# ARE SHORT ROMANCES

SOM" RECENT EVENTS OF A ROMANTIC NATURE.

A Russian Nobleman's Sad Fate - A Woman Leads a Double Life - A Pretty Swedish Emigrant Girl Baffles the Detention Officers at Castle Garden.



HE deacone of the Library Baptist church of Pittsburg are considering grave charges against Rev. Gordon Bond, who is accused of kissing grown female members of his flock. Alta Riggs testified that Mr.

Bond had to'd her that "he was stuck on her" from the time he first saw her. He kissed her and told her she was pretty, "and," she says he added, "it isn't every person who can tell a pretty girl." Ida Riggs told the deacons that the pastor had told her that "he was mashed on her ever since he saw her." She repeated the story of the kisses Lizzie Phillips said that one day while she was driving home the cows Mr. Bond told her he loved her from first sight. "He also told me," she said, "that his wife was jealous of me. One day he said his wife burned the elastic hand he bought for his bible because the said it was Lizzie Phillips'. Ho was at her home and told her he liked her music. She was playing for him, and when she was through he pulled her over in his lap and kissed her.

#### Russian Noble's Sad Fate.

Ewnelus Comoski, the son of an old and noble Russian family, is a patient, at the city hospital in St. Louis. The unfortunate young man was taken there last Saturday with both legs so badly mangled that it was necessary to amputate them.

Usmoski is 21 years old and came to America two years ago. His father was a count and considered one of the wealthiest men of Warsaw, until twelve years ago, when he was exiled to Siberia on account of his alleged connection with a nihilist scheme to blow up the royal palace at St. Petersburg. At the time of the father's exnow. ile the family possessions were confiscated and the family were left almost penniless. After the father's death, which occurred eight years ago, influential friends of the family intervened and their possessions were restored. At the age of 18 young Usmoski, who had inherited the nihilistic tendencies of his father, was discovered in some plot against the government and was sent to Siberia. After a year friends secured his pardon and he returned to his home in Warsaw. He remained there but a short time, when he again got into trouble, and to avoid a second trip to Siberia came to this country. Young Usmoski made his way to Chicago and for a year worked as a fresco painter. From there he went to Kansas City, where he remained until last died. week, when he decided to again return formed, criminal suits instituted, but to Chicago. Having no money, he was came to nothing. At last the neighmaking his way on freight trains, and bors raided the farmhouse and found a in altempting to jump off a freight car a few miles west of St. Louis last Saturday night he fell under the car, the wheels passing over his legs at the nation became intense, and as the stealknees. The young man has written to ing of the turkeys was a sure case, it his family and informed them of the was resorted to, to get the Moore womaccolent. Both legs were amputated an into the penitentiary and break up above the knee, but the physicians her nefarious operations. think he will recover, and if the means come to enable him to do so he will return to Russia.

eves. She is possessed of considerably property in her own right and will inherit at least \$'50,000 more on the death of her mother.

Too Pretty to Be Deported.

"My face is my fortune," sang pretto the commissioners of immigration, at New York, the other day. It was a song without words, or notes either. Vocal chords had nothing to do with it. Liquid blue eyes, cheeks like the rose, lips redder than the cheeks, hair that fell in two long, thick plaits inches below her waist and clustered about her brow in a curly bang, a form that made the simple dress she wore look like a Parisian creationwon over even the stern commissioners. The beggar maid that captured King Cophetua wouldn't have been in a rare respect for such as shook them himself in constant wonderment at it with Olga for a second. She arrived from Sweden on the American liner St. Louis. When the immigration officials began to size her up after the routine methods, they found she lack-

ed every requirement of a legal immigrant. She had neither money not friends. But she wasn't reported. The commissioners were transported. They



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saw and were conquered. With one consent they decided that so fair a maiden should not be lost to the country. They handed her over to Mrs. Melbey, who is in charge of the Swed-

Where is the American Cophetua?

#### Ten Years a Thief.

At Columbia, Tenn., Mary Moore, a white woman, worth \$50,000 and the owner of 600 acres of fine land, was convicted for stealing six turkeys from a neighbor, and sentenced to one year a neighbor, and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. This is the final leaves the actual work of hearing lessons and of elucidating problems to of a most remarkable career, unrivaled in the history of the criminal courts of the state.

husband, calling themselves Stone watch the educational work as it procame to Kentucky, bought land in s good neighborhood, and lived a secreted life. Immediately thefts became numerous, incendiary fires followed the soul but a rigid examination of the rumors spread abroad, the husband younger ones in their studies. At the

Won Her with a Garter.

turned from his travels he was not a

say, all sorts of punishment to the per-

son who had triffed with the colors of

Her engagement to "Charlie" was

came the rumor that they were mar-

ried. This she admitted and then de

she is said to have declared. "when

know nothing about their laws?"

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# THE RED CLOUD CHIEF, FRIDAY, NOV. 20, 1896.

# Life in leeland.

Iceland belies its chilly name every y Olga Johannsen with telling effect now and then. For years its lava dows gave it an equatorial reputation, and now its earthquakes are performing a like service. The Danish coloniste are an extremely independent class, and no cry for help has come from them, although the damage by the September shocks may be estimated at several million dollars.

The farms destroyed number well The farms destroyed number well scenery is at times entrancing, al-over 200 and few buildings of Reykja- though the absence of woodlands gives these joined in singing the song that vik, the capital of this Utima Thule of the land generally a naked and rugthe ancients, escaped some injury. But ged appearance. these Icelanders, while they doa't In the neighborhood of the Deltifoss, mind the ordinary earthquakes, have Iceland's Niagara, the traveler finds

ponies annually and over half a million sheep. Six million pounds of cod-fish and 7,000 pounds of ciderdown exported last year give a fair idea of the industries of the country. Vegetables and grain which can ripen quick make up the only planted crops, for the summers, though warm, are very short. In fact, almost all the breadstuffs used are imported. So is the wood, for trees are a rarity there.

But for the student of geology and mineralogy a town of Iceland is intensely interesting, though full of annoyances. During the past year, however, a society was formed at Reykjovik, the purpose of which is to give the prospective traveler all the information he needs to plerce as deeply into the interior as possible.

In the neighborhood of the Deltifoss,



The Almonnayja, the Valley Where the National Assemblies of Iceland Were Formerly Held

up this month. In fact, it is years since the little country has had anything to equal it, but as for outside aid it would take a series of such earthquakes to bring them to seek it. They are peculiarly hardy and exceedingly intelligent. In fact, educaish Mission in this city. She is there tion is with them of such importance that where distances make it impossible for children to attend school the 'mountain is brought to Mohammed;" in other words, the school, or rather the itinerant teacher, comes to them Almost every parish, if it is any distance from the coast towns, has a traveling pedagogue, who, as a rule, simply directs the educational work in each household, lays out the course of study the parents.

It is a rare treat to go into the home of one of these Iceland farmer families Ten years ago the woman and her and during the long winter evening gresses. The parish priest-leelanders have been Lutherans since 1540-may perhaps be on his monthly visit, and this means not alone consolation for

the terrific power of the glacier streams, which, by the way, invariably force the student of natural history to change his route. But at such times the hardy nature of the Iceland pony pulls one out of many a difficulty. The traveled routes are lost in this flood and the pony, with unerring accuracy, finds the shallowest way to the land. Bridges are now, however, being constructed over many of these streams, making the travel much easier than a



scarlet, however, is groundless, and scientific reasons are given why the prevailing color is for all purposes the most suitable that could be selected. In the first place, searlet affords the best attainable protection against the

extremes of heat and cold to which soldiers are liable to be exposed. The darker the color protecting a warm body the more rapidly radiation proceeds. White would be the best color to reduce radiation to a minimum: but white is barred by other considerstions, as are also all the grays. Scarlet or red comes midway between white and black or other dark colors, while with reference to protection from

the sun scarlet takes a far higher place than any of the blues, greens or drats and other shades often used for military clothing. Yellow or orange is excluded because these colors are particularly conspictous at a long distance. Although scarlet or red is more conspicuous than gray, when the sun shines directly ou

the troops it blurs on the sight, and is consequently more difficult to hit. With existing rifles the actual result of a fight is usually decided at a distance just outside the effective range of the weapons. This distance lies between 600 and 800 yards. Nearer than that it is impossible to close without replying to the enemy's fire, and as soon as the return fire whistles about the defenders' heads the possibility of aiming rapidly and accurately de-

Therefore, from this point of view, it is unimportant whether the object to be hit is conspicuous or not, but from a moral point of view it is a serious consideration. Within 700 yards each subsequent advance is conditioned by fire-superiority already achieved; the defenders are shaken; the time for counting heads is past, and the mental impression conveyed by the sight of the assaulting troops becomes the main

It is a distinct advantage that our men should bulk large in the decisive stages of an encounter ,and there is to color which enables them to do this so effectively as searlet. On the whole, therefore, every scientific consideration justilies the retention of scarlet as the best uniform for our troops.-Penrson's Weekly.

## HUNTERS HIT BY THEIR GAME.

Instances Where Sportsmen Have Received Severe Blows from Birds. Game killed in flight has a momentum that carries it a long way sometimes. The London Field relates several instances where the birds have hit the sportsman. In one case George Monners was shooting in the woods of Long Island when a grouse, driven by beaters, came flying along fast and high up. He shot at it, and then, with the other barrel, fired at another bird. Just as he was about lowering his gun, after the second shot, he received a blow on the head that knocked him senseless. The grouse first hit had

tumbled against his head, That same afternoon a wheelman, riding along near the line of hunters. admiring the scenery, did not observe a big black cock till its feathers brushed his head. The black cock had been killed and had nearly hit him in falling.

The Badminton volume on shooting tells how the late Charles Leslie was knocked out at the battery by a grouse he had shot. A strong hat probably saved him from serious injury.

American hunters have had similar experience. A man was riding along in a wagon some time ago, according to Forest and Stream, when something hit him on the head with chough force to make him dizzy. An unwounded partridge flying through the woods had hit him fair. Why the bird did not turn aside is as much a mystery as the fact that partridges sometimes fly against house sides and are killed in so doing.

## MIGRATING SWALLOWS.

Watching Their Flight Along the Thomes on a Rainy Evening.

If the late Mr. Seebohm had witnessed the scene which I did on the evening of Sept. 15, he might have added a chapter to that on the migration night on Heligoland, which is the locus classicus of that branch of oralthology.

It was a dark, dripping evening, and the thick osier bed on Cheswick Eyot was covered with wet leaf. Between 5 and 6 o'clock immense flights of swallows and martins suddenly appeared above the eyet, arriving, not in hundreds, but in thousands and tens of thousands. The air was thick with them, and their numbers increased from minute to minute. Part drifted above, in clouds, twisting round like soot in a smoke wreath. Thousands kept sweeping just over the tops of the willows, skimming so thickly that the sky-line was almost blotted out for the height of from three to four feet. The quarter from which these armies of swallows came was at first undis-coverable. They might have been hatched, like gnats, from the river.

In time I discovered whence they came. Tacy were literally "dropping from the sky," The flocks were trav-eling at a height at which they were quite invisible in the cloudy air, and from minute to minute they kept drop ping down into sight, and so perpendic ularly to the very surface of the river the eyet. One of these flocks or of dropped from the invisible regions to the lawn on the river bank on which I stood. Without exaggeration 1 may say I saw them fall from the sky, for I was booking upward, and saw them when first visible us descending specks The plunge was perpendicular, till they were within ten yards of the ground Soon the high-flying crowds of birds drew down and swept for a few minutes low over the willows, from end to end of the eyot, with a sound like the rash of water in a hydraulic pipe Then by a common impulse the whole mass settled down from end to end of the island, upon the osiers. Those in the center of the eyot were black with swallows-like the black blight on beans. Next morning, at 6:30 o'clock, every swallow was gone. In half an hour's watching not a bird was seen. Whether they went on during the night or started at dawn, I know not. Prob ably the latter, for Gilbert White once found a heath covered with such a flock of migrating swallows, which did not leave till the sun dispelled the mists. The whole army are now, I hope, catching gnats in the Nile valley or beyond the Atlast mountains.-Con-respondence of the London Times.

#### A Motion to Amend.

Those people out in Colorado are certainly stuck on silver. Now, the last time I was out there I attended church on Sunday, as I always do. The minister was one of the good, old-style Methodists. He'd grown up in the country, though, and called a spade a spade when it was necessary. He had reached his peroration, "and when the last day shall have come,' he said. and we shall have knocked on the pearly gates and they shall have opened to us, we shall enter the beautiful city and walk up the goldenpayed streets and receive a golden harp of a thousand strings; then, oh, then, what joy will be-' Just then, away down in the rear of the church, a little peaked-nosed runt with bowlegs, jumped up and shouted. 'I rise for the purpose of making a motion."

#### Weds His Child Love.

Samuel J. Ryan, Irish comedian, is married, and he wedded an heiress. They were sweethearts twelve years ago in Cincinnati, but were separated by the conventional stern parents. They drifted apart and neither saw nor heard of one another until last Saturday. Then Miss Alma Carl, who lives at 113 East One Hundred and



SAMUEL J. RYAN. Nincteenth street, New York, but who was visiting friends in Jersey City, dropped in at a matinee performance. wholly unconscious that the star was the man whom she had loved and to whom she had plighted her troth half a decade ago. With her friends Mise Carl took a seat in the box, and when Mr. Ryan made his first appearance she gazed at him a moment, gave a gasp and promptly fainted. The recognition had been mutual and Ryan immediately forgot his lines. After the performance Miss Carl met Mr. Ryan and he dined with her at the home of her friends. The old love returned and that night as Rev. John L. Scudder had returned to the parsonage from the Tabernacle church there was a ring at his doorbell and in walked Mr. Ryan and Miss Carl. They were soon married. Miss Carl said her father was dead and that her mother was traveling in Europe. She is a tail, statuesque blonde, 26 years old, with a docidedly protty face and deep blue

vigilance committees were age of fourteen comes the final exam nation, and no child can be confirmed until this has been passed.

Education for the farming classes ends at this point; but for the ambiyoung woman, daughter-in-law of Mra tious there are the high schools in va-Moore, imprisoned in a room and sub- rious parts of the country, the school jected to the foulest treatment. Indig- of philosophy and languages at Reykjavik, and for many there is the university at Copenhagen, for no inconsiderable proportion of the high school pupils end up their curriculum of studles in the Danish capital.

When they return they become the leaders in the political contests which are always stirring up this liberty-

loving nation. Nominally leeland is a dependency of Denmark, but since Lillian Green has accepted her Knight of the Garter, the mysteriour 1874, when their constitution was re-"Charlie" to whom New York gossig stored to them, they have been enjoy-ing almost absolute freedom of polithas had her engaged for some time They are now Mr. and Mrs. Charles lead action. The Althing, or Iceland Flamen Adee, and are spending theil parliament, meets every other year, noneymoon at the home of the bride's and of the entire membership of thirty six, only six are named by the king. mother in that city. While the young These six comprise just one-half of the man's friends were wondering wha upper house, while the twenty-four members of the lower house are electhad become of him, for he disappeared from them about a month ago, the sec ed directly by the people. The landshofding, or governor, is named for life by the king of Denmark, but only ond act of a comedy in hearts, entitled 'The Lady and the Garter," was being upon the recommendation of the alacted in Mrs. Green's boarding house thing. His power does not extend to where the pair have been living since the veto, for a majority vote of both they visited "The Little Church houses makes a measure a law, unless, Around the Corner," on the 30th o' of course, it be a matter involving a last July, when Dr. Houghton married change in the constitution, when the them. Mr. Adee is young and social- king's veto is effective.

But in its literary life Iceland in ly prominent, a graduate of Yale, bemany respects even surpasses its solongs to the best clubs, and is a mem called mother country. Its scholars her of the Seventh Regiment. Hi have transplanted the classics of all bride is also young and pretty, and nations into their own vernacular. entil recently danced and sang in con- Magazines and daily and weekly newstinubus performances and at roof garpapers have excellent circulations, and dens. While at Koster & Bial's last lecland's libraries are becoming exsummer she eprang into fame by ceedingly massive.

To the student of American history means of a garter. It was an elaborate the great library building at Reykjaaffair, showing the colors of one of the Seventh Regiment's crack companies vik forms an invaluable aid. In fact Iceland was colonized by a people for The night she appeared on the stag. whom education took the place of milwearing it she was cheered to the echt itary life. Wars were unknown to them, and their peaceful inclinations by some of the Seventh's boys, whi were present, when with a whirl o were early accentuated by an isolation from the great European world, which her dainty petticoats their colors came was essentially conducive to literary into view, Then the story leaked out labor. So it is that almost all the an that Miss Green, for she had not ye cient Scandinavian manuscripts are Icelandic. Icelandic archaeologists rechanged her name, was friendly with one of them, whom she called "Jack." covered for us the great sages of the and who was away in Europe, and tha North, the Eddas, the Heims Kringla, the now famous ribbon had been giver the Sturiungasaga, the Njaissaga, the to her by another of the same company Voluspa and others as intersting. named "Charlie." When "Jack" re-

But, as above stated, it is to the student of American history that the literary labors of Icelanders are especially important. There is the story of the bit pleased, and threatened, so they visit of Columbus to Reykjavik, where he learned of the strange adventure of one of Lief Ericson, and then traveled back again to Bristol, thence to Madrid, and a few years later to America. To the eye of the traveler leeland soon announced, and on its heelt presents many features of interest. While it borders on the Arabic circle, the Gulf stream gives its coast a mild emperature, but in the interior there is little possibility for varied industry. The czarina is studying the laws of The low growing grass makes the rais Russia. "How can I be expected to asing of ponies and sheep remunerative. In fact, Iceland exports 5,000 head of sist in the government of my people,"

"celand Women in Sunday Dress few years back. In fact, the two great iron bridges over the Oelfus and Tajors rivers are marvels of engineerrg and make a passage to the majes Selialand entaract very easy.

Now, too, one finds government employes busied everywhere in building roads through the lava beds, and this will, during the coming year, make easily accessible the famous Iceland geysers, now infrequently visited by travelers because of the hard, rocky readway. In fact, it is strange that i phire button. The button of the fourth



#### Reykjavik, the Capital of Iceland.

class is an opaque, dark purple stone, this work has only just been begun, for it is bound to make Iceland a much traveled country for summer tourists. and the bird depicted on the robe is the pelican. Not alone will it make the famous geysers of the Haukadalr accessible, but the entire country around about Mount Hecla, with its innumerable craters and the famous plateau of Thingvalla, with its magnificent lake and its wealth of historical connec-

RED UNIFORMS.

British Investigators Claim That They Are Not Specially Danger.

The scarlet unifom of the British in-

fantry has been greatly criticised in recent years, chieffy on the ground that t exposes the men to needless danger by disclosing their whereabouts to the enemy. The objection taken to the Plain Dealer.

#### Buttons as Insignia

Buttons play an important part in the dress of Chinese mandarins. Those of the first and second class wear a button of coral red, suggested, perhaps, by a cock's comb, since the cock is the bird that adorns their breast. The third class are gorgeous with a robe on which a peacock is emblazoned, on which from the center of the fringe of silk upon the hat rises a sap-

ent with a common sparrow for his

emblem, and with silver for his but-

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essly extravagant fellow I know."

"That man Beasley is the most reck-

"Bought an umbrella."-Cleveland

ton.-Boston Journal.

"What has he done?"

Well, the parson looked startled and quit speaking, 'My motion is,' said the peak-nosed fellow, 'that wherever in that there discourse the word "gold" appears, it be stricken out, and the word "silver" be substituted." Well, sir, about forty of that congregation got up to second the motion. Now, that just shows what the silver sentiment is in that state."

"Well, what did the preacher say?" asked the listeners.

"Well, gentlemen, he looked at that little peaked-nose, bow-legged runt for a minute, gettin' madder and madder all the while, and he looked as if he was going to have a stroke of apoplexy. He slammed the book shut and he banged his fist down on the cover and said. T'll see you durned first?"→ New York Sun.

#### Physicians on the Wheel.

Two up-town physicians, who recently sold their horses and took to bicycles for business, say they are saving money, gaining health, and are readier than they were for more clients because of time gained. In several emergency cases they have got in ahead of their former usual time, much to the patient's advantage. They say some of their old-fashioned patients sniffed at them for a while on account of the wheels. That, however, is all gone now; nobody among the circle they visit seems to notice how they They do not wear knickertravel. backers, however, and they do not in-sist on dragging their wheels into front halls; they lock them by chains to anything outside they can find. One of them is enthusiastle over the idea of a bicycle ambulance corps, consisting of half a dozen young surgeons prepared to go further in the same line than first-aid-to-the-injured people do. There are dozens of cases every week, he says, where most valuable assist ance could be given by a prompt avant courier of the ambulance. The same sort of thing has been talked of for the fire department, but the officials are slow to act, notwithstanding the example of the police, which has been most conspicuous in its complete successfulness in this and most other big cities .- New York Post.

#### The Unhappy Barber.

"Hahd times is now comin' on in dis here business," said the barber as he

painted his client's face.

"Um," grunted the customer.

"Yessah. Fust dey is de fot ball boys stops de fashion ob gettin' a haih cut. An' 'zif dat wasn't enough, dey will be a whole lot ob men makin' bets not to git no shave of dair party gits beat. Free silbah er free gold, de babbah gwine git de worst ob it." And he sighed.-Cincinnati Enquirer.

### Every Rule Has Its Exception.

Radbourn-My dear fellow, it is always better to begin at the bottom of the ladder.

Chesney-Nonsense! How about it when you are escaping from a fire?-Tit-Bits.

A silver pheasant on the robe and a clear crystal button on the hat are the rank of the fifth class. The sixth class are entitled to wear an embroidered stork and jadstone button, the seventh a partridge and an embossed gold button. In the eighth the partridge is reduced to a quail and the tions.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat. gold button becomes plain, while the ninth class mandarin has to be con-