MYSTERIOUS WEDDING.

No one thought that Mary Forster and marry John Charrington, but he thought differently, and things which John Charrington intended had a queer way of coming to pass. He asked her to marry him before he went up to Oxford, she laughed and refused him. He asked her the next time he came home. Again she laughed, tossed her dainty blond head, and again refused. A third time he asked her; she said it was becoming a confirmed bad habit, and laughed at him more than ever, but said yes.

We were all asked to the wedding. In Brixham every one who was anybody knew eveybody else who was any ing crowd's attentive atti:ude. one. The coming marriage was much canvassed at afternoon tea tables and be over by now." at our little club over the sakdler's, and the question was always asked: "Does | come ?" she care for him ?"

I used to ask that question myself in the early days of their engagement, but after a certain evening in August the least bit so afore, but my opinion toree for fightning is 50,000, only one-I never asked it again. I was coming is he's been drinking pretty free. His half of whom are warlike. home from the club through the church- clothes was all dusty, and his face like vard. Our church is on a thyme-grown hill, and the turf about it is so thick and soft that one's foot-steps are noiseless

I made no sound as I vaulted the low, lichened wall, and threaded my way between the tombstone. It was at the same instant that I heard John there was a black mark above his eye-Charrington's voice, and saw her face. May was sitting on a low, flat gravestone, with the full splendor of the Western sun upon the mignonne face Its expression ended at once and forall ever, any question of her love for him-It was transfigured to a beauty 1 should never have believed possible even to that beautiful little face. John lay at her feet, aud it was

voice that broke the stillness of the golden August evening.

"My dear, my dear, I believe that I should come back from the dead if you wanted me."

1 coughed at once to indicate my presence, and passed out into the shadow, fully enlightened.

The wedding was to be early in Septemter. Two days before I had to run thrown and the wedding bells never shawls are taken to India with imitaup to town on business. The train was rang. late, of course, for we were on the Southeastern, and as I stood grumbling with my watch in hand, whom should I from the guests and the spectators. see but John Charrington and May Forster. They were walking up and

form, arm in arm, looking into each of the church, sir, by heaven I would other's eyes, careless of the sympathetic before, I'd have let him marry my interest of the porters.

Of coures I knew better than to besitate a moment before burying my- dow. self in the booking office, and it was net till the train drew up at the platform that I obtrusively passed the pair with my Gladstone and took the corner in a first-class smoking carriage. I half a minute we heard wheels did this as good an air of not seeing crunching the gravel. When the carthem as I could assume. I pride myself on my discretion, but if John were Forster and I ran down. traveling alone I wanted his company. I had it.

other train for thirty-five minutes. Five minutes later I flung myself into the carriage that I had brought for

John "Drive to the church!" I said, as some one shut the door; "Mr. Charrington hasn't come by this train."

Anxiety now replaced anger. It was five minutes to 4 as we drew up at the church-yard gate. A double row of eager on-lookers lined the path from lychgate to porch. I sprang from the carriage and passed up between them. Our gardener had a good front place near the door. I stopped.

"Are they waiting still, Byles?" asked, simply to gain-time, for o course, I knew they were by the wait-

"Waiting sir? No, sir; why it must "Over! Then Mr. Charrington's historic elms.

"To the minute, sir; must have missed you somehow, and I say, sir," low- this enumeration including bucks ering his voice, "I never see Mr. John

a sheet." A murmur from the church an nounced them; out they came. Byles

was right. John Charrington did not look himself. There was dust on his coat, his hair was disarranged. He seemed to have been in some row, for

brow. He was deathly pale. But his palor was not greater than that of the bride, who might have been carved in ivory-dress, veil, orange blossoms and

As they passed out the ringers stopped-there were six of them-and then on the ears expecting the gay wedding peal, came the slow tolling of the passing bell.

A thrill of horror at so foolish a jest from the ringers passed through us all But the ringers themselves dropped the ropes and fled like rabbits down the stairs. The bride shuddered and grey shadows came about her mouth, but the bridegroom led on down the path where the people stood with handfuls

Then the tongues were loosed. A babel of anger, wonder, conjecture

"If I'd seen his condition." said old Forster to me as we drove off, "I down the unfrequented end of the plat- would have stretched him on the floor daughter!"

Then he put his head out of the win-

"Drive like fury," he cried to the coachman; "Don't spare the horses." We stood in the hall doorway, in the

blazing afternoon sun, and in about riage stopped in front of the steps old

"Great heavens, the carriage is empty! and yet-" "Hullo, old man," came his cheery I had the door open in a minute, and

Curious Cuillings.

A man should weigh twenty-siz pounds for every foot of his statum

The total export from the New Zealand gold mines has been over £51,000 sterlings.

A philosophic observer remarks that it is not what a man does but what he gets caught at that weighs in the world's judgement."

There are now living in one house n a village near Norwich, Eng. five generations, the ages of the individuals being ninty-two, sixty-one, thirty six, nineteen and six months, respectively The fomous Winchester elm, in Boston recently cut down was standing full grown in 1660. The fast freaty with the Indians was signed under it and it was the last of New England's

There are 250,483 Indians in the United States, exclusive of Alaska, squaws and papooess. The available

There is an annual "feast of False Faces" among the Onondaga Indians in Northwestern New York that follows some weeks after the "White Dog Feast." The faces are mostly wooden masks made by themselves, but are not old.

Theodore II. Swift, who was one of the attorneys in the celebrated trial of the Niser Paine will case in New York is said to have received a fee of 8.0. 000 for his services. He lives now in Patsdam, N. Y., and is still a young man, only 40 years of age.

A young man, being asked by a judge whether he had a father and a mother said he wasn't quite sure whether he had or not. First, his father died and then his mother married again and then his mother died and his father married again; and now he didn't exactly know whether they were his father and mother or not.

Londoner's are very much interested in the discovery that the one original home of Cashmere shawls but Germany of rice; but the handfuls were never Large quantities of German-made tions of Cashmere marks on them and sent into the, int rior and sold as native products. They cost in Calcutte about a pound. They sell for £7

Two boys near Boston island, Booth Bay harbor, recently, saw two big eagles fighting in the air 200 feet above water. The talons of one bird became entangled in a wing of the other, and both fell into the sea. When the boys rowed out to them one of the eagles showed fight and they were obliged to kill it, but the other was captured alive and measures six feet from tip to tip.

The Flag in The Navy.

The red dag is a mark of danger and shows a vessel to be receiving or discharging powder.

A flag at half mast means that a death has occurred, and hoisted union down is a signal of distress.

PRINTING BY TELEGRAPH.

Trasferred to Paper from Wires at Any Dista

The printing telegraph, though a derice of comparatively recent development, has been the subject of coaseless investigation, and practical workers in ecticity have directed their whole attention, in some instances, to the transmission of messages and the recording of them in plain Roman characters. A very complimentary notice to a new system has recently appeared in various electrical papers as the most perfect system known.

Its advantages are simply those of an electrical typewriter, by means of which the message is printed in the presence of the transmitting operator in page form, and a duplcate of the same printed at all the receiving stations on the line, whether it be long or short circuit. The benefit of such an apparatus to the press at large can be readily seen, especially for the distrbution of current news in the various news-paper offices. A single transmission prints It simultaneouly, in page form, ready for the compositor's ase in all the news-paper offices of many cities.

It is said to differ materially from every other known means of telegraphy in one essential particular. In it the impulses move the instruments whereas in other systems the instruments move the impulses-that is to say, the transmitter of the message is cause to run by a separate power. No combination of electrical impulses or current is employed. An even succession of dots or impulses which operate the polarized relay armature at the receiving station places the revolving type wheel in the required position, when the local mechanism causes the letter to be printed.

The apparent impossibility of transmitting printed characters 500 or 1,000 miles over a single wire at once presents itself to the mind, and it is overcome in this system, it is asserted in a very simple way. Each letter of the alphabet is represented by a certain number of impulses, which revolve the type wheel to the required position, when the let. ters are struck by the local mallet.

Fourteen impulses represent the en tire alphabet, making a complete revo. lution of the type wheel, which may be turned 200 revolutions per minute, thus securing very rapid printing. Its advantage also is that of absolute secrecy as a means of communication. The advantage of the printing telegraph for the transmission of news to newspaper offices is unquestionable a subject com manding attention on the part of progressive proprietors .- Paper and Press.

Frankness,

known as a man whose scientific studies have tended to exaggerate a natural disposition to mental abstraction. The

strong admirers, understand his pecul-

Waiting for Sam.

A man with eleven weeks of wiry hair and a long growth of beard stepped again: "How do girls who into a barber shop in one of our cities the other day and sat down. Probably he was not in his best mood. At any rate he looked cross, even though

it was his next turn. Next," said the barber.

-I'll wait for Sam," said the man with the hair and beard and as he said it he kicked at the dog and looked about as pleasant as the circular saw

in motion. "All right," said the barber with emphasis. "Next."

The "next" got into the chair and other in a shop, have for the left the man who was cross sitting by been trying the plan of man the window watching for Sam. Half housekeeping, which promise an hour passed. The shop was full come a perfect system to and there seemed to be a good deal of women who cannot afford to a amusement among all except the man the place they prefer or her who was waiting for Sam. One by one satisfied when they undertake the customers kept coming in. The cheaperplaces, clock hands passed from 6:30 p. m. to 7:30 p. m., and then to 8:30 p. m. At about this time the door opened and a three proceed to the neares

head popped in. "Heard from Sam yet?" said the head.

"Yes," replied the barber. "How is be; having a good time?" "Guess he is. At any rate he says he

"When do you expect him home?" "In about three weeks."

The door slamed after the questioner just as the man with the beard, who was waiting for Sam, jumped to his feet. Oh-what did you say ?"shouted he. "Did you say Sam wasn't coming for three weeks?"

The barber repressed his smile, and in a voice that was low and even toned, he said: "Yes, sir. Sam is up country, and we expect him back in about two weeks and a half. But if you want to wait for him we'll make uy a bed for you right here on"-but the rest was two easy chairs, one rocker a lost by the door slaming on the retiring other chairs and all the large form of the man who was waiting for

Sam.-Lewiston Journal.

He Owned a Sand Bar.

A gentleman from Maine bought a dozen lots in a South Dakota river town some time ago as a speculation He paid his taxes regularly for several years and finally went out to see his property. The agent who sold him the lots met him at the station, and after shaking hands with his client said:

"Ah, Mr. Pettibone, you came upon us at an inauspicious time."

"What do you mean, Mr. Comyshun ?" "Your lots, sir."

"Yes, what about them ?" "Well, sir, you know I suggested that

you buy near the levee."

"Certainty I do. You assured me that when the Great Midland railroad Professor Simon Newcomb is well built out from here it would cross the hungry. river at this point, and my lots would treble in value."

"Quite true, so I did. But man pro professor's friends, who are also his iarity, and overlook in him what the course of the river so completely cents and the coffee the sar

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girls worked has closed for the where they are met by the oth bers of the family, and the for home together.

Having heard of the please which these girls have at they ments and being desirous of se herself how the plans are can the writer, by special invitation, ly took an evening meal with r The house is on a side stat easy walking distance of ter

the room up two fights. The a large apartment and has the dows, which are prettily draw dotted muslin tied back with ribbons, The walls are time's pale cream color and the who showed the good taste of the

A folding bed of cabinet the front of which is a lar and a broad couch, which is a furniture.

In front of the door leader side room, which is used at a is a large screen, evidently manufacture, but decidedir

tal Two sets of shelves adonta between the windows, and a filled with books. There are good pictures hung about, at mantle-piece are little ornan pretty things, watched over bu bust of Dickens on a bracket

White the writer was admin neatness of the room and prageneral appearance one of the set the table.

There was no array of silver dishes were dainty although th not many of them, and the is not spoiled by apologies, and thing passed of smoothly, bad

After a while the cost of a was considered, and found to 48 cents. That did not includ poses and God disposes. He has sent butter or coffee, the former as his rains and his floods and changed girls 20 cents a week, butter a

voice as he swung his baggage into my this is what I saw: carriage, "here's luck; I was expecting a dull journey."

"Where are you off to?" I asked, discretion still bidding me turn my eyes away, though I saw, without looking that hers were red-rimmed.

"To old Branbridge's, ' he answered, shutting the door and leaning out for a last word with his sweetheart.

"Oh, I wish you wouldn't go, John, she was saying in a low earnest voice. "I feel certain something will happen."

'I must, May. The old boy's been awfully good to me, and now he's dying I must go and see him, but I shall come home in time for ---- " the rest of the parting was lost in a whisper and in the rattling lurch of the starting train.

"I shall surely be back tomorrow," he said, "or, if not, the day after, in heaps of time.

"And suppose Mr. Branbridge dies?" "Alive or dead, I mean to be married on Thursday!" John answered, lighting a cigar, and unfolding the Times.

At Peasmarsh Station we said "goodbye," and he got out, and I saw him ride off; I went to London, where I stayed the night.

When I got home the next afternoon a very wet one, by the way-my sister greeted me with:

"Where's Charrington?"

"Goodness knows," I answered to tily. Every man since Cain has reented that kind of question.

"I thought you might have heard from him," she went on, "as you're to give him away to-morrow.

"Isn't he back ?" I asked, for I had andently expected to find him at

"No, Geoffrey"-my sister always ad a way of jumping at conclu ly such conclusions as were ast favorable to her fellow creatures.

"He has not returned, and, what is you may depend upon it he You mark my words, there'll be a wedding to-morrow."

I-was at the station at 2:30. I fa her annoyed with John. It seemed ort of slight to the beautiful girl who within, that he bhould come, as it at of breath, and with the dast, of us would have given the

a of our lives to take. Sun the 3 o'clock train g light out again, having bro

No sign of John Charrington ; and of May, his wife, only a huddled heap sign of contagious disease. of white satin on the floor of the car-

riage and half on the seat. "I drove straight here, sir," said the coachman, as the bride's father lifted

her out, "and I'll swear no one got out of the carriage." We carried her into the house. An

we stood, her father and I, half mad with the horror and mystery of it, a boy came up the avenue-a telegraph boy. They brought the orange envelope

to me. I to:e it cpen. "Mr. Charrington was thrown from his horse on his way to the station at 1:30. Killed on the spot!"

And he was married to May Forster in our parish church at 3:30, in presence of half the parish.

I shall be married, dead or alive!" Before a week was over they laid her beside her husband in our little churchyard on the thyme-covered bill-the churchyard where they had kept their love trysts.-Temple Bar.

A Treasured Hoof.

A very interesting relic has fallen into the possession of the well known Birmingham physician, Sir James Sawyer. It is one of the hoofs of the

dentical horse that Lord Cardigan rode in the charge of the Light Brigade. Lady Sawyer's father who was a Lincolnshire rector, received this precious relic of the historic charge from Lord

this effect. The four hoofs are now disposed of as follows: The Prince of Wales, an honorary colonel of the Tenth Hussars, has one; another belongs to the officers of that famous regiment, and it is brought out at moss on state occasions; the Countness of Canardig owns a third; and the last naturally highly prized by its owner

-London Tit-Bits.

It is stated that an average quart of vators contains about the more of nutritive su quart of malk, or a pound of very and a half of an beef, or a pound track cod tith or

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The yellow flag belongs to the quarantine service, and when eisplayed is a

A flag of truce is a white flag displayed to an enemy to indicate a desire for a parley or consultation

A convoy flag is white, triangular in shape, bordered with red, and is worn by men-of-war when convoying merchant vessels.

A church pennant is a white pennant, without swallow tails, charged with a blue Latin cross, hoisted at the peak during divine, over the ensign.

A dispatch flag is a white, square flag with five blue crosses, generally known as the five of clubs; hoisted forward denotes important and urgent special service which must not be interfered with by any officer junior to the one by whom it was dispatched.

A Very Queer Satellite

The satellite nearest to the planet Jupiter must be a singular place of residence if there be any possibility of residents at all recembeling human beings. In the first place though it is bigger than our own moon, the substance of which it is composed is less than half as light as cork, so that it is not a very solid place of residence.

In the next place, though the sur appears very dim from it as compared with what it appears from the earth it has a moon-namely, Jupiter itselfwhose surface appears many hundreds Cardigan, and it bears an inscription to of times larger than our moon.

In the third place, the recent ob vations made of this satellite by Mr. Barnard in the great Lick observatory make it not improbale that this satellite is really cut in two, and that, therefore there may be two separate little worlds probably not separated by any very great distance (for the total diameter which is the off hind hoof, graces the of the two together, if there be two sideboard of Sir Jumes Sawyer. It is divisions of the satellite which was beautifully mounted in aliver, and is al ays supposed till quits recently to rected than in the making of such be single, is not above 2.800 miles across) revolving together through space, some even of the details of one

of which worlds must be visible from the other if there be anything like alcicopes of either half. If the antellite is not out in two, Mr.

ard holds that there must be a the belt round it, very like the light at on Jupiter itself, and that this ght belt produces the impression of light balt produces the impride vision under certain ein of the orbit

son. A lady is very fond of telling this incident:

She was at a reception given at Professor Newdombe's house. The occasion had been made delightful by the

professor and his accomplished wite and daughters. Toward the close of the evening the lady, who had enjoyed the affair greatly, approached the host and asked him, with much enthusiasm. "How often do you have these delightful reunions, professor?" No polite, prevarication delayed the reply, "Thank God, madam, but once a year .- San Francisco Argonaut.

Misapplied Benevolence.

A short time ago a "distinguished citizen" of a neighboring state cele brated the fiftieth anniversary of his wedding day, and received on that occasion, in the shape of presents from admiring friends property to the amount of \$19,000. At least that is the sum at which he estimated the value of his presents, and the figures which he gave to the reporters. The gentleman referred to is not in im poverished circumstances, nor in any need from public or private charity, and possibly when he invited his friends to his "golden wedding" he did not expect that they would "come down" with such liberality, but he did not refuse their bounty, nor did he object to the amount of their contributions being published in the newspaper-

It passes our comprehension to con ceive why a well to do couple, with all the comforts and luxuries of life at their command, should te made the recipients of a new fortune in addition to their own ample means, simply because it has pleased heaven to prolong their lives to a ripe old age, and they have lived together, as all married people ought to live, in peace and harmony. nevolence might be more wisely di unnecessary presents, to say nothing of the shock which the self respect of the recipients ought to receive when they tet the cash and see the fact blazand in the column of the press from Maine to California.-New York Ladger.

Five year-old William was falking bout his knuckles and his broth ment, "I me an the little

that the Great Midland has decided cross twenty miles above here." "And how does this effect my lots?

"You see that little bush out in the middle of the river near the end of that sand bar?"

"Yes, yes; what of it ?"

"That's the southwest corner stake of your block!"-Chicago Herald.

An Old Act for Compulsory Education.

It is of the year 1494 and belongs to Scottish legislation: It reads as follows: "Item. It is a statute and ordained through all the Realme that all Barronnes and Freechalders that are of sustance put their eldest sonnes aires

to the schules fra they be sex or nine zeires of age, and till remaine at the Grammar Schules quhill they be competentlic founded and have perfect Latine. And thereafter to remaine three zeires at the schules of art and jure, swa that may have knawledge and understanding of the Lawes: throw the quhilks justice may remaine universally throw all the Realme.

Swa that they are Schtreffee Judges Ordinares under the King's Hieness may have knawledge to doe justice, that the puir people sulde have no neede to seeke our Soveraine i.

And gubat Barrone or Freehalder of subsiance that haldis not his son at the schules as said is, havand no lauchful essoinzis, but failzie herein, fra knawledge may gotten thereof, he sall pay to the King the summie of twentie pound.-J. N. Hollock in Christian at Work.

Protector Against Nicotine.

An electrical engineer of Carphin Springs claims the invention of a nouth-piece for pipes that will prevent any connection of the nicotine de posited in smoking with the tongue. He makes a hollow ball, with a short tubular or slotted stam attached to it. which is inserted into the usual orifice in the mouth-piece of the pipe, or cigar or cigarette holder, so that the smoke shall pass out through the tabe or slotted stem and upper slotted part of the ball, and the tongue shall rub against the ball in the mouth of the orifice, and thus avoid or prevent the

cans of condens bring the total up to \$1.44 At the end of the week make up their cash accounts expenses for the family m about \$1.90 on an average. the room unfurnished, will ception of the beds, and cos are able to hire at the low pu a month.

In the same room which mentioned is running water shelves have been "built in" things more convenient for

keepers. The gas stove, bought at si set on a little raised platfa corner which is covered a oilcloth.

Tinware is hung up all "Is everything looks as orderif # They do not find time for time dishes, but they have pleaty some food, and appear thoroughly their manner of it Occasionally they are invite spend Sunday or to tea during but they feel very much all their cozy room which they together so long, and their fre have such deleful experiences ing up boarding places and up a anali salaries would be

... they tried co-openet principal Auditor for ike small injurie. | keeping .- Boston Gala.

Why Camphor is Co

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Growing Potatoesin. An Auburn woman is s hung up a calico wrapper, i of which was a potato, a re did not use the wrapper fill week, when she discovered P of potatoes in her pocket. I seven or eight perfect hit Kennebec Journal.

A little girl, who was to saliva of the mouth from going or work-ing back in "the mouthpiece."-New innocently asked "if the per York Telegram. a voted at the equation