HER LAST LETTER.

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She also was not in thought, notwithstanding her busy fingers wandered accurately over the keyboard of her typewriter. Strangely enough, her thoughts were an image of his. But to her solltoquies she added "And I can never know if he doesn't tell me." and a sigh, drowned by the clicking of her muchine, escaped her.

Getchell had hired many of thisse pecultar women called by some "typewritera." He had explationeed every species of them, but each became, sooner or later, cranky. Consequently, each had departed up to a year previous. At that time he had engaged Alles, and for a whole year he had retained her-an unprecedented phenomenon for him. But what was more, he wished very much to keep her forever. In short, he loved ber, But he had never spoken to her of his passion

Oddly enough, Alice loved her employer. He was "so unlike other men." she told herself, "so kind and polite." But she experienced those same feelings of reticence that Getchell did.

So for a year they had loved, only expressing that love by occasional kindnesses just enough to keep the fame alive.

Today Frank was wondering whether Alice loved him. At last he decidd he might as well find out at once. If she did love him life would be beautiful; if not-wretched.

Alice, too, wondered if Getchell could love her, and smiling faintly, re-Bected: "And should he propose? Could that ever be possible?" then pictured those sweet moments-his face when she should whisper "Yes," and murmur the words which she had been storing away in her memory awaiting that fateful moment. "Could I ever have that pleasure?" she questioned, softly. Only the typewriter heard her. Then suddenly, as the bounding. black clouds sometimes sweep over a beautiful spring sky, her face changed, and she muttered:

"Yes, all this might happen if it wasn't for that Miss Hayes! Oh, how I despise her!" and her beautiful brow contracted.

Mine Hayes was a fashionable, handsome young lady, who called more frequently at Getchell's office than did many of his best customers. They always retired into a private office, from which Alice could hear a few remarks and much laughter. The day before they had taken an excursion down the harbor, while Alice left alone in the office, had given her typewriter a lecture upon young ladies in general, and a certain Miss Hayes in particular.

She did not know, however, that Hayes was Getchell's cousin, an that he would as soon have thought of marrying the Italian "candy woman" who daily haunted the office as marry Ella.

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-1000 brow slowly contincted as his thoughts | prime delight, all blowded together, The ame lotter which she had written a few monitorits before was in her hand. Kin" had been eroused out and Alles" scritton motion.

The office door ereaked. She turned and in the doorway, his face wreathed to amiles, stood Frank. He was treated to a loantiful eight. The last reflected sunheams played about Allow's fair features, her beautiful beston awriting with emotion, and lost themselves around her supple waist. Noe was standing, one hand bolding the letter and the other grasping the back of a chair.

He stepped forward and caught her In his arms. Hut she feebly pushed him aside, exclaiming: "No! Explain yourself? What does all this mean? Who is Ella Hayes? You are triffing with me! He quickly told her everything, and

when he asked: "Darling, can you be uine now !" she whispered: "Yes," but forgot the rest.

"And that is the last letter you'll ever write for me, dear " he added. Yesterday, at noon, they were married.

STORY OF AN OLD-TIME TAR. Sallor Offered His Own Life to Save

That of His Commander.

From the Indianapolis News: The naval history of the United States in replete with instances of individual this meat claim that they prefer it to bravery and heroism that have made Uncle Sam's sturdy tars especially dear to hearts of all patriotic Americans. One of the most remarkable of these heroic deeds, the unusual character of which has given it a special page in the naval annals of this country, was that of Rueben James, an ordinary seaman, who saved the life of his commander, the famous commodore Stephen Decatur, by a deliberate act of self-sacrifice. During a battle with Tripolitan war vessels in the early part of the present century, Decatur boarded one of the enemy's ships, to revenge the death of his brother, who had been treacherously killed by a Tripolitan commander. The latter was singled out for atte k

by Decatur as soon as he got at and and a flerce hand-to-hand conflict ensued. The Turk was a large, powerful man, grappled Decatur, both men falling on the deck. Just then another Tripolitan officer aimed a blow with his sword at Decatur's defenseless hend. Reuben James, an American sailor, both of whose arms were temporarily disabled b" wounds, saw the impending blow, and, dashing forward he interposed his own head to save that of his daring captain. Fortunately, the blow was a glancing one, but made a terrible gash in the skull, It was a long time before he recovered from the effects of the blow. His brave act was suitably recognized by congress, which granted him a pension though he continued in active service. Besides being a brave man James was also a philosopher of the Diogenes type,though he, probably, had never heard of that wise old man's interview with the great Alexander. When his injuries had healed, and he was again freight and he was lamenting that he andy for duty. James was asked by had not taken them out into the back Decatur, what he could do for him. The sallor, who was quarter gunner in the yeasel, and had charge of the the first opportunity. men's hammocks, touched his hat in the customary salute, and, after a moment's reflection replied: 'Nothing, sir, as I knows on, 'cept you might left some on else give out the hammocks. dealer, that in this country "the busiwhen they're piped down." Reuben ness of manufacturing foreign cheeses lames, was a true type of the oldhas grown to an industry aggregating time tar, of the kind who looked upon about \$10,000,000 a year." New York, a mere landsman as an individual to Ohio, Minnesota and Wisconsin dairles he pitied, if not dispised. He was a supply most of the home markets with native of Delaware,and became a sallr when a mere lad. In 1797 he was Camembert, Roquefort, Gorgonzaba, aptured by a French privateer and Stilton, Cheshire and Swiss cheese, besides a Limburger that in six weeks suffered hardship. The experience only intensified his love for a life on cannot be distinguished from the genuine article of seven or eight months the ocean wave, and on his liberation. old. This last is made in Jefferson he shipped aboard the Constellation, county, N. Y. The Roquefort is made n 1799, and he took part in the battle between that frigate and the French on the shores of the great lakes, mostwarships, Insurgent and Vengeance. ly in Minnesota and Wisconsin, and in 1804 he joined the famous frigate. the Swiss can only be made in Wis-United States, and was one of those consin and Ohio, where the pasturage who volunteered to accompany Lieuand water are just right. St. Lawrence enant Decatur when that fearless county turns out tons of Stilton, Parspirit determined to destroy American mesan and other kinds, and Camemwarship Philadelphia, which had failen bert and Brie are made in other parts into the hands of the enemy, and lay of the state. The products are claimed in the harbor of Tripoli. He remain- to be equally good as the imported ed under Decatur's command, and took article, "and the deception is aiding in part in the numerous fierce conflicts the development of an American inwhich had marked American's naval dustry." war with Tripolitans. He followed Decatur to the Enterprise, the Consticently one of the most important sales ution and the Congress, and was with him in United States when that frigate. of Shorthorns in the Midlands was aptured the Macedonian. He was conducted by Mesars. Alfred Mansell also with his old commander aboard & Co., of Shrewsbury, at Sherlowe, the President, when she had to sursome few miles from Shrewsbury, Engrender to a whole British squadron, in land. The Sherlowe herd was estab-January, 1815, on which occasion lished some 60 years ago, and has had James was wounded three times hea great reputation for having been fore he would go below to have his inbred on practical lines. Mr. Alfred juries attended to. He took part in Mansell conducted the sale, and in his the naval war with Algiers, and duropening remarks alluded to the en-



House Many's Fort Experies.

In a report to the state department Mr. Du Dois, United States Convol-General at St. Gall, Switzerland, makes some interesting discinances regarding the general use of horseflesh as an article of food in Europe. He mays the Swiss press is giving considerable altention to the following statement.

"An American horse meal company has been organized in Kearny, N. Y. whose object is to prepare home ment for the European market in the form of sugar-cured horse hams, amoked horse tenderloins, pickled horse rils and salted horseflesh. This most will be sent in boxes marked distinctly "horse meat," and each shipment is to be carefully inspected and accompanted by a certificate that it is pure horm meat and in a wholesome condition." Mr. Du Bois comments on this state ment as follows: "I cannot find any

town by the name of Kearney in the state of New York, and the item looks like one of the kind that the European journals, jealous of American trade. take pleasure in circulating. But whether there is truth in this report or not, there is certainly a demand for good, wholesome horse meat in some of the markets of Europe. In many of the towns are to be found well-stocked markets where nothing but horse meat is sold-fresh, salted, smoked and in sausage form. The prices range from 5 cents to 8 cents per pound, according to cut, and a large amount of this meat is purchased by the poorer classes. The horses used are old ones, or those killed by accident. The people who buy the tough cow meat that is sold for from 8 to 12 cents per pound. It is sweeter, more tender and quite as wholesome, according to their statements. The shops where horse meat is sold always have a "horse meat market" sign conspicuously displayed, so that no deception is possible. If the purchaser buys horse meat and eats it, he does so knowingly. In this respect the municipal inspection is thorough. A butcher licensed to sell beef, if found selling horse meat, would be severely and promptly punished."

. . . Gradually we are shaking off the yoke of superstition. We have regarded it as almost sinful to eat the flesh of the horse, but we eat the flesh of the hog without thought. The food of the horse is always clean grain and hay, food clean enough to put into our own mouths could we but digest it, while the food of the hog is swill and scavenger food quite generally. There is no reason why we should not make a practice of shipping horse flesh to foreign countries if they desire it, and devols.; cloth \$6.00. sire it they do. If we could work off a few hundred thousand poorly bred PLAIN HOME TALK, OR MEDICAL horses in this way it would be a good COMMON SENSE, by Dr. Foote; thing for the American farmer, even cloth. Popular Edition, if he had to sell them without profit. PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF THE fot much financial gain could be ex-WORLD'S FAIR; Illustrated; cloth, pected, but to dispose of them for something would be better than shoot-\$1.50. ing them and leaving them to the THE STENOGRAPHER; cloth, 75c. crows. It has been a frequent occurrence to shoot even young horses when | LIFE OF JAMES G. BLAINE; Buckthey could not be sold. We remember ram Cloth, \$1.50. of one man that a few years ago ship-IS MARRIAGE A FAILURE! Popped a carload of horses to the Kansas City market. They did not bring the ular Edition; paper, 50c.

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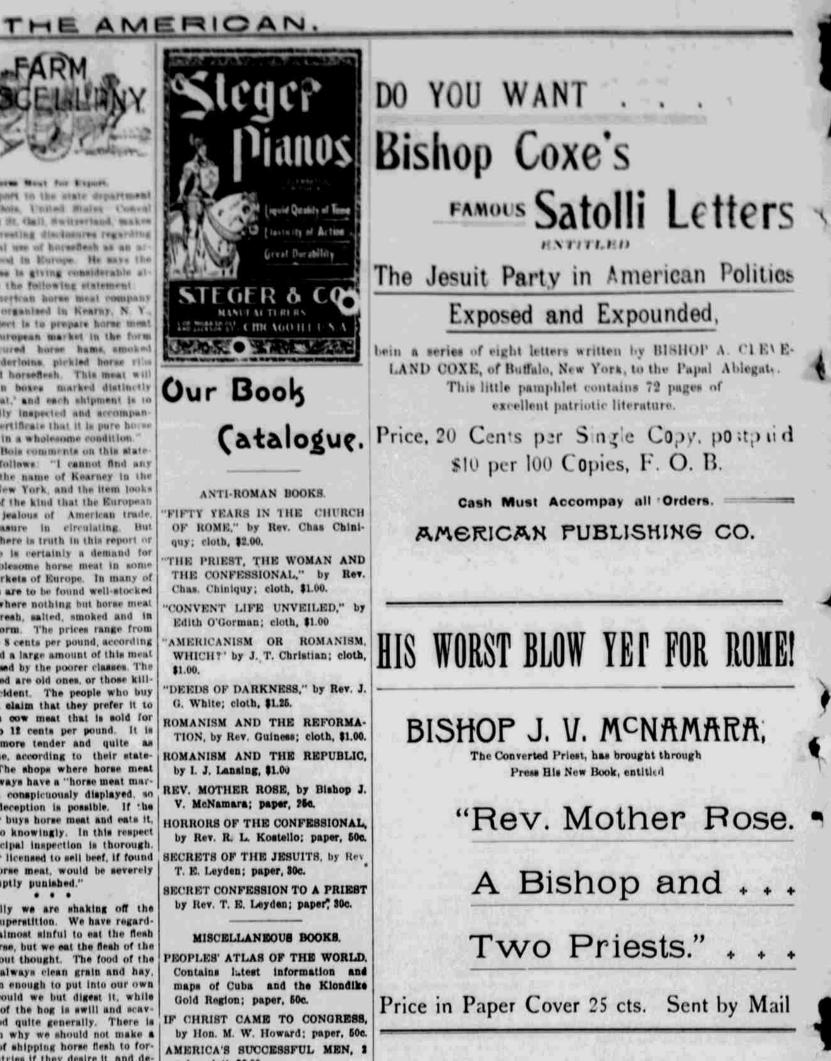
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were sold at an average price of 35



A half hour sped by. Suddenly Frank exclaimed: "Alice, here's another letter." She grasped her little red-and-black-covered note book and ant down beside him. Then he dictated:

"Dearest Ella: I cannot wait another day. I have loved you so much for a year. I must know whether you love me. Will you be my wife and make me happy? You know I love you and would do everything for you." As word succeeded word Alice's face



"EXPLAIN YOURSELF."

was a study. She did not, as usual, keep her eyes upon Getchell's face; they sought the carpet, "That's all," be said, as she finished.

Perhaps he saw nothing in her face, but could he have seen her heart-the tearing, crashing passion which surged within almost bursting her soul asunder. Her veins swelled and her fingers could scarcely find the keys. It was such a disappointment! How she hated Ella Hayes now!

But the short letter was finished, and with her day's work she passed it to Getchell, exclaiming to herself: "That's the last letter I'll write for him!"

He took them with a smile, read them over, and, as was his custom, corrected and emphasized with his pen a few words in each. Then, taking his ing the long peace that followed, he cont and hat, he bade her a jaunty "good-night" and departed.

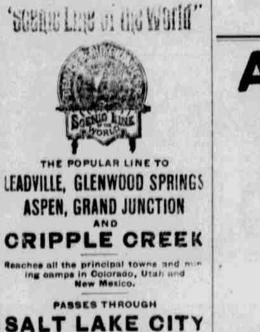
Alice, left alone waited for his footsteps to die away, then, sitting down. break. She accused Getchell of trifling and as many scrimmages." with her-deceiving her. Yet, when she paused to think, he had never tried to win her affection. He had simply fered But she knew one thing. Her

was constantly cruising about in one or the other United States warships in the West Indies, the Mediterranean or the Pacific ocean. He used to say she cried as though her heart would that he had taken part in "ten fights

He: "This is the last time I will "een "kind" and "good." Try as she ever ask you to marry me." She: "Do would she could not accuse him. She you swear it, Rudolph?" He: "I swear e'd not realize then that Cupid Inter- by all I hold most sacred." She: "Then fored But she knew one thing. Her I accept."-Detroit Free Press.

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