MERLE'S CRUSADE.

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CHAPTER L-TREVALLEY OF BUMILIATION "Merie, I may be a little old-fashioned a my notions; middle-aged people never djust their ideas quite in harmony with ou young folk, but in my day we never ensed to count fifty at a full stop."

Aunt Agatha's voice startled me with the reproachful irritability. Weli, I had becomed that little agreement for I must

seproachful irritability. Well, I had merved that little sarcasm, for I must dy. My favorite motto was ringing in ny cars, Laborare est orare.
Somehow the words had set themselves

mant music in my brain; it seemed all the time I was climbing down the sep hill with Christiana and her boys, aborare est orare. And this is what I ing on that still, snowy Sunday bet fruitful piece of ground in all right. Aunt Agatha was the most -co arts. It is a fat ground, and, as tented creature in the world. you see, consisteth much in meadows, and if Uncle Keith—for never, never would if a man was to come here in the summer. I call him Uncle Ezra, even had he asked satiful with lilles! I have known many oring men that have got good estates

and any shrewd things sometimes, but she never spoke a truer word than this; but my wits were no longer wool-gather-

What a pity you stopped me just then!" remarked, somewhat sententiously; "we have missed the purest. "sthe alle-

He that is down no He that is low no p But here a hand wa

"Put the marker in the page. I, and spare me the rest; that is in favor of your argument, not mine;" for a weary distwo whole hours-a discussion that had driven Aunt Agatha exhausted to the ch, but which had only given me a tingling feeling of excitement, such as a a battlefield. Aunt Agatha's lady-like less lay dead and wounded round her while I had made that last impetuous

"I am of age, a free English woman; living in a free country; and not all the nineteenth-century prejudices, though they are thick as dragons' teeth, shall prevent me, Merle Fenton, of sane mind and healthy body, from doing what I believe to be my duty."

mph, I am rather doubtful of the sanity: I always told you that you were too independent and strong-minded for a girl; but what is the use of preaching to deaf ears?" continued Aunt Agatha, in a eddedly cross voice, as she arranged the

It was true that I was cetting the best of the argument, and yet I was sorry for Aunt Agatha. I felt how I was shocking all her notions of decorum and propriety. on working out a new theory. The argument had grown out of such a little thing. I had shown Aunt Agatha an advertiseit had grown out of such a little thing. ment in the Morning Post, and announced my intention of answering it in person the lowing morning.

"NURSE.-Can any lady recommend thoroughly conscientions superior person to take charge of two children, baby eighteen months old? Assistance given in the nursery. Must be a good plain needlewoman. Prince's Gate, S. W."

To the last day of my life I do not think that I shall ever forget Aunt Aga-

You intend to offer yourself for this situation, Merle—to lose caste, and take your place among menials? It is enough make my poor brother rise in his grave, and your poor dear mother, too, to think of a Fenton stooning to such degradation But I will forbear to transcribe all the wordy avai he of lady-like invective that was buried at me, accompanied by much wringing of bands.

And yet the whole thing lay in a nut shell. I, Merle Fenton, sound, healthy, and aged two-and-twenty, being orphaned, penniless, and only possessing one near relative in the world-Aunt Agatha-declined atterly to be dependent for my daily bread and the clothes I were on the goodwill of her husband and my uncle by mar

No, I was not good. I dare say I wa mif-willed, contradictory, and as obstinate as a mule that will go every way but the right way; but, all the same, I loved Aunt Agatha, my dear father's only sister, and I detested Uncle Keith with a perfectly

pressonable detestation.

Aunt Agatha had been a governess al of much to boast of in the way of wealth. digree and poverty are not altogether ortable to one's feelings to know that a pertain progenitor of ours made boots at the time of the Conquest, though I am never quite sure in my mind that they had boot-makers then; but my historical mowledge was always defective. But a oney is also pleasant; Indeed, if the sedigree and the money came wooing to se, and I had to choose between themall, perhaps I had better hold my tongue at that subject; for what is the good of look myself to task. "What business haved reason for doing so?"

Aunt Agatha grew a last part of the control of the con

by father's pedigree did not help him to good practice, and he died young—a grave mistake, people tell me, for a procasional man to commit. My mother was very pretty and very hetpiess, out then she had a pedigree, too, and, probably, that forbade her to soil her white ands. She was a fine lady, with more cart than head, which she had lost most ly to the handsome young doctor. is death, she made futile efforts for Id's sake, but the grinding wheel

to death. poor, tender-neared,

clever, highly educated woman, and com-manded good salaries, and out of this she ontrived to board and maintain me at a school until she married, and Uncle Kelth promised that I should share their

I never could understand why Ann Agatha married him. Perhaps she was tired of the drudgery of teaching; at fortyfive one may grow a little weary of one's work. Perhaps she wanted a home for her old age, and was tired of warming herself at other people's fires, and pro-ferred a chimney corner of her own; but,

strange to say, she always scouted these two notions with the utmost indignation. "I married your uncle, Merle," she would say, with great dignity, "occause he convinced me that he was the right person for me to marry. I have no more idea than you how he contrived to instill this notion into my head, for though I am s plain body and never had any beauty, I must own I liked tall, good-looking men. But there, my dear, I lived forty-five years in the world without three things very common in women's lives-without beau-ty, without love, and without discontent." noon: "But we will come again to ty, without love, and without disconfent."

Valley of Humiliation. It is the best And in this last clause she was certainly

time as we do now, if he knew not anything before thereof, and if he delighted himself in the sight of his eyes, he might coe that which would be delightful to him.

Behold how green this valley is, also how was managing clerk in some mercantile house, and, being a thrifty soul, invested

in this Valley of Humiliation."

"Merie," observed Aunt Agatha, a little
dryly, "we may as well leave off there,
all her life, but she was quite content with
the little cottage at Patney to which her
husband took her. They only kept oue
servant; but Aunt Agatha proved harself
to be a notable housekeeper. She arranged to be a notable housekeeper. She arranged and rearranged the old-fashioned furni-ture that had belonged to Uncle Keith's mother until she had made quite a charm ing drawing-room; but that was just her way; she had clever brains and clever fingers, and to manipulate old materials into new fashions was just play-work to

But for me, I am perfectly convinced that Aunt Agatha would have called herself the happiest woman in the world, but my discontent leavened the household. If three people elect to live together, the success of the scheme demands that one of the three should not smile sourly on all

For two whole years I tried to be amia when Uncle Keith was in the room and at last gave up the attempt in de spair, baffled by my own eviltempers, and yet I will say I was not a bad-tempered girl. I must have had good in me, or Aunt Agatha would not have been so fond of me. I call that a real crucial test-other people's fondness for us.

Why is it so difficult to get on with

some folk, very worthy people in their

Why do some people invariably rub up one's fur until it bristles with discomfort? Why do these same thoroughly estimable creatures bring a sort or moral east wind with them, scarifying one's nerves? Surely it is beneath the dignity of a human being to be rasped by a harsh, drawling voice, or offended by trifling mannerisms. Uncle Keith was just like one of my sums
—you might add him up, subtract from
him, divide or multiply him, but he would never come right in the end; one always reckoned that he was more or less than he was. He was a little, pale, washed outlooking man, with sandy hair and promi watch of his. I hated the slow, ponder- creditably. ous way in which he drew it from his pocket, and produced it for my special

I have said that my detestation of Uncle Keith was somewhat unreasonable, I must own I had no grave reasons for my dislike. Uncle Keith had a good moral character; he was a steady church-goer, was painstaking and abstemious; never put himself in a passion, or, indeed, lost his temper for a minute; but how was a girl to tolerate a man who spent five minutes scraping his boots before he entered his own door, whatever the weather might be; who said, "Hir-rumph" (humph was what he meant) before every sentence, booming at one like a great bee; who always prefaced a lecture with a "my dear:" who would not read a paper until it was warmed; who would burn every cinder before fresh coals were allowed on the fire; who looked reproachfully at my crumbs (I crumbled my bread purposely at last), and scooped them carefully into his hand for the benefit of the with the invariable remark, "Waste not

want not"-a saying I learned to detest. I suppose if we are ever admitted into heaven we shall find very odd people there; but perhaps they will have dropped their trying ways and peculiarities, as the chrysalis drops its case, and may develop all sorts of new prismatic glories. I once seard a lady say that she was afraid the society there would be rather mixed; she was a very exclusive person; but Solomon tells us that there is nothing new under the sun, so I suppose we shall never be ducees. The grand idea to me is that if I had spelled "all right" with one "L" when the idea first country and it would not have mattered in a hospital there will be room for all. I do not know I am quite sure my house with one "L" when the idea first came to me that it was a mean thing to live under a man's roof. eating his bread and warming one's self at his fire, and all the time despising him in one's heart. I only know that one day the idea took possession of me, and, like an Eastern mustard seed, grew and flour-ished. Soon after that Uncie Keith had rather a serious loss some mercantile venture in which he was interested had come to grief. I began to notice small re-trenchments in the household; certain little luxuries were given up. Now and then Aunt Agatha grew a little grave as she balanced her weekly accounts. One night

"What business have you, a strong, healthy young woman," I observed to myself, severely, "to be a burden on these good folk? What is enough for two may be a tight fit for three; it was that new mantle of yours, Miss Merle, that has put out the drawing-room fire for three weeks and has shut up the sherry in the side board. Is it fair or right that Aunt Agathe and Uncle Keith should forego their little comforts just because an idle girl is on their hands!"

Aunt Agatha's eyes.

Aunt "Dear," she said, very gently, "I wish ing three days in the week, this could have been prevented: but, for know it."—New Haves Palla

my husband's sake, I dare not throw cold water on your plan. I cannot deny that be has had a heavy loss, and that we have to be very careful. I would keep you with me if I could, Merle, for you are just like my own child, but Ezra is not young:" and here Aunt Agatha's forehead grew

puckered with auxiety.
"Oh, Aunt Agatha," I exclaimed, quite forgetting the gravity of my proposition in sudden, childish annoyance, "how cau you call Uncle Keith, Ezra! It is such a

deous name."
"Not to my ears," she answered, quite calmly; "a wife never thinks her husband's name hideous. He loves to hear me say it, and I love to please him, for though you may not believe it. Merle, I think there are very few men to compare with your nucle.

She could actually say this to my face, looking at me all the time with those hon-est eyes! I could not forbear a little shring it this, but she turned the subject, placid

ly, but with much dignity.
"I have been a working bee all my life, and have been quite contented with my lot; if you could only follow my example, I should be perfectly willing to let you go. I have thought once or twice lately hat if anything were to happen to me, on and your uncle would hardly be com fortable together; you do not study him sufficiently; you have no idea what he

I thought it better to remain silent. Aunt Agatha sighed a little as she wen

"I am not afraid of work for you, Merle there is no life without activity. 'The idle man,' as some one observes, 'spins on his own axis in the dark.' "A man of mere capacity undeveloped," as Emerson says, 'is only an organized day-dream with a skin on it.' Just listen to this," opening a book that lay near her. "'Ac tion and enjoyment are contingent upor each other. When we are unfit for work we are always incapable of pleasure; work is the wooing by which happiness is

"Yes, yes," I returned, rather impa tiently, for Aunt Agatha, with all her perfections, was too much given to proverbial and discursive philosophy: "but to reduce this to practice, what work can I do in this weary world?"

"You cannot be a governess, not even nursery governess, Merie," and here Aunt Agatha looked at me very gently, as Again a loosed at the very gentry, as though she knew her words must give me pain, and suddenly my cheeks grew hot and my eyelids drooped. Alas! I knew too well what Aunt Agatha meant; this was a sore point, the great difficulty and stumbling-block of my young life.

I had been well taught in a good school I had had unusual advantages, for Aunt Agatha was an accomplished and clever oman, and spared no pains with me in her leisure hours; but by some freak of nature, not such an unusua! thing as peopie would have us believe, 1.00a some want of power in the brain-at least, so clever man has since told me-I was una ble to master more than the rudiments of snelling.

I know some people would laugh in credulously at this, but the fact will re main.

As a child I had lain sobbing on bed, beaten down by a very auguish of humiliation at being unable to commit the column of double syllables to mem-ory, and have only been comforted by ory, and have only been comforted by Aunt Agatha's patience and gentieness. At school I had a severer ordeal. For a long time my teachers refused to admit my incapacity; they preferred attributing Year's morning, aged 90. it to idleness, stubbornness, and want o attention; even Aunt Agatha was puzzled and giving pain to the kindest and gentlest heart in the world; but one cannot
lead a new crusade without trampling on
some prejudices. I knew all my little
world would shrick "fy." and "for shame"
thodical and punctual to a fault. Next
to Uncle Keith, I hated that white-faced
into my ears, and all because I was bent
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looking man, with sandy nair and promithings, could draw very well for my age,
and could accomplish wonders in needlework, was a fair scholar in history and
geography, soon acquired a good French
accent, and did some of my lessons most
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But the construction of words baffles me to this day. I should be unwilling to write the simplest letter without a dictionary lying snugly near my hand. I have learned to look my misfortune in the face, and to bear it with tolerable grace. With my acquaintances it is a standing joke, with my nearest and dearest friends it is merely an opportunity for kindly service and offers to write from my dicta ion, but when I was growing into womanhood it was a bitter and most shame ful trial to me, one secretly lamented with hot tears and with a most grievous sense

of humiliation. "No," Aunt Agatha repeated, in the old pitylng voice I knew so well, "you cannot be even a nursery governess, Merle," "Nor a companion either," I exclaimed

bitterly. "Old ladies want letters writter "That is very true," she replied, shaking

her head

"I could be a nurse in a hospital-in birds, fact, that is what I should like, but the training could not be afforded; it would be a pound a week, Aunt Agatha, and there would be my uniform and other expenses, and I should not get the smallest salary for at least two or three years."

"I am afraid we must not think of that Merle;" and then I relapsed into silence from sheer sadness of heart. I had al-ways so longed to be trained in a hospital, and then I could nurse wounded soldiers or little children. I always loved

little children. been considered perfect, and that would bave been more to the point. (To be continued.)

Queen Victoria's Eccentricities.

One of her peculiarities is her jealous care about everything pertaining to her late husband. His personal property is in the same condition in which he left it. His horses died in their stalls without having been mounted after his death. His slippers and dressing-gown are every night placed in their accus-tomed position, while the Queen sits on the opposite side of the fireplace and thinks of the days gone by, and, it is said, believes that his spirit is present to commune with her. Philadelphia Inquirer.

Wanted a Rebate.

A teacher of a private school not far from New Haven was called upon to deduct something from a bill for a child's tuition. The parent as-serted that the child had been absent on their hands?"

I pondered this question heavily before
I summoned courage to speak to Aunt
Agatha. To my surprise she listened to
me very quietly, though her soft brown
eyes grew a little misty—I did so love
Aunt Agatha's eyes.

Serica that the account of sickness,
and for other reasons. Finally, as a
clincher, the thrifty patron of the institution added: "Not only has Johnny
been away many days, but he hasn't
been on hand at 9 o'clock in the mornand you

VERY LATEST.

Five hundred cases of influenza are reported at Salina, Kan. Natural gas has been discovered at Redfield, Spink county, S. D.

Miss Susan L. Stanwood, sister Mrs. James G. Blaine, is dead.

Three hundred New York policeme are reported ill with influenza Jackson has agreed to fight Sullivan in the rooms of the California Athletic Club.

There were 164 deaths in New York

City Wednesday-100 from pulmonary troubles. Frederick Vinton, librarian at Prince on for thirteen years, died on New

At Dallas. Texas, nine men were hor-ribly burned by an explosion of molten metal in a foundry. Some thirty postoffice clerks at Balti-more are suffering from influenza and are unable to work are unable to work.

Much damage has been done to fruit land by a river overflow in the district around Los Angeles, Cal. Fire in a pauper's school near London, England, Tuesday night, resulted in the authoration of twenty-six boys.

Three men were killed by an explosion in the show case manufactory of Schmitt & Co. at Cincinnati.

Three-fourths of the inhabitants of Denver and Cheyenne are said to be suffering from Russian influenza.

J. Monash, secretary of a building and loan society in Minneapolis, is said to be short \$25,000 in his accounts. The so-called "robber gas bill," passed

by the St Louis Muncipal Assembly, has been vetoed by Mayor Noonan.

Sol White, the well-known annexationist, was on Monday unanimously nominated for Mayor of Windsor, Can-

A mass temperance convention is Waterloo, Iowa, protested against the repeal of the prohibition law in the state.

At Centralia, Ill, Sunday night Stephen Hullahan, an old settler, com-mitted suicide by taking a dose of ar-

Andrew Carnegie has presented Bishop Phelan, of Pittsburg, with a fine copy of Raphael's masterpiece, "The Sistins Madonna."

During the year about 5,000 miles of main track railways have been built, being the smallest construction recorded

It is feared that the sudden fall in temperature will seriously affect the un-covered winter wheat crop of Missouri and Kansas.

It is announced as having been settled that Sullivan and Jackson will fight in May in the California Athletic Club at San Francisco. Union Pacific officials at Boston con

tradict the story that the Presidency of the road had been offered to General Manager Clark.

Charles W. Millard, a prominent saw mill owner in Michigan, was found dead near Manton, Mich., and \$14,000 of his money missing.

The state teacher's convention of

Wisconsin has put itself on record in fa-vor of the "Bennett law," providing for

On account of the mild weather, the directors of the Carnival Association at St. Paul have decided to abandon the carnival and ice palace.

the condemned Japanese murderer Jugigo, who was taken to Sing Sing prison to be executed by electricity.

Alexander Hamilton, a grandson of the first Secretary of the Treasury, died Monday morning at his home at Irving-ton-on-the-Hudson in his 79th year. Governor Godell, of New Hampshire

has issued a proclamation that all sa-loons in the state must be closed and the prohibitory law strictly enforced. The Democratic caucus of the Ken-tucky Legislature Monday night unanimously renominated the Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn for United States Senator.

After an idleness of three years the furnaces of the Chestnut Hill Iron Ore Company at Columbus, Pa., are being repaired, and will be put in blast at

Henry Wolford, who had been continuously City Treasurer of Louisville for thrty-two years, died Friday after-noon, aged 83. He was a leading Odd Eighteen carloads of provisions and clothing left Witchita, Kan., Wednes-

day, for distribution among the sufferers in Stevens, Morton and Hodgman The Navy Department has been noti-

fled by the contractors for the new cruiser Baltimore that the vessel is com-pleted. She has been accepted by the government

Count Karolyi, formerly Austrian Ambassador to England and Germany, fell from his horse and broke his neck while hunting on his cetate at Pressburg, Hungary.
Mrs. Delia Parnell says she has re-

ceived but a quarter of the \$5,000 said to have been presented to her, and that the amount received will barely cover her obligations.

A man named Ingalls, who was arrested at Depere, Wis., Monday for stealing overcoats, made a confession implicating himself and several others in the Hurley bank robbery.

Reports from Fort Sully, in South Daat that place are not satisfied with the treaty, and are causing trouble. Sev-eral settlers have been killed.

The Pittaburg syndicate of operators, called the Southern Coal Company, will be dissolved at once, and the thirteen business on their own account.

It has just been decided that the eight-hour law, which was placed on the statute books twenty-one years ago, is applicable to the departments of the Philadelphia city government. Philadelphia city government.

The visible supply of wheat and corn is, respectively, 38,971,648 and 8,009,901 bushels. Since last report wheat has diminished 808,051 bushels, while corn has increased 2,242,944 bushels.

The Hon. George Starr, President of the National Bank of Coldwater, Mich., fell from the verands of the sanitarium

at parce creek and sustained injurie from which he died in un hour.

The Academy of Music, in course of rection at St. Louis, fell in a heap Mon-day morning, owing it is thought, to a bed of quicksand under it. But one man was hurt and he, not fatally.

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In Windsor Locks, Conn., a small-pox epidemic has broken out among the women employed in the ragroom of the Seymour paper mill. The disease was imported with the rags from Egypt.

Mrs. Elizabeth Price celebrated her 99th birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. K. H. Fell, in Normal, Ill., Sunday. She is in perfect health and in the possession of all her faculties.

A test has been made by a party of New York experts of the electrical execution machines at Sing Sing prison, cation machines at Sing Sing prison, and they were found to be even more deadly than they had been represented.

A St. Louis paper published a story Monday evening that E4. Butler, a well-known lobbyist, had offered to secure a veto by Mayor Noonan of the so-called "robber gas bill" for the sum of \$150.

Judge Patterson at New York has continued the injunction restraining the Central Trust Co., C. P. Huntington, and others from issuing stock of the re-organized Houston and Texas Central

Mrs. Victoria Schilling, the millionaire Morisini's wayward child, who eloped with Schilling, her father's coachman, some years ago, is dying of consumption at her father's home in

Hundreds of the foreign residents of Brazil have protested against the naturalization scheme of the provisional republican government, by which they are to be forced to become Brazilian

While suffering from influenza Wednesday at Canton, Ohio, Paul Young, aged 20, committed suicide with a revolver. He was a son of Colonel J. J. Young, President of the Bolton Steel

Company.

The recently formed order of United American Mechanics in 1890 will begin a crusade against the Hungarian coal miners and laborers in Connellsville, Pa.,

with the intention of ousting them from His Majesty Carlos I. was formally proclaimed King of Portugal at Lisbon Saturday. The royal party headed a procession through the streets, and no disloyal manifestation was made by the

A call for the purpose of organizing a national association has been issued by

the provisional committee of non-partisan W. C. T. U. The meetings will begin Jan. 22, in Music Hall, at Cleve-After nightfall, at Bridgeport, Conn. an unknown man makes his appearance and annoys unescorted women and girls in various ways, sometimes even kissing

them. He has thus far managed to A bill for divorce filed in London by Captain O'Shea, a former protege of Parnell and an ex-home rule member of

parliament, gives room for scandal. Parnell is stated to be co-respondent with Mrs. O Shea. Owing to a wages dispute with the typographical union, the Philadelphia Press has contracted with the National Printers' Protective Fraternity for a

new force of men, who will at once take the places of the old hands. In Kansas during 1889 the sugar manufactured from sorghum aggregated 1,293,275 pounds, against 698,274 pounds in 1888. In addition to the 1889 crop

fuil 200,000 pounds more will be ob-The membership of the Economite Society in Pennsylvania has been reduced to twenty-nine, through the death of Gertrude Rapp, daughter of

the founder of the society. Another member is reported fatally ill, Immigrants arrived at Castle Garden last year to the number of 315,228, which is a falling off from the year before of 68,367. The character of the immi-

grants, however, is much superior to that of those who landed in 1888. The rapid increase in the number of cases of influenza at Wurzburg, Bavaria, has rendered necessary the erection of several temporary hospitals. There are 40,000 cases of the disease in Munich, and the epidemic is spreading in Dres-

A west-bound passenger train on the Chesapeake and Ohio Road was wrecked by a broken axle two miles west of White Sulphur Springs Saturday morn-ing. A frightful wreck was the result, ten persons being killed and ten in-

To a reporter at Nice, Miss Mary Anderson, the actress, said: "I have no intention of returning to the stage, at least for an indefinite period." It is rumored that Miss Anderson is engaged to the son of Mrs. A. de Navarro, of

An exciting election of officers was held Tuesday at St. Louis by the Western Commercial Travelers' Association. The "opposition" ticket, headed by James Bannerman, was elected. James C. Miller, of Chicago, was elected Second

At St. Louis Monday the United State District Attorney caused surprise by en-tering a nolle prosequi in the case of Charles C. Crecelius, ex cashier of the Fifth National Bank, indicted for causing the failure of that institution by manipulating the books.

Peach trees are in nearly full bloom in several orchards in Hunterdon county, Delaware. The owners are old peach growers, and they say they never before saw the like in December. Pear trees in different parts of the country begin to snow strong indications or

The accounts from New York give the number of victims of the influenza at 50,000. There is also an unprecedented death rate from pneumonia, bronchitis and consumption. At Boston a similar state of things prevails and a large number of deaths are reported as due to the epidemic.

At a firemen's exhibit at Havana At a firemen's exhibit at Havana, Cuba, Sunday twenty-two firemen were injured, three of them fatally. After a wooden structure which had been set on fire it was found that the water supply had been tampered with, and the men were obliged to jump for their lives.

E. P. Moore of Louisville, Ky., who had the work of allotting the land of the Yankton Indian reservation to the Indians, says that out of 400,000 acres of land in the reservation the Indians

of land in the reservation the Indians have taken 200,000 acres, leaving the same amount to be taken up by settlers when the reservation is opened.

The attorney of Wyandotte county, Kan., has given the opinion that bonds issued by that county under the Buchan road law are void. It is said that John Culver, rendered notorious by the Cro-

nin jury's verdict, great many of these will be taken to prot

At Merrill, Wia, Wednesday night George Hendler shot and killed Dave Sarvis, a saloon-keeper who refused to trust him for a drink. Policemen Hott and Truax attempted to arrest him, when he shot them both, inflicting wounds which are thought to be fatal Hendler narrowly escaped lynching.

Robert Garrett is in poor health. At

Robert Garrett is in poor health. times he is much depressed and occa-sionally becomes quite excited. He is still at his country home, "Uplands" near Catonsville. His friends have not been encouraged by reports from his physicians, especially as he has been unwell off and on for more than two

Western Passenger Association a rate war has been begun, and the St. Paul Road has cut the first-class rate from St. Paul to Chicago \$2.50, and has made a cut of 70 cents to Milwaukee. The Wisconsin Central is charged with making secret immigrant rates with steamship companies. At the annual meeting of the National

Builders' Association in St. Louis next month, steps will be taken to oppose the eight-hour movement proposed by the American Federation of Labor. It is said that a united stand will be taken by the builders. by the builders on May 1 against the movement, if the employes attempt to

The flood in the vicinity of Los Angeles has caused the river to change its course a few miles below the city and cut a new channel, turning the water on the fruit lands, and owners

water on the fruit lands, and owners claim that their property has been thus damaged to the extent of \$500,000 by bulkheading the stream, and that the city of Los Angeles is responsible.

Carnegie's Lower Union Iron Mills are closed down on account of a strike of the puddlers, who refused to work the iron furnished by the firm, claiming that the material was too strong. Pending a settlement of the trouble extensive improvements will be made and the mills will not resume until some time in January. About 250 men are till is reported that more than 200

It is reported that more than 200 deaths from influenza occur in Paris every twenty-four hours, but the local newspapers claim that the figures are exaggerated. The Czar of Russia, who has been a sufferer for some days, is re-covering. The Vienna hospitals are crowded with influenza patients, and there are over one hundred cases of the

malady at Prague.

Over \$9,000 has been raised by the young men's committee of Atlanta, Ga., for the monument to Henry W. Grady, and only a few subscriptions have been received from outside of Atlanta as yet. From all parts of the state come telegrams saying that the people want to help in the work, and doubtless many of Mr. Grady's friends north and south will desire to aid in building this monument, and for that reason the commit-tee in charge has decided to hold the lists open for some days.

In the town of Huron, Mich., where

only a few days ago two women and a babe were burned to death and nine a babe were burned to death and nine buildings destroyed, another terrible fire occurred early Sunday morning in which eleven persons lost their lives, ten of them being members of one fam-ily and the eleventh a young lady visi-tor. Theodore Grass, with his wife and family, occupied a small frame house, which, it is supposed, was set on fire by an explosion, although the exact origin of the fire will never be known. hirteen occupants eleven perisned in

A mob of several hundred masked men broke open the Barnwell county, Jan at 2 o'cloc and overpowered the jailer. They seized Ripley Johnson and Mitchell Adams, the two murderers of James Hefferman, and six men held for the rethellerman, and six men held for the re-cent murder of Robert Martin at Mar-tins, Barnwell county. The prisoners were taken out of town and shot to death. The jailer was tied and forced to go with the lynchers. After the lynching the jailer was released. The citizens of the town were ignorant of

any attack on the jail. The influenza is still pursuing its course in Europe. At Paris the scare continues, and the alarming increase in the death-rate, which jumped from 120 per day to 586, is attributed to the epidemic. In Monte Carlo the epidemic epidemic. In Monte Carlo the epidemic is so bad that gambling has stopped. The king of Portugal is still in the grip of influenza. The condition of Minister Freycinet, of France, a victim of the grippe, has changed for the worse. In Berlin the epidemic is also raging. Over 200 operators in a firearms factory are down with influenza. In Stock-holm Sweden the reports are a bad holm, Sweden, the reports are as bad. Colder weather has set in, though, in Europe, and the doctors hope for a speedy cessation of the epidemic.

French And His Turtles

A Frenchman in Siam has recently written to a French sporting paper an account of his experience with turtles as beasts of burden. He bought two big fellows for \$10 each and harnessed them together by means of an elabor-ate wire and chain arrangement. Then he hitched them to an eighteen-foot rowboat in a neighboring harbor, got into the boat, and let the turtles go. They started off with a rush that upset everything in the little craft, including the Frenchman, and made for the open sea at the rate of speed of a man walking fast. They paid no attention to the reius with which the Frenchman tried to guide them. After four hours of vain tugging and pulling the French-man was obliged to cut loose from them in order to keep within sight of land. The last he saw of his \$20 turtles as he rowed back to land they were still forging ahead in their double harness. will repeat the experiment shortly in an inland lake where the turtles can-not get away from him He is confident that a little training would make any big turtle a cheap and sufficient trac

Reserved Seats in Mexico.

You don't have to bother securing reserved scats in some of the Mexican theatres, for there are no seats at all. You just send your servant ahead with one of your own chairs, and he does all the hustling necessary to secure a good position. If you don't have a servant or a chair available, you can hire a chair at the door for 6 cents from an old woman who, as you pay her, will murmur, "Give me a cigarette, senor, for God's sake," in liquid Castilian. She doesn't mean to be irreverent; the is only using a common idiom.—"