The Kiwi. Chicago News: In New Zealand is found the kiwi, a strange bird of the ostrich family. Ostriches have two toes, but the extinct moas had three toes; so also have the existing emus, cassowaries and theas or South American ostriches. The kiwi, however, differs from the other struthious birds in having four toes. Further, the kiwi cannot be said to be quite ostrichlike, for in size it is not larger than an ordinary barnyard fowl. It has a small **chardy barnyard** lowi. It has a small head, with a large and muscular neck and a long, slender bill, with the dis-tinguishing feature that the nostrils are very close to its tip. The legs are short, but the muscles on the thighs are well developed and the feet are strong and powerful and provided with sharp claws. It is a bird devoid of any external trace of wings, and there is no trace of tail visible, while it is covered with long, narrow, hairlike feathers, and on the fore part of the head and of the face are straggling hairlike feelers.

> Happy Women. Wouldn't any woman be happy, After years backache of suffering. Days of misery, nights of unrest, The distress urinary troubles, She finds relief and cure? No reason

why any reader Should suffer in the face of evidence like this:

Mrs. Almira A. Jackson, of East Front street. Traverse City, Mich., says: "For twenty years I never knew what it was to have good health. Every physician consulted said I had liver trouble, but their medicines did me no good. Just before I began using Doan's Kidney Pills I was almost par-alyzed. I could hardly stand on my feet because of the numbness and lack of circulation. Had a knife been thrust into my kidneys the pain could not have been more intense. My sleep was disturbed by visions of distorted figures. The kidney secretions were an noyingly irregular and I was tortured with thirst and always bloated. I used seven boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills. The blonting subsided until I weighed one hundred pounds less, could sleep like a child and was relieved of the pain and the irregularity of the kidney My circulation is good and feel better in every way." A FREE TRIAL of this great kid-

ney medicine which cured Mrs. Jackwill be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address' Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N Y. For sale by all druggists, price 50 cents per box.

A Loss to the Pulpit.

Town Topics: Helen-I have been in rmed that our pastor is going to marr Belle Dors she contemplate severing

her connection with the choir? "Oh, no; I understand that withdraw from the ministry." will

De Your Feet Ache and Burn? Thate into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powfer for the feet. It makes tight or new these freel easy. Cures Corns, Bun-ions, Swellen, Hot and Sweating Feet. At all Drugghts and Shoe Stores, 25c, Sample sent FREEL Address Allen S. Olmsted, L' Roy, K. Y.

Town Topics: Some men propose just to tell their chums they have been ac-

The Deflance Starch Co. will give

FLOWERS OF EASTER.

European Flower Gardens, Once Su preme, Now Rivaled in the Large Cities of America.

"Consider the lilies of the field. They toil not, neither do they spin, but I say unto you that Solomon in all his giory was not arrayed like one of these."

So the Bible in precise and inspired language tells us of the flower which is synonymous with our ideas of Eastertide --the lovely blossom which finds its way at this season into all drawing rooms, churches and even into the humblest rooms where a token of inspiration and a new desired. life are

These lilles certainly deserve all the praise they get, but the people who grow them and buy them and care to have them about as a reminder of Easter and the resurrection have to toil and spin a great deal.

The demand for Easter lilles has grown to such an extent that the propagation of these lovely spring flowers has become a lucrative business to hundreds of greenhouse men and growers. The illy bulb flourishes best in Bermuda in narrow patches often alongside of the wholesome but unsmellable onion and the use-ful but homely potato. The bulbs are shipped to all the large cities in great quantities during the autumn and winter and placed in greenhouses to be developed into the lovely plant which has become symbolical of Easter,

The soil and climate of Bermuda are especially adapted to the growth of the lily. Our florists have had all kinds of ideas of growing this flower in California, Georgia and Florida, but with no great results as yet. The flig, like many other of the most beautiful flowers, improves on its stem by age. Not until the second year is it now thought advisable to ship bulbs from Bermuda to the United States. Many growers prefer to wait un-til the fourth year, when the bulb is and strong enough to produce ul flowers even with careless hearty beautiful flowers treatment. As to the number of these bulbs now produced in Bermuda and shipped to the United States for Easter purposes, it is said that between 10,000,000 and 15,000,000 bulbs were sent here last

Whether it has been possible to provide such a large number of bulbs this season depends entirely upon the condition of lily fields in Bermuda during the last year. The Florists' club of New York has over and over again asserted that cutting the leaf bearing stem impairs the vigor of the flower bearing bulb and thus essens its value. The experience of growers has been that the practice of cut-ling the lily flowers with iong stems and shipping them tends to weaken the bulb. Flowers thus cut are of no substantial value or beauty for more than a day or two, and the bulb is ruined. Last year a combination of Bermuda lily growers was formed for the purpose of preventing this threatened destruction of the llly trade which met with unqualified approval of reputable dealers in the United States, who had gone so far as to have an effort made to introduce a resolution into congress prohibiting the importation of hily bulbs from Bermuda unless guaranteed to be in a perfectly healthy condition. The committee of the Florist club,

which this matter was referred, expressed an opinion at the time, after consultation with all the lily growers in this country, that it would be impossible to ask for government redress, which would naturaly work its own course out in time.

The harrisil lilles continue to be the greatest favorites this year. Their only rival is the L. longificrum, but the most sincere growers of the llly in Bermuda do not give the preference to the latter flower. Its cost of production as com-pared with the harrisii has rather decerred growers from exporting it to this country. It may be taken for granted, therefore, that the great majority of Eas-ter lilles shown and bought to be enjoyed today are of the kind known as harrisil. An Unheard of Thing. Town Topics: Some men propose just tell their chuma they have been ac-ptel. Free to Twenty-Five Ladies. The Defiance Starch Co. will give ladies a round trip ticket to the Louis Exposition, to five ladies



At any rate she feared to intrude. me up like a bale of merchandise and and at once set out to seek help. The girl throughout acted with astonishsling me across the alley again, whence I was conveyed, still unconscious, through out-of-the-way streets to the ing promptness and judgment. Flor-ine had recognized Madame la Prin-Flor-Austrian arms. And so it was I came to my

strength, safe in my own lodgings in Rue St. Denis, with Florine and her kind-hearted friend to nurse me,

CHAPTER XIII.

THE GIRL OF THE WINE SHOP. Youth and health do not long lie

idle. Even while I lay recovering my health, Jerome and I were busy with our plans. Not the least unforeseen item in what had befallen was the

chance that carried me into a house where I saw again the "black wolf's head," which brought once more to mind the history of the d'Artins. But there was still to come that other hap-

pening, the one which bound my whole life, heart and soul, my love and hap-

piness forever, in with the fortunes of

a veiled woman had brought him

pair of gauntlets, with the request that

swered no questions, only impressed upon him the importance of keeping

them himself and letting no one have them. She would not tell whence she came, and when she departed Jerome

made a sign to Claude, who followed. He returned and reported she had en-

tered the apartments of Mademoiselle de Chartres by a private way. Verily this was coming close to the king, and to Orleans; these gauntlets coming from the house of this haughty

Bourbon princess. One of the gaunt-lets, of course, contained folded therein

the papers taken from Yvard, the same I had confided to Mademoiselle la Prin-

prisonment, or how it came about there

was a dead man in the room with me I related the whole circumstance briefly as possible, who Broussard was, and

all, to avoid further questioning. For I hated to dwell upon the occurrences

of that night, yet ever returned to them with a sort of secret fascination. "You choked him well, comrade," was

Jerome's only comment, regarding the affair, yet I fancied I saw him shiver

somewhat at the ghastly recollection of Broussard. The matter being thus dismissed, we never spoke of it again.

Our fire burned warm, filling the boom with a homelike glow, so with

good wine and clear consciences Jerome

the lazy evening through.

upon our success.

and I drank and talked and stretched

"There is just one other thing we can do, Placide, to put the finishing touch

I turned an interrogative glance toward the speaker.

"That is to find out who is back of this scheming. That fellow Yvard, dare-devil though he is, has not brain enough to concect such a plan, even if he had courses and every it gets

he had courage and energy to fight it through. Depend upon it, some power-ful person is behind Yvard. Most likely

Madame du Maine. What say you to

an adventure?" My blood was in the humor for sport,

cesse.

I smiled my satisfaction that

cesse-all Paris knew the eccentric lady-so went straight to her. At first denied admission she sent up a note couched in such terms as gained for heranimmediate private interview-indeed the Princess herself was careful it should be strictly private.

Madame knew nothing of me except the request I made concerning Jerome, and sending the papers to the Austrian arms. Florine went without delay to that place. This was about midday. Meanwhile Jerome, much troubled that I did not appear during the night, pursued our original plan of watching the house, and arranged his men at win-dows, and in the street, in such a way as not to attract attention. One of them had seen me working at the window, but never dreamed it was Jerome found the house already doubly As I grew stronger Jerome and I had a long talk. He told me the morning after I left him, which was Thursday, guarded by the provost's men, to his infinite disgust. He was a handy chap though, and not to be outdone. Dress-ing himself as a clumsy lout, he found little difficulty in worming the tran-mation of the sight saction of the night before out of one he preserve them carefully. Jerome naturally wanted to know who had sent such a present. The woman anof the guard off duty. A drink or two together at the sign of the "Yellow Flagon" fetched this information. Jerome was much wearied through his

long watching and anxiety when he returned to the Austrian Arms. The hostler at the inn turned him aside from the front door by a gesture, so that he entered by another way. Claude acquainted him that a lady in the public room desired to speak with M. Jerome de Greville, and would not be denied. Jerome's custom with visit-ors was to see them first himself, before Claude told them whether he was in or no.

Peeping through an aperture he say Peeping through an aperture he saw the lady walking impatiently up and down the room, tapping at the win-dow, mending the fire, and expressing her haste in many other pettish man-ners so truly feminine. It was Florine. He knew the girl well from his fre-quenting Bertrand's during this piece quenting Bertrand's during this piece of business. Jerome sent her word he would be in, and changing his costume

would be in, and changing his costume to one he usually wore, presented him-self before her in the public room. "Is it I you seek, M. de Greville, mademoiselle?" he inquired politely. "Oh! Monsieur de Greville, it is you: I'm so glad." She came forward with a pretty air of perplexity and surprise, for Florine had a dainty woman's way about her, showing even through her present trouble. She bore heresif more steadily that she had not to deal with some severe-faced stranger, but a galsome severe-faced stranger, but a gal-lant gentleman, whose mien was not that from which timid maidens were prone to fly.

"Oh, Monsieur de Greville, I know not what to say, now that I am well met with you." "And by my faith, mademoiselle, I

am sure no word of mine would grace those pretty lips as well as thine own sweet syllables. So I cannot tell you

what to say." Florine pouted her dissent, yet was not in earnest angered—sne was a woman. Jerome saw her business lay deeper than mere jest and badinage, so he spoke to her more seriously. "I pray you mademoiselle—Florine?—

am I right? Be seated." Florine had no thought for gallan-tries; she declined the proffered seat, and, standing, proceeded at once to the

the wine heated me somewhat, and recking not of consequences I caught point of her mission. "There is a young gentleman in our house," and she blushed a little, Je-rome declared to me afterwards, "in at his idea. Bertrand's wine room-you know the place? locked up, and I am not certain whether he lives or is dead. I can not tell monsieur his name, but you know Oh, he was kind to me, and I him. would willingly do something to save him. It is so hard to be only a woman. The provost has the house guarded.' "I know it," Jerome put in drily. "This gentleman gave your name and lodgings to the lady who was with him there last night, and she it was who sent you the packet." Florine had run on hurriedly. unheeding Jerome's blank look of astonishment. This was probably a shrewd guess on her part, yet it squarely struck the mark. "Lady? Sent the papers? Who? What lady?" Jerome asked before she ould answer anything. "That I must not tell, monsleur. Oh, come, quick; get him away from there; if our people find him they may do him harm. Monsieur is a brave gentleman, a friend of his, is it not true? Come." Jerome drew the facts pretty well out of the excited girl, knowing somewhat of the circumstances and guessing the rest-all in an exceeding short space of time. Florine told him as accurately as she could in what room I lay, leav ing him to locate the window from the street. From this point the plan was simple enough. Jerome and Florine arrived at Bertrand's by different routes, Morine passing in unconcernedly, and Jerome, clad again as a stupid country knave, walked by the house to discove

whatever else of gaud and glitter they may have, yet require love and ten-derness and gentle sympathy beside. Happy is she who receives all these from her husband; and that husband treads dangerous ground who denies it to her. I see your wonder at hear-ing this from me; but I have thought constantly upon such things. Peste! this touches not our business; let us Through this lady's husband go on. and by another source of information,

I hope to find the truth concerning Yvard. Do you follow me?" "Yes, but how?" I put in. "When I run my neck into a halter, I want to know whose hands are playing with the cord.'

Never fear for her. Madame-that is, the lady-has a firm hold upon the Duc du Maine himself, in fact she is quite indispensable to him. Don't ask me for more. Once let the Duc be made Regent, and my oldtime sweet-heart of those innocent days in Anjou will be the most powerful woman in France. But with all that, Placide," and the man's quivering voice went straight to the very tenderest core of my heart for the depths of bitterness it be back in the country breathing the pure and peaceful air, a guiltless and happy girl, than to live as she does, and rule the land. God knows I wish

we had never seen Paris." I held my tongue; there was nothing I could say. He felt his trouble keen ly enough, and I refrained from molding my undesired sympathy into words. Directly, Jerome took heart and spoke again:

"Those are the conditions, I merely make the best of them. There is still another friend of mine at Sceaux, the Chevalier Charles de la Mora, a most gallant soldier and kindly gentleman. Verily, they are scarce now in France. He has fallen into misfortunes of late and is about to take some command in the colonies. I love him much, and am sorely tempted to cast my lot with his. But, you understand why I stay," and he lifted up his hands with a gesture of perfect helplessness.

"His wife, Madame Agnes-almost a girl-is one of the most beautiful and clever women in France, and who, by way of novelty, loves her own husband. Women are queer sometimes, are they not? Tomorrow we go to Sceaux; it will at least be an experience to you, even should nothing good come of it.

you agree?" My curiosity was thoroughly aroused, and scenting sport of a rare character I agreed to join the chase. It was judged best that we should make all things ready for an immediate journey to Versailles upon our return from Sceaux.

cesse. I smiled my satisfaction that she had been so discreet. The other packet Jerome found up-on me when I was discobed for bed. It was many days before Jerome asked me for the details of my im-Before we slept, my few serviceables were put in position for instant departure.

. . . When I arose in the morning Jerome had already left his bed. I supposed it was out of consideration for what he was still pleased to consider my weak was still pleased to consider my weak condition that he refrained from wak-ing me. Claude came tripping in late with the message that M. de Greville had gone to make some last arrange-ments for our journey. I slept so restfully through the night my fatigue and all unpleasant reminders of the entsode at Betrand's had quite worm episode at Bertrand's had quite worn away, and I felt refreshed and strong again. When Florine came to inquire for my health she found me busied about the packing. I greeted her kindly, for in truth my gratitude was deep and sincere

'Monsier is preparing to leave?" she asked as if more than afraid of a reply. I could see she had some purpose in the question.

question. "Yes, I leave Paris today." "Today?" she echoed. "Yes, but I would return and find you again; I could not depart from France without finding and thanking you for all your kindness. In truth I am glad you came, for-..." I tried to say on more, but the words left my lips sounding so cold and meaningless the sentence died away incomplete. Florine stood there, vaguely watch-ing me as though she did not undering me as though she did not understand.

"Leave France?" she repeated, her tone expressing the hope she had not heard aright. I had already said much more than

THE YALU RIVER.

Has Possibilities for Commerce, but Difficult to Navigate.

London Chronicle: The Yalu river, a dicturesque stream, some 300 miles in length, is the dividing line between Korea and Manchuria on the northwest frontier. It is navigable by native craft as far as Shinkuihuo, but steamers are unable proceed beyond Antung, the port to which the Russians are now devoting consider-able attention. Some miles below Antung, but situated in the same bank and lying close within the estuary of the river, is the port of Tatungkao, where, when the weather permits, cargoes for Antung are sometimes discharged. Tatungkao, however, is difficult to approach, and as a general rule steamers unload and receive their cargoes at Antung, a port of great promise in the near future.

The estuary of the Yalu river is broad. but the anchorage of Tatungkao is ex-posed to the northeast winds, which at times blow with great force. The stream has a rapid current, and, owing to the presence of innumerable shoals and sand banks, presents serious obstacles to suc-cessful navigation. Islands, both small and large, appear in its course, and high hills, covered with bush and timber, break away from the banks.

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From early December until the end of February the stream is frozen. Until lately the region of the Yalu was almost an unknown land, but with the advent of the Russians many changes in the char-acter of the district have taken place. On the Korean shore lumber camps have been formed, while at Tatungkao and Antung prosperous native settlements have sprung into existence. The river teems with na-tive craft, which ply between the mouth and the higher reaches, while logs of tim-ber, chained the one to the other, float leisurely down the stream.

The view at the estuary of the river is, perhaps, not very prepossessing. A long vista of mud flats extends mile upon mile along the river bank, but a silent and rapid transformation has been effected within the last few months, the great pos-sibilities of the Yalu valley for commercial development attracting alike foreign and native capital.

UP-TO-DATE CARPET SWEEPERS

Made in All Sorts of Fancy Woods and

in All Sizes Now. From the New York Sun: "How old is the carpet sweeper? Oh, I guess about thirty years," said a dealer in such things; "and when it was first brought out it was carried about from house to house by converses, who house to house by canvassers, who showed its operation and sold one when they could. Now the carpet sweeper is everywhere as among the essentials of household equipment.

"American carpet sweepers are ex-ported to ever civilized land. One American concern has a carpet sweeper factory in France. If there is a household article of worldwide use it is the carpet sweeper. Sweepers in carload lots, from factory to distributing cen-

ters, are common shipments. "Originally made with a view to purposes of utility solely, and so with the simplest and plainest of hardwood cases, carpet sweepers are now made of all sorts of fine woods. You can now buy a carpet sweeper with a case of figured rosewood or of Hungarian ash, of birdseye maple or of California laurel, of curly birch, of oak and of mahogany and so on, and these can be had in different styles of finish.

"Carpet sweepers are now made in many sizes, ranging from little toy sweepers up to the regular 14-inch size, the standard for domestic use, and from that up to the big 28-inch steamboat weeper."

A Wonderful Discovery.

Broadland, S. Dak., March 28 .-Quite a sensation has been created here by the publication of the story of G. W. Gray, who, after a special treatment for three months, was prostrate and helpless and given up to die twith Bright's Disease. Bright's Disease has always been considered incurable, but evidently from the story told by Mr. Gray there is a remedy which will cure it even in the most advanced stages. This is what he says:

"I was helpless as a little babe. My wife and I searched everything and read everything we could find about Bright's Disease, hoping that I would be able to find a remedy. After many failures my wife insisted that I should try Dodd's Kidney Pills. I praise God for the day when I decided to do so, for this remedy met every phase of my case and in a short time I was able to get out of bed, and after a few weeks' treatment I was a strong, well man. Dodd's Kidney Pills saved my life." A remedy that will cure Bright's Disease will cure any lesser Kidney, Disease. Dodd's Kidney Pills are certainly the most wonderful discovery which modern medical research has given to the world.

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Without Any Question.

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dute! Why, he tried suicide with

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Exchanges at the London Bankers' clearing house from January 1 to the intest date at hand were \$7,019,245,000, decrease of \$172,820,000, or 2.4 per ent. from last year.

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The two greatest fodder plants on earth, one good for 14 tons hay and the other 20 tons green fodder per acre. Grows everywhere, so does Victoria Rapa, rielding 60,000 lbs. sheep and swine food per acre. JUST SEND 10c IN STAMP'S TO THE John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Win, and receive in return their big eatalogue and lots of farm sed samples (C. N. U.)

World's Work: A modern train of eighty cars will move 3,600 tons of freight, as against the 945 tons of a thirty-five-car train of a decade ago.



act form. So the clever grower entices his lilies up into the air while he persuades the azaleas to spread their beauty companions. their ut under though, are but few of the flowers used in commemoration of the awakening of new life and beauty after the dreary period of Lent. But while Easter is symbol-ical of everything that is white, pure and fresh, one cannot deny the fragrance and beauty of the rose, violet, hydrangea, genesta and lilac, which are always

crowding their way to recognition. Such a multitude of lovely flowers, kept back and withheld in the greenhouse for general presentation at Easter time, has now converted our thoroughfares into veritable bowers of blossoms. The flower gardens of Paris, London and Berlin have gardens of Paris, London and Bernin have been extolled as something quite beyond the possibilities of a newly settled coun-try like this, yet year by year we have been assimilating all the best ideau of foriculture to be obtained in the world, and our fiorists have been spreading their lovely wares before a pleased and de-lighted public only tco willing to buy.

The Day for Spring Rejoicings.

New York World: Easter the world over means, first of all, the coming of light and the going of darkness. It means, too, happiness, a holiday, flowers, the old and the putting on of the new. It means comfort, confidence, rejoicing, the fulfilment of a promise, the death of old doubts and the birth of new certainties. Indeed it means so many things and so much that if any of us really under-stood them all life would never seem a bother or a burden any more. We would all be better men and women, and the world itself would be so much better a place in every way that the kingdom of heaven at last would certainly be found mortals.

And there are so many ways of proving that these things about Easter are true, so many reasons to give for them, that you or I might easily spend all our life in talking of nothing else and still leave much to say to those who come after. Suppose, for instance, we made the meaning of one fact about Easter our own, what a load of misery, of doubt, misunderstanding, rebellion, wild ques-tions and despair would disappear all at once out of our way. We celebrate Eastere, as you know, because on that day Christ, who had been crucified, rose again from the dead. Now, among people where the name of Christ was never known this same time of year was kept with celebrations and rejoicings to com-memorate the idea of deliverance, the coming of light, the resurrection of the flowers and all green things which had seemed to die with the darkness and cold of winter months.

An Easter Lily.

An Easter lily by the altar rail, Pure, golden throated, bent with fra-grance sweet; Like to an unstained soul its petals pale, Purest of blossoms for the altar meet,

A little child that knelt beside my knee, Whispering a baby prayer at Easter time, A year ago—no longer here by me— Though lilles bloom and Kaster church belis chime.

my outer window. It was at this time that the falling of the spur conveyed to him the intel-ligence of my life and place of confinement. After this Jerome had to de-pend greatly on the quick-witted woman.

It would be a long story and a less, were I to tell how it fell out that Florine had a friend, the same kind-faced woman who helped her watch beside my bed; the window of this friend's garret room opened almost di-rectly opposite Florine's own poor apartment. Only a narrow, dingy alley lay between; so scant was the space th upper stories came near to touching across it. Florine's friend, after some tearful persuasion, consented to aid the rescue of such a gallant gentleman as I was described to be. The girl could come and go at will. The friend permitted Jerome and three of his men to hide in her room. From her window Jerome cast a light cord into Florine's window, she drawing a stouter robe across with it, and made fast. It now became a trifling feat for these nimble adventurers to swing themselves across to Florine's room, but twelve feet or so away. Once inside Bertrand's they proceeded with abundant caution, all of which near came to naught which near came to naught through Florine's sudden shrick and vn nervous clamor. It shamed me heartily.

"Truly, comrade, thou hast good lungs," Jerome told me days after-ward. "It took all our strength to shut thee of thy wind." When the four men found me a help-

less body in their hands, they were greatly troubled. However, Florine inisted that I be carried to her room where she could conceal me. Once there they found means to truss camp and be content: but woman, sisted that I be carried to her room

"Willingly, comrade, but what?" "Let us to Sceaux, to madame's court, and see what we may discover, for two fools like ourselves might perchance stumble blindly upon what a wise man would overlook," he continued with mock humility.

"Yes, and two fools like ourselves might perchance get themselves hanged for what a wise man would keep his skirts clear of. There's a peril in me dling with the affairs of the great.' med-

"Seriously, now, I have means and ways of learning things in madame's family. My head has been fast set on this matter for some time. If you agree to take the risk with me," he pursued, rising and stretching his back to the he pursued, fire, facing me, "mind you, I tell you all I want you to know, and you must promise me to make no inquiries on your own account."

By this time I had grown accus-tomed to trust de Greville, so I simply assented.

"A lady you know-it might get me into trouble," he further explained; with that I made myself content.

Jerome averted his face as if he would first frame his speech carefully before he gave it me. Here Serigny's final re-mark about making friends of the ladies recurred to me, and 1 wondered what this fair unknown had to do with such a rough game as we played. Before the hand was out, though, I under-stood how truly it had been said that women's wis

women's wits now swayed the destinies of France. Since this day, too, our country has suffered much through women, when under the next, and more pliant Louis, they ruled with even a scantier pretense at concealment or o decency. Jerome spoke low and guard edly, when he turned to me again. He began in a tone subdued by the inten-sity of his feelings—which, as I soon

learned, were quite natural. "I was a mere lad; I had a sweet-

heart whose family lived near our own in the vicinity of a certain small provincial town, it matters not where. She much younger than I, shared all my childish games. It was the will of God that we should love. My family was rich, is rich; both were noble. I had two older brothers who stood between me and a title of wealth. Her parents were ambitious for her future; I was put aside. They sent her away, away from me, and married her here in Paris to a man she had never seen. A simple marriage of convenience, as we say Her heart was numb and dead: here. it made no rebellion. I went to the army; gained nothing but my rank. My brothers died, and I being the next heir can live as it pleases me. Here I heir can live as it pleases me. Here I am in Paris; she is at Sceaux, two leagues away. I love her yet, and, God forgive her, she loves me. Her old husband who is attached to the Duc du Maine cares nothing for her. She amuses herself half in idleness with the intrigues of the court. Nay do not look so black, Placide, for even this can be innocent enough. There is much excuse for her, too, my friend. A woman must needs have love to feed

upon. They can never, like ourselves, fill their hearts entirely with ambition,

tended, for I was not fully a of Jerome's intentions, and desired to say nothing which would reveal them. "Leave France?" she urged again, 'Monsieur-" she halted for the word quite naturally. "De Mouret," I supplied, and for the

first time she knew my name; surely it was little enough to trust one with who had given me my life.

"Monsieur de Mouret is to leave France

'Yes." I answered her truly. "but not today, possibly not for several days. I would not go away without seeing you again."

I felt my tone become warmer as I thought of all this girl had risked for me, and so blundered on uncertainly. What was I to do? What could I offer her in repayment? Not gold; she had refused that with the air of a grande marquise the night she first helped me

from Bertrand's. Heartily wishing for some of Jerome's finesse and tact, I gazed at her, stupid and silent, watching the tears gather in her eyes. I could only guess the thought which was passing in her mind, and even there I wronged her.

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GERMANY'S CABLES.

Extending Her System to All Parts of the World.

It appears from a report to the state department made by Consul General Guenther at Frankfort that Germany is gradually extending its system of cables to all parts of the world, so as to be independent of other nations in that important service. This is due to the growth of German interests, both military and commer-cial, and is made possible by the fact that the government has its own cable works two cable steamers.

During the last seven years Germany has laid 7.375 miles of cable at a cost of over \$7,000,000. In 1898 a cable seventy-three miles in length was laid between Sassnitz and Trelleborg, and in 1899 Ger-man southwest Africa was connected with the international telegraph system by a cable 154 miles long. In 1900 the first Ger-man-American cable between Emden and York via the azores-a distance of New York via the azores-a distance of 4,813 miles-was laid. About the same time Germany put down the first German cables along the Chinese coast, the cable Tsintau-Cheefoo being 285 miles, and that connecting Tsintau and Shanghai 433 miles long. The year 1901 witnessed the lowing The year 1901 witnessed the laying long. of the fifth cable between Germany and or the mini carlie between German and Bakton, a distance of 230 miles. The telephone ca-ble between Fehmarn and Laaland was laid in 1902. The construction of a second trans-Atlantic cable between Emden and New York via the Azores has been com-menced and will probably be ready by the end of next year. Another cable 1,300 miles in length is being laid in Vigo, Spain. Germany is also contemplating an increase of her cable net in eastern Asia and the South sea by constructing lines between Alenado and Guam and the Palau Islands and Shanghai

A commercial agent of the Japanese government is in California to make an experiment of shipping California oranges to Japan.

The Usual Sacrifices.

Philadelphia Press: "I don't sup-pose you propose to make any sacri-fice during Lent," said the first clubman

"Oh. I don't know." replied the other. "I expect to sacrifice the truth occa-ionally when I get home late."

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To Be Thankful For. Town Topics: Bibbs-What do you think of these correspondence schools? Gibbs-Good thing. My son is studying electricity by mail.

"Does he know any more than he d'd before he began?" "I'm not sure about that, but his hand-

writing has improved 50 per cent.

All creameries use butter color. Why not do as they do-use JUNE TINT BUTTER COLOR.

The "Elder Statesmen" of Japan, who are advisers without authority, number four—the Marquis Ito, Marquis Yamagata, Count Inouye and Count Matsugata.

How "Abide With Me" Was Written. London Telegraph: At the age of 54 Lyte found himself doomed to die 54 Lyte found himself doomed to die of consumption, and in sorrow at hav-ing to leave his task unfinished he prayed that at the least it might be granted to him to write something which would live to the glory of God when he was dead. Then on the last evening he ever spent at Brixham, aft-er preaching his farewell sermon, he took pen, and as the sun was setting over the ships that lay in the harbor

over the ships that lay in the harbor "Abide With Me" was written. Next morning he started for the Riviera and there he died a month later.