

by Anthony Hope, between, it is difficult to make a safe prophesy. If the author were in the habit of cutting a knot difficult to untie, Rudolph's life is in imminent danger. But Mr. Hope's ingenuity has not yet been strained. Perhaps a new, honest, real, legitimate and red Elphberg may appear soon and the player king can abdicate his temporary throne while retaining the queen. There are certain impossible situations and the one contemplated in this substitution of an Englishman for the king of Ruritania is impossible even for a romance writer of the daring and invention of Anthony Hope. Not that everybody would not be glad to have the story end with the earthly bliss of Flavia and Rudolph even if it be impossible, such is our love for them.

There are two other serial stories now current in the magazines, one in Harper's monthly and one in The Cosmopolitan. Roden's Corner in the former publication, is a story of money getting by concentrating all the makers of a certain chemical commodity called malgamite in one community and isolating them. The process of manufacture is deadly but the malgamite workers, already half dead from the fumes of the deadly stuff, are attracted to the little Dutch village by the inducement of very large wages. The new process is advertised as much less deadly than the old one, while in reality it kills off the workers quicker than the old method. The organizers enlist the sympathies of philanthropists who contribute money to put what is known as the malgamite charity on its feet. They then use the money to build their manufactory and the houses of the laborers. Paper can not be made without malgamite. The paper manufacturers soon realize that malgamite has been cornered by a set of unscrupulous sharks who are willing to pose as philanthropists and misapply the funds subscribed for charity. They protest but they must fulfill their contracts for paper and they must buy malgamite of the sharks at a ruinous rate. In the meantime shabby little funerals start at day break from the malgamite grounds and the graveyard nearby is rapidly filling up with cheap headstones when an honest man who has been deceived into joining the company finds out that it is one of the most scoundrelly schemes of murder and robbery ever successfully developed and starts out to foil the villains. He escapes with his life. But there is reason to believe that the demands of justice and right will triumph, so far as artistic rules will, allow in the June number. The other story referred to is Gloria Mundi by Harold Frederic, the author of "The Damnation of Theron Ware" and of many short stories. The story develops a new theory of socialism, or a translated feudalism where every man is a part of an arch whose removal would destroy the structure. It has reached the stage of preaching and lectures and as a novel seems to the critic as very far below the dramatic level of Frederic's other stories. But he is evidently trying to do good and we can forgive him much for recognizing the object of art and life even if in attempting to attain it he bungles by letting his object be seen, after the manner of the eighteenth century story tellers who had not yet learned that novel readers were not to be boldly instructed.

The editors of weekly newspapers have been requested by Manager Rosewater at various times of the Trans-Mississippi exposition to print from a column to a column and a half per week of exposition notes now and during the exposition. In return for this two or three hundred dollars worth of advertising the editors of these weeklies are to receive with various reservations and conditions a double pass into the grounds for the month of June. THE COURIER hopes that the editors of Nebraska will throw such a proposition into the waste basket along with the fake propositions of barter that encumber the mail of every publisher. Editor Rosewater has received pay at regular rates for every line of advertising he has given the exposition in his own town. The proposition is niggardly and unworthy the management of anything as large as an exposition is supposed to be. Omaha has always regarded the rest of the state as a tiger its prey. The late attempt to juggle Lincoln out of the soldiers is one of many other instances in which it has been demonstrated that Omaha is in the District of Hogumbia instead of in the state of Nebraska.

The new Burlington train from Chicago to Denver is one of the handsomest in this country. It is made up of a baggage, two chair cars, a Pullman buffet, smoking and library car and a sleeper, solid vestibuled from engine to rear end. The buffet car contains a bathroom and sitting room, the latter furnished with comfortable rattan chairs. This new train is one of the best indications of renewed prosperity. The elegance of all the appointments is an indication of the confidence the Burlington management has in this cis-Mississippi country as well as a testimony to the fastidious taste of its inhabitants.

The eighteen-year old boy who ran away from school to join the army on account of his grandchildren has the historical sense fully developed. With his velvet chin still untouched by the razor he sees himself fifty years hence implored by his grandchildren to tell them a tale of the war of 1898 and

obliged to confess that he was only eighteen years old and their great-grandfather Garoute ordered him to continue his attendance at the Lincoln High school. He would have to tell them that he did enlist "but his father pulled him out untouched by his wail of "what kind of a grandfather will I make." It is safe to predict that if this boy gets into a battle he will be so taken up by the kind of a story his experiences will make and the heroics he can play off to his remote descendants that he will be likely to altogether forget that the bullet may have already been discharged that will destroy him and his posterity.

Until a few months ago Commodore Dewey was one of a great number of naval officers. Today no one is so ignorant as not to know his name and what he has done. The chance of distinction for the officers of the United States army and navy has arrived and they are only eager to seize it before peace is declared. That this will be soon is indicated by the slender resources of Spain and its internal dissensions. But for those who are anxious to fight one good fight and an early cessation of hostilities means bitter disappointment. Fame, and the opportunity to justify the choice of a profession, lies in the chance of a prolonged campaign. Though these considerations will not have any influence with the Washington authorities the military point of view is interesting.

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wise mother, good housekeeper, of broad culture and charity, in short, a canny woman. The story is very cleverly and gracefully written and is interesting to every one, but to Mrs. Maule's friends in Lincoln the story has been especially interesting.

While the United States has never aspired to be the mistress of the seas or claimed to be a war power yet the fact that we have never been defeated since the articles of confederation were adopted has given us an excellent European standing. Of late years we have so carefully avoided getting mixed up with international trouble that Europe and Asia have suspected us of a weakness due to the supposed disloyal tendencies of the south and a comparatively small navy. The unanimity of the southern states in ratifying the

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president's war measures are a proof that that the union is stronger than ever, while the Manila victory has restored our war ships and their commanders to the respect they have always deserved.

The moral support of England at the present time is of inestimable