Jackson, irri- The nucleus, located by Jackson, was tated by the procrastination of con- finished in 1842. The south wing was gress in choosing a site, put his hick. finished in 1864. The north wing, finory stick down with a thump and ex. ished in 1869, is on the side of the old

stone staircase leading up to the colon-erected in 1864, deteriorated in the nade on the Fifteenth street side has southern climate and was replaced by been torn away. Architects said it the present granite monoliths a little

Big Job to Fill the Supreme Bench



THE seven justices of the Supreme being urged by the dominant party, the court of the United States, led by the court which President Taft must the venerable Justice Harlan, called reconstruct will pass on all the on President Taft the other day to pay changes in the organic laws of the their respects. This annual call of United States which may be made by courtesy reminded the president of a congress. duty which is uppermost in his mind and occupying it almost to the ex- for the public until after congress clusion of any other consideration, for meets, as it has been definitely anthe president is called upon to re- nounced at the White House that no

justices already-Hughes in place of lowing the reconvening of congress.

In addition to judicial fitness, polltics and geographical qualifications must be considered. Moreover, the president is brought face to face with a task which will be of tremendous importance to the United States for the next generation. With political beliefs changing over night and greater zeal in governmental supervision being urged by the dominant party,

The problem will not be solved model the highest tribunal in the land. judicial appointments would be sent The president has appointed two to the senate until the Monday fol-

Brewer, who died, and Lurton in place The president is also head over of Peckham of New York, also dead. heels in the consideration of the ap-These deaths removed a Republican pointment of five additional judges of and a Democrat, and their successors | the circuit court, which will constitute were of the same political faith, the new court of commerce. In addi-Since then Chief Justice Fuller, a tion to these judicial vacancies there Democrat, appointed from Illinois, has are several district judges to be apdied, and Justice Moody, a Republic pointed. It is no stretch of the an, of Massachusetts, has resigned imagination to believe that the presbecause of ill-health, and President ident will almost reorganize the fed-Taft will have to fill these two va- eral judiciary before he leaves the president's office.

Myer created the biggest sensation

the army has had for a long time. He

tried to get into West Point, but was

barred by age, and from the naval

academy because of his size. Then he enlisted in the cavairy, but that

did not suit his liking and he trans-

ferred into the signal corps, where

At Fort Myer the dude soldier was

ments, have his valet rub him down

he was promoted to be a corporal.

Society Soldier Out at Fort Myer



LBERT J. MYER, the American A LBERT J. MYER, the American the envy of his comrades and a parlonger wearing the uniform of an en- ticular bore to his officers. After a listed man. He has left Fort Myer, hard day's drill, or the attendance on the army reservation named for his some other military duty, Corporal illustrious grandfather, and has gone Myer would go to his bachelor apart-

back to Boston. Not only was the passing of the and then don the habiliments of a landy soldier sudden and unexpected, society man. That night, perhaps, his but the manner of his going sensation- commanding officers would find him al. Mr. Myer, who was a corporal in in the same ballroom with themselves. the signal corps, has been in the He had the entree into the most exguardhouse since August. A recent clusive clubs, and it was a source of verdict of a court-martial which tried much regret to Colonel Haversack him sentenced Corporal Myer to be and Major Canteen that Private Myer reduced to the ranks, to be confined took precedence over them when it at hard labor for three months and came to getting the attention of the

to forfeit \$50 of his pay. The court-martial was a little slow

The youngster rode and walked with and Myer escaped its imprisonment the fairest of Washington's belles, and penalty, having been discharged in had money to burn. He never did the meantime. He was given an hon- anything to excite the anger of his orable discharge and the army knows | superiors except to play the dual role of a soldier and a dandy, too.

Where They Balk.

The average man is truthful," savs son he wears a silk hat."

Evidently a Mistake.

waiters.

"They say his wife has Indian blood the Philosopher of Folly, "but not one in her veins." "That must be a misman in fifty will tell you the real rea- take. Indians are supposed to be stoical and silent."