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## 1 Slight Mistake.


 can on the hearth, after which he took
his departure, promising to joln hls triend next day, at the depot.
Unfortunately Blake was of a ner ous diapposition, and he was of a t her
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rattled and make a mistake sure as
shooting, Go alow, my son. It doesn't

Bake sconed. "Oh, J.il know Gladys
Bhen
when her. What do you take
glevell, it have known girls to wear
noed not baik on the

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 eurlous smite on her lips. For Just a
second doubt crossed his mind, but
then he recolilected the miniature and
zmiled complacently. Uut went bis
till smilled complacently. Out went has
hand to her in frauk brotherly greet.
ing. Presently he became aware of
Oarren ing. Presentyy he became aware of
Garrison hovering tin to background
shaking a fist at him, and introduced
him with sllght momentary confualon. him with silght momentary confuilon.
Ateer which the party gally drove
home tha a ab.
Blake devoted himselt to Mian
Gladys with a loverlike ardor which Hadys with a lover-like ardor which
let nothng to be desired. At, the
house the young lades left them tor house the young ladtes left them for
A few minutes while they departed for
their rooms to make a change of toflet. Lueir rooms to make a change of tollet.
Luckily for Jim the miniature was
still in evidence when they returne so that he was wure of this betrothed;
otherwise, even be was forced to contess, there was not ans pin to ched to conen- be
tween them. Whille they had been ome rim had taken occasion to make
ome remarks about the sure instinct ured Garrison that one glance into
the ones of his Gladys had set his ot the same kind of talk. As for Gare
tison he simply grinned and hoped rison he simply grinned and hoped
Jim had made no mistake, because he
expected to lay slege to the vacant heart at once.
By what he considered most adrolt
management Blake suceceded in get. ting a minute alone with his sweet-
heart in the hall before he heft, but to
his surprime be found that young wom. in surprino he found that young wom-
anowhat coy. The reason for it
discovered a few minutes d discovered a few minutes later. As
hey were going down the steps her
ster called him back and handed him
note and a sweet, sphin $x$.like smile. note and a sweet, sphinx-llike smile.
What the note sald was this: No your remember onec colling mo that she could not understand a joke
and would not recognize one if mhe saw
it walking down the street? I made
up my mind then to play a joke on you
that hat you would never forget. My por
old JII: How tell tt tor laughing?
You have been making love all night You have been making love anersien
to Nell. whom you have never sen
before. Five timea you have kissed her to my certaln knowledge-poor me,
who have had to put up with one
meager handshake. I want you to be good friends with my sister, but 1
think you have gone a little farther
tonight than the conventions demand. The miniature? Oh, I lent It to my nis.
ter for the occalion! I hope you will
apprectate the point of this Hitle joke. appreclate the point of this little joke.
I am quite sure that your friend Mr.
Garrison will Garrison will see it. Please call to
morrow at throe-and do not make
any mistakes in identity. Good night. morrow at three-and ao not make
any mistakke in indentity. Good night,
dear old stupld Jimt
Your unkisised sweetheart.
Gladys Harrison.
$\qquad$ Next to a dangemens. cellar fre
nothing is more dreaded by the men
than what is known than what is known in thelr own lan-
guage as the "back draf." ThIt is a
sudden veering of the flames, usually
年 caused by the burning away of some
portion of the builiting that gives the
tre renewed draft and changes te course completely. The firemen arrive
and find the whole second or third
foor of a bulting in flames. Axes in

hand. they smash open the doors ind | $h$ |
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| w | This ts all afire, and the flames are

rolling above llike a red pall. With
the engine at work and good pressure
on the line. the battle between the two
elements-fie and water-begins.
and elements-fire and water-beglins
Inch by finc the men fight thetr way
up the stairway, now to retreat as the up the stairway, now to retreat as the
fire gans upon them, and now to ad-
vance as to rolls away for a moment.
The encouraging words of the com-

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 been "ketched." as they express lhave by
a less terribe form of this deadiy
dratt.-St. Nicholas.
 less la his dress. Once his family per-
suaded him to go to Poole and order a
ander
 not my fault, Art," the tatlor assured
him. "Every
coure was we fat a gentleman who wout how
cold sist upon being measured sitting
dow? And the onty satisfaction that could be obtained from sir Harry Po-
land himeit later on was the dry com-
ment: "Well, its my bustneas, and not yours, I like to be comfortable. I
spend three parts of my life stting
down, and I prefer to be measured ao,"

Figures may not lie. but there ta al-
ways more or less doubt about the ver-
acity of the dgures on a gas meter.


Cotes navy has been of the first to show
onow
orn a world that Uncle Sam can gov-
ornisely and well. For the arn a colony wisely and well. For the
apace of more than a year he has been
absolute ruler over the people of Tu-
uifla. subject only to the the far-away andy to the control of
ington. There are five istiand Wash Wis

 CHIEF of TUTUILA.
kindy, gentle, simple-minded race and it was only due to the lack of good
overnment that they developed war-
ike tendencles. The first thing I did Was to disarm the natives. They gave
up their guns readily enough without compensation. I considered that the
best way to govern these people wras
to et them govern themselves. The
Samoans are stil in the patriarchal
stathe samoans are still in the patriarchal
state; the head of each household is
supreme ruler of his own little fam-
 pointing native chjefs as local magis
trates, or governors in each district.
The great trouble was the super-
abundance of material available. Near ly every other man was a chlef, and
naturally, the and songht the coveted
positions. There was no question about
the head chief, Mauga. He was un-
doubtedly the , oubtedly the, man of highest rank in
Tutuili, but the minor chlefs all
seemed to have equal claims to prece dence. However. after an exhaustive
genealogical research men selected, and the natives them-
selvenelected them magistrates. Then
we held a general council tuanibly the natives begn retorman to insti-
There were many injurious customs, rlal, which could only be abollshed by
general consent. Cheet among these
was the practice of going on malangas,
or large piente party or large picnie parties, A whole vil-
lage would suddenly make up Ats mind
to take a wandering hollday. All work
would be dropped and the merry party Would start on its travels. With the
Samoans the virtue of hospltalty is
developed to an excesivive degree tad


their homes this boundless horpitality
had to be rectprocated, so that there
was always a malauga golng on someThis system led to a shameful waste
of food and induced improvident hab-
its. If a village he its. It a village had nothing to eat, it
would go somewhere elsa and get oood
if, however, provisions were plentful,
others would come and eat with them. Thus, no one ever thought of laying up
stores for the morrow, and if there was
a general fallure of the crops the na tives often suffered severely from lack
of food. The frat councll decided unan-
imously to imously to prohbit maiangas, and the
cuatom was dropped at once. for the
natives are wonderfally law abtaing

 my control, bu the natives are quit satisised, and have now abandoned th
custom of imprisoning theel ruler.
The ©hite population of the group very small, and is not ilkely to increas
much, as there are fewopportunities fo commercial development. Though the
soil is very rich, the country is to
mountainous for cultivation, and there are no large level areas suitable for
plantations. The only native industry
is the prodetion of copra, which is
purchased by the traders or exchanged
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## Vrantur- Tomb $\mathbf{t o}$ simple The vestry of Curiat church in Phil- adelphla, replying to the many sugges-

 adelphia, replying to the many sugges-tons for memorial tablets at the grave
of Beujamin Franklin, saya; : It may not be generally known that the grave
of Frankin, though simple, is what he
immeelf, In his will, dictated it to bo. The church has for past years main-
tained a policy of of keeplug the his.
toric spot as it is."
There is a vast coal supply in Aus
tralla, which is almost unworked
yet.

An Easy Mratter When Certata
Are Bonse in Mind.
Talking of counterfeiters puts
Talking of counterfeiters puts me in
mind of ohe, a notorious raccal, who
was caught not long and mind of ohe, a notorious rascal, who
was caught not long ago in this ctty
whlle at his netarious trade." sald the x-trasaury offlcial to the Washington
Star. "The paper money thls man pro-
duced was absolutely perfect in
 and experience of the art of counter-.
feiting should not have known ti."
Here the treant Here the treasury offlial took a $\$ 1$
bill trom his pocket. It was new and
crisp and he pointed out a diminutive crisp and he pointed out a diminutive
letter C on the right under the billis
number and another down in the other corner. "Now". he continued, "I don't
suppege there are ten men in a hun--
dred outside the treasury dep dred outside the treasury department
who knows that these semingly un-
necessary letters are on United States who knows that these seemingly un-
necessary letters are on United states
bills. And even If they had noticed them I am willing to bet that not one
of them could tell what they signify."
Handing another bill to the reporter. the ex-rreasury man asked him to read
then figures. They were 5321. The treasury man eala almost instant-
ly, "The letter on that blll is B B which
was correct. Half a dozen other bill were produced and when othe treasury
man was told the last four figures of their numbers he was foule to telll with
ilightning rapidity what letter would be found on each bill. In each case
the letter was either A. B, C or D.
"The explanation is simple,", said he. the number on any bill, no moter matter What its denomination, and dilife-
them ty four you will have a remain--
der of 0 , zero the leter on the bill wind be $A$.
If it is 1 the letter will be $\mathbf{B}$. If it is 2 ter will be D. This is one of the
letter wet
many precautions taken by the gov-
ernment against counterfelters. You can tell instantly whether a bill is bad
or good by making that test. I would-
n't give a 5 cent piece for a $\$ 1000$ bill o matter how perfect it seemed, it its
ttle letters did not correspond with
he remaninder obtained by dividing HELEN FORSYTH'S ODD WAISTBELT SOLD.
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at Messrs. Debenham \& Storr's week auc-
at which is fashioned into a waistonet,
was the property of the late Hele
Forsyth and was sold for set in gold and the greenstone is dec-
orated with grotesaue figures or Morit
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waistbelt was a present to Miss For waistbelt was a present to Miss For-
sythe and was highly prized by her.
Its original cost is said to have been
¥5.00. It was about the last of her
efect to be
$12=$ wionisize call their "house." The legalized
gamblng nistituton in Capel Court
has many odd nteknames for securi-
ties. "Berwicks" ties. "Berwicks" are shares of the
Nhthwestern. Rallwwy, "smelts" are
English and Australlan copper shares. Engilish and Australian copper shares,
"pots" are shares of the North staf-
fordshire Railway " Yordshire Railway; "muttons" are the
Turkish loan of 1865 partly seured
by the sheep tax: "Morgans" are the
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firm
dian Extension telegraph shares
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way shares, "Leeds" are shares of the
Lancashire and Yorkshire Rallway, Lancashire and Yorkshire Ratiway,
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"dogs" are shares of the Now "dogs" are shares of the Newfound-
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     But a New York Judge has made a rule
    whtch will either send the ant-splt-
    ting ordinancea into "il thg ordinances into "innocuous desue-
    tude" or create an unprecedented de mand for cuspidors. The Judge re-
    terred to discharged three men haled
    before him on the charge of spituing o the officer who made the arrest:
    What men? You know we will have to diss.
    charge them whenever there is no commodation such as a cuspldor. Men
    have to splt, and it cuspldors are zot
    provided they have to spit elsewhere."

    The French olive-growers have to
    reckon more and mure with the com-
    petition of the ollve-growers of Tunis.

