

ARE SHORT ROMANCES

SOME 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.



THE deacons of the Library Baptist church of Pittsburgh 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 told her that "he was stuck on her" from the time he first saw her.

Russian Noble's Sad Fate. Ewelus Usmoski, the son of an old and noble Russian family, is a patient at the city hospital in St. Louis.

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.

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.



SAMUEL J. RYAN. Nineteenth 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 pledged her troth half a decade ago.

eyes. She is possessed of considerable 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 pretty Olga Johannsen with telling effect to the commissioners of immigration, at New York, the other day.



OLGA JOHANNSEN. saw and heard. With one consent they decided that so fair a maiden should not be lost to the country.

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 in the penitentiary.

Won Her with a Garter. Lillian Green has accepted her Knight of the Garter, the mysterious "Charlie" to whom New York gossip has had her engaged for some time.

Life in Iceland.

Iceland bellies its chilly name every now and then. For years its lava flows gave it an equatorial reputation, and now its earthquakes are performing a like service.

The farms destroyed number well over 200, and few buildings of Reykjavik, the capital of this Ultima Thule of the ancients, escaped some injury.

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The Almannayja, 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.

It is a rare treat to go into the home of one of these Icelandic farmer families and during the long winter evenings watch the educational work as it progresses.

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

To the student of American history the great library building at Reykjavik forms an invaluable aid. In fact, Iceland was colonized by a people for whom education took the place of military life.

The czarina is studying the laws of Russia. "How can I be expected to assist in the government of my people," she is said to have declared, "when I know nothing about their laws?"

ponies annually and over half a million sheep. Six million pounds of codfish and 7,000 pounds of dried codfish exported last year give a fair idea of the industries of the country.

But for the student of geology and mineralogy a town of Iceland is intensely interesting, though full of annoyances.

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Iceland Women in Sunday Dress.

few years back. In fact, the two great iron bridges over the Oefus and Tjors rivers are marvels of engineering and make a passage to the majestic Soljaland entreat 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 roadway. In fact, it is strange that



Reykjavik, the Capital of Iceland.

this work has only just begun, for it is bound to make Iceland a much traveled country for summer tourists.

British Investigators Claim That They Are Not Specially Dangerous.

The scarlet uniform of the British infantry has been greatly criticized in recent years, chiefly on the ground that it exposes the men to needless danger by disclosing their whereabouts to the enemy.

scarlet, however, is groundless, and scientific persons are given why the prevailing color is for all purposes the most suitable that could be selected.

Yellow or orange is excluded because these colors are particularly conspicuous at a long distance.

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.

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HUNTERS HIT BY THEIR GAME.

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Woeful Taste.

"That man Beasley is the most recklessly extravagant fellow I know." "What has he done?" "Bought an umbrella."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

MIGRATING SWALLOWS.

Watching Their Flight Along the Thames on a Rainy Evening.

If the late Mr. Seeborn 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 Helligoland, which is the locus classicus of that branch of ornithology.

It was a dark, dripping evening, and the thick osier bed on Cheswick Eyot was covered with wet fern. Between 5 and 6 o'clock immense flights of swallows and martins suddenly appeared above the eyot, arriving, not in hundreds, but in thousands and tens of thousands.

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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.

The Unhappy Barber.

"Hard times is now comin' on in dis here business," said the barber as he painted his client's face.

Every Rule Has Its Exception.

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