## MOONLIT MEADOWS.

#### On these white nights, when over hill and boom

The brooding mystery of midnight lies, Beneath the glad enchantment of the skiel The moonlit meadows spread their quietude.

Drenched in the deluge of effulgent light Their dew-swept reaches, sweet with newmown hay,

Into the bazy distance stretch away, And lose their brightness in the folds of night.

The far-off hills recede beyond the plain. a little better than a mermald ; but the And this expanse of moonlight meadow seems

The land we may have visited in dreams. But may not find when day returns again.

Earth's weary train of days remoter grows,

The voice of care sounds faint, and dies away--

And all distress that walts upon the day Fades from the memory like forgotten woes.

Peace on the troubled earth when day is flown !

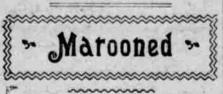
Silence that falls across the clash o strife-

And fleeting glimpses of that higher life That speaks in other language than our own.

Fair moonlit meadows! Nature's open page Which we with clouded vision vainly

trace. Yet fail to read the meaning of its grace Whose message is withheld from age to

age -Youth's Companion.



I accepted my Aunt Maltrevor's invitation to her river picnic, for the simple reason that I dared not refuse. A broken leg or a doctor's certificate that you have something infectious are the only excuses Mrs. Maltrevor recognizes, and I could produce neither. Besides, Dulcinea was sure to be there and public opinion would expect me to be in attendance.

I may, perhaps, say a few straightforward words about Mrs. Maltrevor later. Duicinea you will take for granted. I cannot describe her-she is neither the most beautiful, the most accomplished nor the cleverest of the girls I know; but there is that about her which is beyond the power of ad-

jectives to describe. Most men will

understand me-they all know at least one girl of that sort. I perhaps might mention that I have always known Dulcinea; we grew in beauty, so to speak, on opposite sides of the same road; and when she put up her hair, I started smoking. When she left school, I proposed and she refused me. Unfortunately our friends (and for the moment the definition must include Aunt Maltrevor) don't know this, and they smile on us both in the fatuous way that the world always does reserve for matrimonal folly. And when Dulcinea gets up a promising flirtation (as she did with Jack Guthrie in the spring) people only We conversed quite amicably.

lost a lot of paint and woke up the bargee. At Dulcinea's request I rowed as fast as I could to get out of earshot -indeed, we should soon have overhauled the rest of the party had not with Mrs. Maltrevor herself, and Dulcinea suddenly burst out with a slight exclamation :-"We have sprung a leak," she said

tremulously. I stopped rowing. I knew Dulcinea

ing straight for a barge moored by the

towpath. We did not capsize, but we

well enough to be sure that the tremor was on behalf, not of herself, but of her elegant river gown, for she swims

leak was a leak for all that, and from behind the steering-seat came a little gushing stream of water, bubbling quite viciously around Dulcinea's shoes. I rowed quickly to the nearest shorethat of a little wooded Island, twenty yards across, in the middle of the river. Here we debarked in good order, but

even as we did so Fate stepped in again. The boat in some inexplicable way wrenched itself out of my hand and be-

gan to drift down the stream. "I believe you did that on purpose, said Dulcinca, as I leaned over in a vain effort to reach our craft.

"Just like your beastly vanity," I said in a brotherly way (Dulcinea had often offered to be a sister to me). Why, do you suppose I want to be cooped up on a desert island with you in your present temper? Fortunately

I have plenty of eignrettes." "Oh, very well, then," said Dulcinea. with withering scorn. "So long as you are happy, I don't mind starving for a

few hours." (She had, I know, lunched at 1; if

was now 3.) Shortly afterwards she turned her ack upon me and began pensively nibbling at dandellon leaves. I commended this step highly, and told her they were most nourishing, though rather bitter.

I suppose we must have sat in silence for quite half-an-hour after that. I smoked and Dulcinea sulked. At the end of that time she asked me in her brightest way the date of the Tennis Tournament. (This is a desperately important affair and as many as five motor cars have been garaged in the town at one and the same time during its progress.)

I told Dulcinea the date, and slanged the style of all the local ladies in a



It is against Dulcinea's principles to let a little thing like Mrs. Maltrevor disconcert her, and it is due to her to say that she never lost grip of the situation. She conversed amicably with the junior curate of All Saints', then kindly inquired after Mr. Maitrevor's tootbache. She was rapidly disarming suspicion when young Perkins, who had been landed on

the other bank with a view to the salvage of the Saucy Jane, suddenly called the attention of the party to himself by a loud exclamation. "What is the matter, Mr Perkins?" sald Mrs. Maltrevor sweetly. "Is the leak a had one?"

Young Perkins laughed. (I detest "Very serious indeed," he rehim.) plied, holding up in each hand the half of a lemonade bottle, which he had extracted from a hamper behind the steering seat. "As you see, the bottle not only leaked, but burst. It's quite done

for. "But what about the boat?" inquired Mrs. Maltrevor, still more sweetly. "The boat? Oh, the boat's all right," remarked young Perkins, as he boarded her, and with a vigorous shove brought her over to the island. For a moment there was a slience.

Then a roar of laughter in which Dulcinea joined and I tried to. I think Mrs. Maltrevor repeated that she guite understood; at any rate, in her most ostentationsly tactful way she gathered her party on board and announced her intention of departing forthwith in

search of tea. "You can follow at your leisure, dear," she remarked to Dulcinea, with a meaning look at me. I knew the look.

It said, "If you haven't proposed, do it now." Dulcinea had gone back to her old seat. As I joined her I noticed that my old friend the wasp was still there, but

"Dulcinea," I said, "Dulcinea, it's no good my trying to tell you all the nice things I think about you, because you know them already. And you know that I shall be walting for you to marry me ten years hence-if you won't do it before, Dulcinea."

I felt I was doing it very badly; I

"I've never been so badly proposed to, However, this is the last time."

Dulcinea, you're not angry with me, are you?"

A smile spread from the corners of spoke.

Yes.' "-Philadelphia Telegraph.

Tip on Reptile's Snout with Which It Brenks Its Way Out. Because of the popular aversion to eggs or bear their young alive. As a

# FACTS IN TABLOID FORM.

New York city has an average of one and one-half million visitors each wook.

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Taxicabs have become so popular in London that the demand for them exceeds the supply. A capital of \$10,000,-000 is already invested in them.

What are declared by experts to be practically inexhaustible layers of asphalt have been discovered in Syria, twenty-five miles from the port of Latakia, on the road leading toward Alep-

A scientist has found microbes of various kinds in seventy-seven samples of ink-red, blue and black-supplied to schools, and some of the microbes were deadly enough to kill mice inoculated with them.

The Forestry Department has been conducting experiments with the hope of finding some commercial manner of making use of the white fir which is found on the Pacific coast in great quantities. Very little of it has been

Parts of Oklahoma are being prospected and mineral deposits in various districts show that gold, silver and copper are likely to be found in large quantities. Asphalt is also being found and this latter mining is likely to be started immediately.

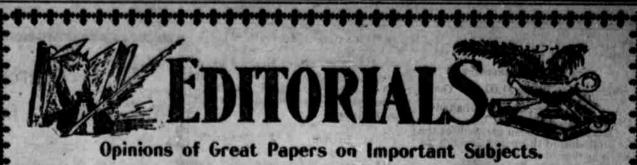
The total production of metals of the world for 1907 showed that 713,000 tons of copper was produced, 992,800 tons of lead, 98,700 tons of tin, 738,400 tons of zinc, 14,100 tons of nickel and 19,800 tons of aluminum. Of the precious metals, gold, silver and quicksilver, there were no official reports.

It is comparatively estimated that the area of first class timber in Mexico comprises from 20,000,000 to 25,000,000 acres. The heaviest stumpage of pine and oak is found in the states of Chihuahua, Durango, Jalisco, Michoacan and Guerrero. The best timber is still more or less remote from transportation.

The new patent laws of Great Britain have caused the investment in England of fully £25,000,000 of foreign cap-Ital. Germany has contributed the largest portion of the money for chem-Ical manufactures. Naturally the meas ure is considered one of the most popular ever enacted by the British government.

Arkansas claims to have the largest peach orchard in the world and 1,000 men and 300 teams are annually em ployed harvesting. the crop. The orchard is in Sevier County and has 200,-000 trees. It covers 2.800 acres and trees on 2,000 acres are bearing. Five hundred freight cars will be used to haul the crop to market.

A Kansas woman, whose husband has been in the habit of sleeping late on \*\*\*\*\* Sunday mornings, adopted the plan of preparing something particularly pleasing to eat for the Sunday ' morning \* breakfast. The plan worked all right for a time, but now the husband has contracted the habit of eating Sunday grasping man is outwitted or held up breakfast in his pajamas and then goto ridicule are popular everywhere and ing back to bed.



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## RAILBOAD ACCIDENTS IN AMERICA.



O PERSON should get the idea from the statement of the Interstate Commerce Commission that the number of deaths from raffroad accidents in the first three months of the present year was smaller than for any similar period since 1901, that rall-

toads are exercising greater care of their patrons. Such is not the case, in the opinion of the commission, which attributes the decrease to the smaller number of trains operated and to the shorter hours of employes, due to business depression.

During those three months 728 persons were killed and 15,441 injured in railroad accidents. Of the killed, 67 were passengers, 194 were trainmen engaged in the operation of trains and 65 were trainmen who were killed in railroad yards.

There have been 1,190 collisions, all of which might have been avoided by use of the block signal system. In these collisions 62 persons were killed and 1,837 injured. There were also 1,442 derailments directly traceable to defects of roadbed or equipment. The neglect of operators, signalmen and trainmen caused 13 accidents, in which 3 persons were killed and 03 injured.

This is a grewsome record, considering the ability that has been shown by Americans in other lines of business. Railroads appear to be an exception to the rule that greater efficiency marks the conduct of corporations every year.-Chicago Journal.

#### CONGRESS' GREAT SPENDING.

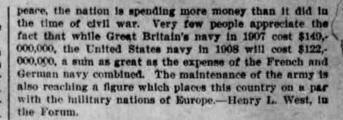
HE aggregate of all the appropriations made by Congress this year reaches the abnormal sum of \$1,088,804,804, or more than \$88, 000,000 in excess of the budget of the previous year, notwithstanding the fact that the river and harbor bill, which last year carried an appropriation of \$37,000,000,

was omlitted. About one-half of the increase is chargeable to the army and navy, \$23,000,000 for the latter and \$16,000,000 for the former. The army and navy, by the way, are becoming expensive necessities, and annually cost nearly \$100,000,000 each. In fact, so enormous were the appropriations that Representative Tawney, the chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, felt called upon to apologize for their excessive size, while the Democrats, through Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, presented comparative figures that are almost as startling. Mr. Fitzgerald asserted, for instance, that the expenditure during the four Roosevelt years, 1906-1909, amounted to \$3,428,000,000, while during the civil war years, 1862-1865, they reached only \$3,394,000,000. According to Mr. Fitzgerald, never but once in our history did the expenditures of our government reach the thousand million dollar mark. During the fiscal year 1865, when the country was in the throes of the bloody and expensive civil war, the expenditures aggregated \$1,394,655,000, of which \$1,030,690,400 were for the maintenance of the army. To-day, in a time of profound Tribune.

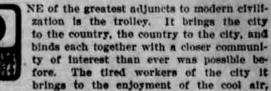
NINE CHEESES.

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Anecdotes in which the mean and



### THE TROLLEY.



green trees, the shaded ponds and streams, the peace and restfulness of the countryside. Those suffering from the monotony and ennul of rural life it brings to the city, to the kaleidoscopic changes and excitements of the streets, to the mart, the theater, the church and the lecture room. Thus it gives the recreation which is found in change to the urban as well as to the rural dweller and increases the enjoyment of life for both.

There are to-day nearly 40,000 miles of electric railways in the United States, and the network of connecting lines is extending with wonderful rapidity. Millions are invested in the business, which has become in many quarters a sharp competitor with the steam cars in passenger transportation. A considerable express and freight business is springing up on many lines, and soon the trolley will have problems for solution just the same as the steam railroads. In rural sections the trolley is working a revolution in values. It is developing hamlets and towns and villages and building up recreation places for both the urban and rural dweller. By bringing the former from the heated, crowded streets into the pure and invigorating atmosphere of the country it is performing the part of a physician, which is not the least among its blessings .- Utica Globe.

### ENGLAND'S NAVY EVER READY.



REAT BRITAIN is not only building enough ships to keep herself in numbers and tonnage equal to any two rival powers; she is also keeping the personnel of her navy up to the mark, and is providing-as at Rosyth-dockyards and naval bases ample in equipment and convenient in location.

Tremendous as is the display of power in the number of ships in the North Sea, her demonstration of readiness to use them all efficiently is even more impressive. To have sent out this mighty fleet with scratch crews might have been better than nothing. To send it out with ample and amply trained complements is an achievement fit to command the admiration of the world .- New York



I carefully avoided kneeling on him.

was convinced of it by Dulcinea's next remark.

before," she said serenely. "Why, you did it better when you were eighteen. "The last time," I queried. "Why,

her mouth, dimpled in her cheeks, and I knew my answer even before she

"This is the last time," she said slowly, "because the answer this time is

HATCHING SNAKES' EGGS.

the serpent family there is a surprising amount of ignorance about even the simplest of snake habits, says the Scientific American. It is doubtful if many correct answers could be given to the question whether snakes lay

murmur "Lovers' quarrel." while if I pay ardent if somewhat spasmodic attention to some other girl (Dulcinea lessiy. declares I flirted outrageously with Dalsy Gordon at the Hockey Dance) I only hear a whisper, "Oh, those foolish young people." So you see my position. Now about the plenic.

Mrs. Maltrevor's picnics are pretty important things. The country people are always represented, and as many as three motor cars have been garaged on her tennis lawn at the same time ; while the reporter of the local paper always spreads himself on a florid report of the function, which I (acting under my aunt's orders), rigorously sub-edit.

On the present occasion I rather wanted to see Dulcinea; she had just had her twenty-first birthday, and 1 had sent her some red roses and a short poem which began:

A poet, miss, would write a sonnet Felicitating you upon it. so naturally I wanted to see how she would take it.

Arriving punctually at 1:30, at the lock which Mrs. Maltrevor had appointed as rendezvous, I found the lady surrounded by the youth and beauty of Maston (this phrase I deleted regularly from the local reporter's outburst) and simply overflowing with good humor. This, as I discovered later, was partly because my Uncle Maltrevor had got toothache, partly because sre had roped in a broken-down baronet for the picnic. Dulcinea I could not see for the moment (she had gone off, I found, to look for forget-me-nots with Jack Guthrie) so, having been presented to Sir Hugo Jones, I retired into private life and made myself agreeable to Daisy Gordon.

A small floti'la of boats lay in the stream ready for us, and as soon as my aunt had introduced the baronet to everyone except Mrs. Neville Ponsonby and the Hon. Ethel Ponsonby (whom she had asked specially to snub), we began to embark.

I watched the process with admiration. My Aunt Maltrevor being my uncle's mistake and not my own. I do not pretend to understand her, but there is little doubt that, excluding her toupce, and her complexion, she is composed mainly of tact. If such a thing had been conceivable, I should have said she winked at me as she despatched Jack Guthrie off with Dalsy Gordon on one of the first boats to start, and, conceivable or not, I believe she did parting, having left Dulcinea and me to bring up the rear in a single scutter.

"You cannot fight against Fate when it has Mrs. M. on its side," I observed as I handed Dulcinea into the Sancy Jane. "You know it's really rather an excellent temper-this, I afterwards funny-the way people throw us at each other-tt ought to amuse you."

cinea, moodily steering into the bank. "If you don't want to take the overland route, perhaps I'd better row." "Perhaps I'd better steer, you mean," I retorted. "You've got the ropes cross-

ed. Pull your left-quick." Too latecrash! I had seen, but not soon enough to avert a collision, that we are head- Ethel Ponsonby.

"Guthrie is almost sure to win the matter of fact, some species are vivip-Singles, of course," I remarked care-

"Is he?" said Duicinea, apparently neither surprised nor interested. "But former class. where do you come in? You used to

play some sort of a game?" "O. I shall enter, no doubt." I admitted. "But Guthrie'll win. I hear he's come on a lot."

"Perhaps you will have a chance in the Mixed Doubles," suggested Dulcinea, inocently. "Who are you playing with ?"

"I may not enter at all if I see any really good couples," I countered. "You, for instance, if you have a strong partner. Let's see, it's Guthrie, isn't it?"

"Possibly," agreed Dulcinea. "I mean, has he asked you to play?" went on.

He had not, for Dulcinea was almost disconcerted, and swished her gloves at a harmless butterfly. "Never mind," I said, "he will."

"I didn't say he hadn't," said Dulcinea, sharply. I lit a cigarette.

"And if he does," she declared, in a sudden burst of graciousness, "I-I'll play with you, if you like."

Dulcinea is never so dangerous as in her gracious mood. "Dulcinea," I said, kneeling on

wasp by her side (how hard it is to kneel gracefully on a wasp), "Dulcinea-oh, hang it all !"

The plash of oars fell on my ears, and I started to my feet. What had happened was only too clear. Our absence had been noticed, and a relief expedition was on its way, conducted by Mrs. Maltrevor, whose stentorian tones could already hear.

Rather sheepishly we advanced to the edge of the water, and as we did so I noticed that the Saucy Jane had merely drifted across the river, and was resting serenely against the opposite rushes. The leak was evidently not a serious one, for I could not dedect that she was lower in the water.

Mrs. Maltrevor seemed to have brought about twenty people to witness our ridiculous plight.

"We're awfully sorry," I began, as the party bore down upon us. "Awfully sorry," echoed Dulcinea

"But we sprang a leak-"The water simply rushed in," Dulcines corroborated.

"And just as I was going to see whether I could stop up the hole, it wink as she waved her hand to me in drifted away," I concluded, with a complete and desperate disregard for

the rules of syntax. Mrs. Maltrever's smile simply fascinated me. I think she said she quite understood. At any rate, she was in

learned, was because Matilda, her eldest and most hopeless, had that very "It doesn't-to any extent," said Dul- afternoon brought to book the senior place? curate of All Saints'; while the broken down baronet, fortified with champagne, was at that very moment flirting openly and outrageously with Evelyn, another of Mrs. Maltrevor's for-

torn hopes, to the complete discomfiture of Mrs. Neville Pousonby and the Hon.

arous and other oviparous. Most of the poisonous snakes, as well as many of our harmless varieties, belong to the

The European ring snake is closely allied to our common water snake and goes by the scientific name tropidonotus natrix. Curiously enough, all other members of the genus tropidonotus are viviparous and this species alone lays eggs. Furthermore, according to Gadow's "Amphibia and Reptiles," the new-laid eggs usually show not the slightest visible sign of an embryo, unless ovi position is delayed, when the embryos are more or less developed.

The eggs are laid in July or August in a soft bed of loam or decaying vegetation or in a heap of manure. The older snakes sometimes lay as many as a dozen eggs or more and they usu ally stick together, so that the entire cluster can be picked up at once, Sometimes, however, if the process of laying is slow, they will be separated. The eggs are about an inch long and of a whitish-yellow color. The shell is thin

and flexible like parchment. The young hatch in late summer or utumn. Before hatching they develop a sharp calcareous growth on the tip of the snout known as the egg tooth, with which the shell is slit open. Unlike hatching chicks, which are suddenly dispossessed by the breaking of their brittle shells, the young snakes may make many incisions on the parchment envelopes and take many peeps at the outside world before venturing forth into the new environment. Shortly af-

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ter hatching the egg tooth is lost. At first the young live on insects and worms, but within a few weeks they are strong enough to attack and devour young frogs. Strangely enough, al though the adults are strong swimmers and spend much time in ponds and streams hunting the fish and frogs on which they subsist, the young are unable to swim and they will soon drown if they fall into the water. The European ring snake, as well as the American water snake, makes an excellent per; it is perfectly harmless, becomes tame and learns to know the difference between friends and strangers. Gadow tells of a pet ring snake that would eat from his hand, crawl up his coat sleeve and coll itself contentedly on his

RTID. Surprised Several Times Patience-Didn't he surprise you when he kissed you?

Patrice-Yes; you know he said he was only going to kiss me once !---Yonkers Statesman.

Not Expected of Him.

Employer-So you want a job, ch? Well, what did you do at your last

Boy-I didn't do nothing. I was the office looy .- St. Louis Times, The nearer a young person can imitate the steadiness of an older person.

the better it will be for him. The Transvaal produces 400,000

ounces of gold every month.

always. Few ancient towns are with-The combined imports and exports but their historic or traditional for the twelve months ending June 30, stances of stinginess punished or sharp 1908, were \$3,055,000,000. It compares practise defeated. In one village of favorably with the total of the preced- New England there is still current such ing year, in which our foreign trade a tale concerning an unpopular parson was \$3,315,000,000, and \$2,571,000,000 of more than a century ago.

two years ago. This contrast shows Although a learned me of impresthat in the latest year our volume of sive manners, this clergyman was noted foreign trade has fallen off somewhat for undue reluctance to expend and less than 10 per cent, due wholly to a readiness to acquire. He had a habit decrease in imports of about 12 per of plending poverty and hinting for cent from the preceding year .-- Wall gifts, Street Journal.

The parish, although with some mur-It is said to be owed to the frogs of muring, had responded with fuel for western Australia that that part of his kitchen, hay for his horse, Thanksthe empire is English and not\_French. giving turkeys for his table, and a About 1800 a party of prospective "subscription clock" of black satin for French colonists landed on the west his wife when her wedding manteau const of Australia, but on the first became shabby. The murmurs increased morning they were alarmed by the loud when it was found that the parson croaking of the frogs, which they took turned an honest but overshrewd penny for demons, and retired with all speed by selling, instead of using, many of to their ships. Western Australia might these donations. But they were not have preferred the frog to the swan as loud enough to disturb his stately calm, her emblem, just as Rome might have and he went his way without condepreferred, instead of the engle, the scending to notice them. At last, howgoose that saved the capital. ever, fortune played him trick for trick.

Experiments in the domestication and One pleasant winter day he made a training of elephants in the Congo round of calls, and at each house, when Free State indicate that they can be just about to leave, he casually asked used to advantage for porterage work his hostess if she could let him have a in regions where the opening up of little piece of cheese, as his wife hapthe country is most difficult because of pened to have none in the house, and lack of transportation facilities. Conunexpected company had arrived. In trary to the general belief that Cen- each case, the good housewife, instead trai African elephants could not be of a little plece, generously presented tamed and made to perform the same him with a whole cheese, which he graservice as their Asiatic fellows in clously accepted. As he turned from the India, a bulletin issued by the Congo door-stone, at the close of the last government announces the complete visit, while the mother of the family success of experiments conducted at an and her brood of nine children stood "elephant farm" at Apl .-- Consular Re- politely gathered to watch him drive

away, he carelessly pulled the wrong Tomatoes are imported in increasing rein-the sleigh tipped sharply on a quantities into England from Italy. drift, and out from under the minis-The quality of these tomatoes is stated terial laprobe rolled nine large cheeses, to be good and the prices low. Large which spun friskily away in all direcquantities of canned tomatoes are also tions over the ley crust.

shipped now each season from Italy to His hostess understood the situation the eastern part of the United States, at a glance.

and the American shipments to Italy "Don't disturb yourself, pray, sir," are much smaller than formerly. It is she urged, politely, as he made a mosuggested by one of the leading import- tion to descend. "It is quite unnecesers in Liverpool that the American sary. The children will gather them tomatoes are frequently packed before up and nene be overburdened, nor will they are fully ripe, and that this prac tice renders them undesirable for use, flege. See, it is just a cheese to a The Italian tomatoes are carefully se child."

A curious court story went the receive back his cheeses, with due which the domicile is so proud are like siness of Italy. They have absolutely rounds some little time ago about a thanks to each giggling volunteer, as the ways of Providence, past finding no mechanical genius and they will not lovely foreigner, one of whose verical they came up in gleeful procession, one out. It does not stop at all on the first allow foreigners to come in and exerslips gave King Edward occasion for a by one.

hearty laugh. A very lively personage, Too well he knew that by the next Roman point of view, would walk up ican or an English capitalist wished to with a delightful accent, she made such day the whole parish would be laugh- one flight! But it actually does stop at erect apartment houses or any other a favorable impression upon the King ing at his misadventure, although he the second, third, fourth and fifth buildings in Rome he would find that that he asked her to be his partner at could scarcely have guessed that the floors; then it skips the sixth floor, he would not be allowed to buy mat bridge. "But, sir," she said, "I really joke would be recalled a hundred years but stops on the roof. On that emt- rials or hire workmen, and that h

would take no denial, however, and she

you, sir," she said, "I could not think of playing. I don't know the difference Ride Up, but Must Walk Down. Why central heating, running water, between a king and a knave." There was an awkward silence, and then she plectric lights and elevator service is the sixth floor. realized what she had said and was

laughed it off, and now tells the story spartment house here on Monte Pinclo flights of stone stairs. The wildest Ro- can. with gusto .- Dundee Advertiser.



The arrangement consists usually of a little box of prayers printed on paper. which is whirled around by the hand, the plous one belleving that with every revolution he is laying up as great a store of merit as though he had recited all the prayers with which the box is filled. Sometimes the praying wheel consists of a cylinder, set upright and revolving on an axis. In this cylinder are arranged, one on top of the other, sheets of paper upon which the prayers are written. The sheets must be wound on the axis from left to right and the wheel when set in motion must revolve in the opposite direction, so that the writing passes in front of the person turning the wheel in the way in which it is read, from left to right. If made to revolve from right to left it is held sacrilegious.

The picture of the Japanese Buddhist priest and praying wheel reproduced herewith was taken at the great temple of Zenkoji, at Nakano, Japan, where there are two of them. They are comparatively rare in Japan, only the Tendat and Shingon sects of Buddhists using them.

proudly proclaims its "lift." Largely man dream would not conceive the idea. there be any quarreling for the priv- the apartment houses are devoid of of one's being so extravagant and exthis convenience, and one mounts to the acting as to thluk of going down in six or seven stories on his two feet, the elevator! This is by no means an extreme exas best he may.

ton, unable to escape, was obliged to But the workings of this "lift" of ample of the curious mechanical clumfloor. Of course, any one, from the cise theirs. I am told that if an Amernence you emerge from your "lift"- | way would be blocked by every sort of walk across it to the other side of the obstacie. The Italian is extremely jealhouse, walk down a flight of cold stone ous of his own country .- New Orleans stairs in a dark passage and, presto! Times-Democrat.

you have "arrived" at last! You are at the entrance to the apartment on

When you again descend to the ture?" pot just as possible in Italy as any-where else in the civilized world is a street you go out in the dark, cold corproblem. Now, for instance, a new ridor and walk down the entire six

Rather Contradictory. "Can you actually foretell the

"Madam, in foretelling the futu am a past master."-Ealtimore

ELEVATOR SERVICE IN ROME.

became rather embarrossed. "I assure

covered with confusion. The King

lected, and are only packed when of a So it was; and the embarrassed parripe and rich color:

don't know how to play." The King after.

Tenants of Apartment House May