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CHAPSER XV.-Continued.

So now we know as much about the e nipped for her morning ride, wh p ALL PLAT broached the sub eet, and there had blun. been no time for discussion, nor for veraidine was not there, as he had mentioning the idea to Cecil, who was faintly hoped she might be but in-

Bellenden was in the row that morning, and it seemed to young Ra mond very suil so kened within him that the confidence of the previous in the follows of her sat size the presions night had not deserted him. He was t a time when the temparty had been riding moreover, which he had not in embryo his no her had ordered once he ore done, so that he could now with so liberal a hand that no fewer oin cumpany with the cousins if he than three kinds of cool, budding chose and he did choose. He put his dolucious cream load, violled, and horse alongside of theirs as a matter plain wore now offered with of co.rss. and their was nothing to be strawbe, ries to be accepted according said

thing to him aside: sad he to do so, affecting to steady a fortunate lover, adget on the part of her horse | otil He thought he should never have do with "Si Lancelot's restenders lock appeared and his own dame was not which rought the instantaneous lock appeared and his own dame was not of preasure into her om anion since as to be per-mated into impatience to rehe listenet. What could it have been ascend

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They have been already, all excent Cecil did not want cell asked, would have tions when he was beexcoved up by his teen saily out out had he been so, and rightful charge and the chance passed, here she was, as it were, hinting for since, when he had deposited her an instation for him. Foil was taken, above upon a sola, the room had near evidently shall | ask him?" said Bellenden.

No actioner, the glanced at her, saw vowed and tood hunself he knew bet-

more entented than ever-In truch, it had been the morest slipof the orgneon (erabline's part, the and that, hanging over the banister tabilist: opent of fact, since she was alread Leginning to wish that the ring dis ursive flights into the balcony, b t o: the w r-bell would not quite so frequenti mean yo ng i aymond's voice in the sail, and step upon the stair and thing was over, and they, too, had what it was not to be taken so com- risen. pletely for granted that he was to be of the party whe ever anything was arranged between her and their and They could not now go to a concert, nor a flower show, nor a picture gallery they could scarcely walk. thre gallery they could scarcely walk, show or drice, but what the broker pace at all, whom should he see but would be not somewhere, even if he would be met somewhere even if he had not started with the rest at the To be sure, if he had been Williams. now as before the merely attentive sousin and usful companion, his commight till have herr welcome but lack a gir's oner its instinct had told ner of late that the time for this had p st.

He had to d his consin to be early and fancied she had promised to be so in which case she too would have been up beside the little platform and close to the sarge window where he had kept places vacant as long as be could. He had known she would like the air. and she might, he thought, i ave trusted i im to see she had it. He was now caught in his own trap.

The meetinds vanished, whither he could not follow; and then, when the he could procure for her and Mrs. long-looked-for interval did at last Campbel admission to the lightingcome, and starting from his set, he had managed to struggle down the room a little way being almost rude to one and auother in his determination not to be detained, his mother his mother again' caught him an (all unwitingly frustrated every advance by present matter, or very nearly as much as ing a lady of conset ence, for whim Gualdine did herself. She had been his arm to the tea room was re unch. What a place of forment was that gloves in hand, ere she had warm, whizing buzzing tea-room to Ceraldine was not there, as he had

in waiting outside: mere than this an numerature other latines were, and as opportunits for conveying the de ision all or nearly all of t em, were known to Beilenden unheard had to be to him, and as men we e few, it fol-watche for and altogether it seemed lowed that he had to wait on one and as it she were engaged in something another, procure tea for this fair, o ce for that, and carry cakes, and builter-rolls and strawberries about, till his

In the foliness of her sat start on at to taste and this choice, necessitating Presently Geraldine murmined some dolay and comminant, was the last hing to him aside. She bent over her straw on the came's back to the un-

No: she thanked him, but she Ballement moked, indeed, as he feit was quite comfortable, and maile willgreatly pleased. "We can take a ing to wait a little while while she fourth, yo know," he objerved, was, she had found some friends to "would one of your cousins like to talk to. Would he come for her presently

Stillino Goraldine: He had ust made cent t ec.l — here cieraltine stopped suddenly. What was she saying " She down his m ad to rush upstairs and b ing down his to usin, regardless of obstract filled again, and the second part of the programme was about to begin.

> have none, and was terthan to be fond inside the door way, so flew back to the landing, and hovered there, p ering this way never once taking a real look among the seated audien e until the whole

And then, just as he was about to ask his mother and his sister whether the vision of the rosehud wreath had been a delusion on his part, and Geral-dine had never really been near the far end of the room, from behind the platform indeed, where young madam had ensconced herself during all the latter part of the entertainment, hav-The m her consin sately has d stairs in the interva, and feeling se cure that he would not re-enter the great room on his return. she had been disporting herself on the balcony Eellenden with her, dur-ing the early portion of the alternoon. and we may resure he had not left her afterwards. They had both enjoyed the recital, and had I stened to it with a pollteness born of contentment with their own situation and the sorroundings. Granny had been with them, well enoug pleased, too; granny was beginning to have her own ideas about Sir i rederick and to think that his punish ment had perhaps lasted sufficiently long and so no one had helped poor lecil, and his mother, who ought to have been his chief support, had done him an act al in ury. "A great success, Charlotte," qouth the old lady, blithly, to her daughter as she now passed out. "& very pleas-ant party. If I had your rooms I should have liked to try something of the kind myself. But though our little house su ts me admirably, it is not intended for entertaining. Another year, perhaps we may be accommodated a little more commodiously. "I had all three kinds of cream at once, Cecil." whispered Gera dine as e were sure to laugh and be de lighted: I had, indeed; and they were or rather it was so good. And such strawberries! It was the strawberrie that kept granny and me downstairs we could not tear ourselves away from the strawberries, could we, granny? 'They were delicious, certainly." assented granny. "Charlotte. must tell me your greengrocer, or did these come from your own garden? for they were now in a family group. and could ask family - nestions. No. the strawberries had not come from their garden-there were none so fine in their garden; but these had een s pplied by Lad, Raymon i's own particular market-woman her mar ket woman wit whom she had dealt for years and years, an who had never disa pointed her, and might be depended upon for anything else she indertook Before she had finished a gratified eulogy. Cecil saw Ger idine twitching his grandmother's sleeves to go

skip as she ran downstairs to the enriage. Whe e were they going that evening he wordered. He had not known of anything being "on." Was it too lit - to ask?

- Frank and the second s

He was st il undecided when the carriage rolled buray; and perh us it was well, for ht might tot have been invited to on the arty, and whether I know that this was mother life: he had a not, a would estainly have d samprove of to

The ladies were going to pass of out-of door even ng in the Dismie sta-garder then growing to be the pow-elty area talked about and a night for which bas often been planned but so be other amusement had as invariutily inter ened. Geraldine had actu ally not been yet in conservence and now, on Bellenden's suggesting that tower if they would per sit him to ao company them, who could make ou-fused so good an other. From these ertrie-lighting towor he as-ared them, in omparably, the best view of the scene was to be obtained; and the mass people the thousands of colored lights, and the silvery to mains whit their ever-changing bues and tints 13 ing up halo he dark sky overhead the whole was a sight worth south? For his part, he liked the place, there way so much to be south, and so man rious things to be investigated. liked the a partom-had they really never seen a large a narium and Ger aldine was so tond of sea ereatures? He m st t ice ne , at least, to look at the anemones. The anemones were find than any he had seen anywhere

And with the last once had come a certain hesitation, and both had known what t e other was throking.

But it hait all sended work. been bidden to dine in Mount Street af any early hour, and the carriage had been ordered to be at the door or the three to go to the gardens at som after so clock, it was the remembration of this early dinner which had set oralone to twitching ber granimothers sloe cat the Rarmon +.

A Cure for Bores,

Of the Hungarian statesman From ets Deah it is printed that he used to rid himself of tranblesome visitors by belling them the following story: "Once, when in Paris, Na oleon I. puld a visit to a hespital for oid a d-Here he pe seized among the diers. rest a man who had lost one of his a ms, and he entered into conversation: with him.

" "Where did you lose your arm?" asked the Emperor.

""At Waterloo, your Majesty"

" Then, no doubt, you carse the Emperor and your country every time you look at your matilated limb?"

" No, indeed," protested the veteran, for the Empiror and my native land 1 would readily sacrifice my other arm, if needs be."

" I can hardly believe that,' the Emperor quietly remarked, and passed on, "But the soldier, anxious to prove that he was in carnest, immediately drew a saver from its sheath and lopped

off his other arm." Here Deak would pause and fix a penetrating look on his visitor.

"Well, what have you to say of such a man and such an action?" "A sublime act of self-sacrifice.

truly-noble character?" This was the style of reply invariably given. "But the story has one flaw," he

would gravely add. "What is that, pray?"

" It is simply impracticable. How

WARNED IN A DREAM.

Last night I dozed in my easy chair, For my active train was tired: And she carry and stord beside me there. The giff I had long desired.

And it seemed more old than strange, For she said, like a real and living wife, "Lay, Harry, I want some change."

She told me the boby had a rush. And the cook was drunk all day She spoke of her argent need of cash, And the bills she had to pay.

She said that Tommy had burt his knee, And Bessie had had a fall. And I might stop to morrow and see If the doctor could not end,

She owned that Johnny had grown too

large For her to correct any more;

And would I kindly take him in charge, And investigate why he sware?

She and there were holes in the kitchen sink,

And the skylight leaked arnin. And Bowers, the plumber, dia_'t think The boller would stand the strain.

wheat.

And hinted I should have known Enough to keep away from the street, And to let "such things" "lone!

In her caim, persistent way she spoke Again of the butcher's hill. And then, with a lucky start, 1 woke-A "lonelt fachelor" still?

- Munsey's Magazine

THE BLACKMAILERS.

H. sir, we are in with them accordingly. such trouble, and at all possible."

"If you will try

ley-" But there

He and I had been at a public school days before I had noticed his name well up in the list of the men selected to proceed to Inilla at once. I confess I had felt inclined to envy him his success, for I was still briefless. However, I had not been long called, and was sure that briefs would come in

Gravdon as my first ellent, though with-

tion had been a hard pull on the wid- equantinity. I followed them downow's diminishing income. I wanted stairs, and turned up Middle Temple time to think the matter over. "Does your brother know of your coming to tell me?" "Not for the world."

ing rather selfishiy." "He can't help himself, poor fellow."

"And what do you propose doing?" "Mother thought that we might be loud and angry words, as of men in al's to raise the £500 by selling out the dispute, a sound as of scutting, folstock standing in my name. Charley lowed by a blow, and then some fostis sure to pay it back."

"And when is this precious arrangement to be carried out?" "They are to call at our house tonight. The money must be paid some heve. Who were they? fluides, my

days before ng brother sails." "Yes, I understand. The best thing to do would be to have them indicted my room. Five minutes fater I held for conspiracy to extort money-

luive would be published." night when they can; meanwhile, we like success. It was fortunate that must think the matter over."

At the time appointed the pair of numbers of the notes. Ind-used us scoundrels made their promitsed visit. they were, they required caroful begin She asked me what was the price of I thought it better that my interven- thation, for there was a police hue and tion in the matter should, for the time cry over the matter, and I had ultibeing, not be known to them, and so mately the satisfaction of restoring before they were announced I had sta- their full value to their rightful owner. tioned myself in a small room separatest by folding doors from the drawingroom. With these left slightly open, I was able to see and hear all without my presence being suspected. Enves That Was All Right for the Boy, but dropping some might call it, but neither the men with whom I had to deal or the circumstances were such as to mise any qualms of conscience on my part, rings are the height of had form just They were fighting with poisoned now-plumped into one of the crosswise weapons, and I folt justified in dealing seats on the Sixth avenue devated train

From what I overheard I show rande p. m. yesterday and pushed a small for nother has sent me up my mind that Mayer, the ex-so- into the sent opposite her and best in you for advice. Incitor's cherk, and his dushy assachate inc. A shop girl with a bundle had ex-We are sure you were not men to be deprived of their period to take that sent last the indulwill help my, if it is pref by any apparent articles. The goal mother was too swift for her says former was evidently the musner hand a writer in the New York Press. Perin the plot, and, and time permitted, haps men who have children of their to calm yourself i should have searched unrefailly for own don't module with these belonging and tell me what his antecedents. He expressed his re- to other people, but I put my atm s wrong we will gret for the absence of Mr. Gruydan around the small boy's wrost and broed him off the scal num scale. none, Miss Gray- and arrangement that evening; was "Now, take off your last and offer on. Perhaps, it is sorry, he said, to cause the ladies any your seat to that young hely." at quity so had as Inconvenience or nunecessary alarmi. The shall bey promptly can between but business was business, uls client's his mather's knows, the young ghi erimclaim was a just one, though not re- somed and hesitated, and the would coverable in a court of law, and this woman flushed purple. The experimy fair visitor alone it was that prompted him to ment secured to be a fadlure, but the broke down completely, and I thought make the use of the incriminating girl was clearly entitled to the scat, it best to give her a little time to re- documents he was now doing. Taylor, and so I looked at her and smiled encover. Of the cause of her grief, he- his companion, nodded assent, but said couragingly and she sai down. Then yend the fact that Charley was her nothing. I thought of Uriah Heep, in the stant woman abused me to my great brother, I was in complete ignorance. Dickens' story of "David Copperfield," morification and the antisement of the and my ingers itched to take May ir by winds crowd. together and fast friends then and the neck and throw him down the afterward. While I had been study- steps. But something whispered to ed. "don't you ever meddle with other ing for the bar he had gone in for the me that he would have liked nothing people's children again." Indian civil service, and only a few better hunselt, if he was not much able sometimes to men of his kind.

At last all was cettled, and to the ob- do you expect that boy to respect his vious relief of my unfortunate friends - mother's sex when his mother sets king the two visitors rose to take their the example of despising women's leave. They had refused to abute a claims to courtesy ?" time. Meanwhile, I could regard Miss peany in their demands. I never expected that they would. I and thought . out solicitor's intervention that legal out a plan for checkmating them, risky The carriage in which the first Naetiquette demands. My position was, in a high degree, but the risk must be poleon made his famous retreat from therefore, a novel one first, in the fact run, or two, if not three, innocent peo- Moscow, and which he, as emperor, set ple would be fleeced by two destrains scoundrels. Clean veapons were out of the question where they were concerned. In pursuance of my plan an arrangement was made that the £500 in bank notes should be paid to them at a certain address in Garden court. Temple, three evenings later, on their handing over the letters. The address given was that of my chambers, the three days were required to raise the money, and further for the parpose of giving me time to complete some preparations I had to make myself. The address they gave was one in Westminster, in case any further communication should be necessary, which was not at all likely. It was the afternoon of a November day when I sat expecting the two blackmailers. It had been dark all day, for a heavy fog hung over the city. It was 5 o'clock when they were to come, and already the occupants of the adjoining chambers had left for their respective homes, and I had sent away my clerk But for two men who were in the room next mine the whole suite seemed deserted. They were punctual, as was to be expected, for they were about to reap the fruits of the complete success of their nefarious scheme. The letters were produced. Mayer holding them in his hand while I satisfied myself that they were such as had beeen described to me, and that they were originals. not copies, for I had no faith to put in either of the men before me. "Five hundred pounds is the amount agreed on," suggested Mayer. "Much less than Mr. Gravdon really owes me." whined the other, whose dusky face was blue and his teeth chat tering with the unaccustomed cold. "Yes, here is the money; hand over the letters," I said. "You will be kind enough to indorse each of the notes?" Mayer asked, as he he held up one between bim and the gaslight. He was suspicious of some thing, I could see by his manner. His house was of glass of the most brittle kind. I indorsed them for him. He inquired after Charles Gravdon, 1 told him curtly that I had never seen him since I had learned of this affair. and that I was acting in the interests solely of his mother and sister. Noth ing further was added. I begged to be excused for a moment, as they proceeded to stow away the cotes in an old pocket-book Mayer produced from his breast pocket.

lane. They went down toward the gate leading on to the embankment, a course I was pretty sure they would take. I saw that two silent figures were fol-"Don't you think I had better see lowing them, but otherwise the Temhim? Do you know, I think he is act- ple was as void of signs of life as Salisbury plain. Then I retraced my steps, and, standing at the gate I have helttioned, listened anxiously, I heard steps in retreat.

"Are you hart" asked a voice, which I recognized as Taylor's.

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"He has broken my collar home, I bepocket-book's gone. Pollest Murder?" I had heard enough and returned to the rescued notes brought to use by the "And my brother would have to stay men who had been in the next room, and give ovidence, and the letters they. The scheme had come off without a hitch, but it was a risky one, as I "Well, I shall be at your house to- have said. However, nothing succeeds Mayer had not had time to take the TITABIS.

MAKING A GENTLEMAN OF HIM.

His Mother Was Mild.

The stone woman in fors and diamoud entrings of course diamond ear which left Fourieonth street at 4:35

"Madame," said I firmly, "if mothers hurt for actions for assault are profit- don't train their sons to grow up as gentlemen, someone else ought to. How

Napoleon's Carriage.

550 AT.

K CH "It is about Chur-

Those constant visits those uneasy looks, those close and frei ent cross examinations those atful days of moody depression survicede) by barsts of lightneartedness and relief all carried their own tale.

To ask him now to make a to rth as Bellenden's gu ts And for herself, to have to sit by relienden's side, conscious of those ealons w tchful eyes following every movement, those sharp ears on the catch for every word? She could not go it.

"Gently-gently, Sir I ancelot. "Your horse is fidgeting for a canter. Miss Campbell.

And of they all went, and not another word was said about the opera; b_t the affair came off nevertheless.

The strawberry tea brought no im pro ement in matters, in so far as its givers were concerned.

Geraldine and her grandmother arrived late, and staved downst irs eating ices and drinking coffee, until after the recital had begun. Mrs. Campbell considering that she might please herself and take any liberties she chose in her daughter's house: and, accord-ingly, when at length the two came upstairs, the large room was full to the brim, and not a chair to be had upon seeing which granny protested that she was glad it was so, for sue preferred remaining in the cooler atmosphere of the landing outside, to any arount of fine relitation in a panting, breathless, overcrowded drawing-

Ceraldine was of the same opinion: she had been surfeited with amusements of late and the sounds from within excited no curiosity or desire for more in her bosom.

Presently she drew her chaperon o tupon the balcony, cool and temptunder its shady awning, and banked in with flowers; and Ce il who, as ill-luck would have it, had got wedged in at the very far end of the largest room, close by the platform upon which he had had to introduce the reciter, and from whence s bse-quent escape had been impossible, could just perceive the wreath of rosebuds for which he had been looking. hit past in the far distanse, hopelessly out of reach.

He must now perforce wait for the half ho r's interval ere anything could be done

ever had speaker been so weari-some: never had performance seemed of such unending length:

Fatte were fluttering, lace were being loosened. jositions were being changed, yawns were being stifled, and it became evident that every one was hot, and tired, and ging to move, and bored to death.

You are in a great hurry." sa'd he, moodily.

"Be ause we are late. I am not in a hurry to go, but in a hurry to be gone. Therein lies the difference. If we are not gone within a few moments W.C shall have to scamper thro gh all the evening afterwards, and my poor dear does not like to scamper.

One of two things in the little speech had a strange flavor of Inchmarew in his cars as he listened. He had never, for one thing, heard granny called his cousin's 'poor dear' tefore in I ondon. He had not seen her coaxed, and hus-tied in that childish fashion of late. tonging to move, and bored to death. and the i ckly author of the mischief knew that he had only himself to thank for the general ennui. He had selected a few long pieces, instead of a greater number of short ones, h s idea being that one by Gersidine's ide, he should not be required to induce.

could a one-armed man contrive to cut off his only remaining arm?"

Religious Musical Boxes.

Swiss music boxes of an elaboration almost unsuspected by the average New Yorker are sold by German-speaking Swiss in the German quarter. They are of all shapes and sizes. Not only may the German drink his beer to the tune of the "Walch on the Rhine," played by a contrivance in the false bottom of the mug, but there are also musical flower pots, cigar temples, work boxes, and a tificial birds in cages. Odder still are a musical crucifix playing a Te Deum, pious statues with like musical attachments and pictures for the stations of the cross that play appropriate sacred music. These things cost all the way from \$2 to \$250. and some made specially to order bring much higher prices. The musical phone graph has somewhat injured the sale of musical boxes of the nickel-inthe-slot variety, though they are still made and sold .- New York Sun.

The Frost Fish.

A curious fish, the "frost fish" of New Zealand, has been recently exhibited in Edinburgh. It was brought over to England by one of the meatcurrying steamers in the refrigerator, and is described as nearly five foot in length, with flat sides about four inches deep, and at the thickest part not more than one inch through. It has a long, hard, sharp head, armed with several sets of formidable teeth, a most delicately transparent back fin running f om head to tail, about as fine as a nim of gelatine; the taper at the tail not more than a quarter of an inch across, and the tail is of very small size for such a fish, measuring not more than two and a half inches across the outer edges. Judigng from its present appearance the fish in its natural state must be as silvery as a herring, though without scales. The "frost fish" is said to be excellent eating.

Powers of the French President.

The President of the French Republie has no veto power, certainly not in the same form as that exercised by the President of the United States. But he has powers not possessed by our President. He can adjourn the Chamber of Deputies at any time, although not more than twice in the same ses sion, for any period not exceeding a month; he can close a regular session at any time after it has lasted five months and, with the consent of the Senate, he can dissolve the Chamber of Deputies at his discretion, but in that case he is compelled to order a new election to be held within two months after dissolution .- B. woklyn Eagle.

that I had a client at all, and, second, that that ellent, and with whom I was about to have a professional tere-a-tere. was a young lady whom I had long admired, though in secret only, For, though a limb of the law, I was then bashful. Experience brought perfection, or some approach to it, so far as undue bashfulness was concerned. At last, after a minute or two, my

companion regained her composure. I put aside the last vo ume of the "Equity Reports," which I had been making a pretence of reading and prepared to Histern. "You will pardon me, Mr. Crossland.

I am sure, when you know all." "There is nothing to pardon, Miss

Graydon. Tell me what the trouble is." "Charley, you know, is going out to India next week, to an appointment in Bengal"

"Yes; I saw it in the papers."

"While reading for his last examina tion he made the acquaintance of a man-a Eurasian, I think Charley calls him-who professed to coach him in his Hindustani. Both mother and I cautioned Charley against him, as we did not like the man, but he only made light of anything we could say. One evening he called at my brother's chambers when he was out. He must have seized the opportunity to ransack his desk and purioin some letters. A few days ago a man, calling himself a solicitor's clerk, called and told Charley that he had better consult about the letters, or, rather, about some claim the Eurasian pretended to have against Charley, and that unless this claim were settled immediately the letters would be forwarded to the secretary of state for India, the result of which

would be that my brother's appointment would be cancelled." "And the amount of the claim?"

"Five hundred pounds."

"Who is the solicitor?"

"There is none. The man has been employed at some time in a lawyer's otuce, I believe. At present he is a schemer who will stick at nothing." "Do you know the contents of the letters?"

"I don't." Charley assures me he is in no way to blame, but he would rather bay the two conspirators their demands than have them published or sent, as they threaten to do. He says he will repay mamma in a year or two."

I knew that my friends the Graydons, though at one time fairly well off. had suffered recently, like many more. from the prevailing fall in value of land. Their rents had been reduced, air of annoyance, on my return to the and their tenants even then had difficulty in paying. The elder Mr. Graydon and died a few years before, leaving his affairs very much involved, and Charley's necessarily erpensive educa- ence was almost too much for my board.

"My clerk has gone," I said, with an room, "and my letters unposted."

I heard the two men in the next room leave, and made haste to dismiss my unwelcome visitors, for their pres-

out from Paris on the campaign which closed at Waterloo, is now preserved in London among the effects of the Duke of Wellington. It is a two-souted conveyance, and the top, or cover, is lined with thin sheet-iron. There is also a front curtain of iron which can he lowered at will. The wheels are large and heavy, and the steps at either side silver finished and of a curious design. The rear seat was the one used by Napoleon. Under the cushions of the soat he carried blankets and pillows. The back of the front seat opens, and at the right hand forms a cupboard, in which were plates, knives, spoons, water-can and a small fluid lamp. On the left is a small opening extending forward near the "dashboard," and into which the emperor of the first nation in Europe and the military autocrat of the world was wont to extend his hands and legs in order that he might lie at full length. The blankets, pillows, spoons, knives and lamps that were used by the emperor are still preserved.

About Scotch Marriages.

A Scotch minister has been telling some of his experiences in marrying people, which are rather funny. Sometimes when he has asked a couple to join hands the four join hands all around as if preparing to sing "Auld Lang Syne." On several occasions when the question was asked of the bridegroom whether he took this woman for his wife no reply was returned. He then repeated the question more pointedly, which siways brought out the tardy, but cool, response, "O, ay!"

A common practice after the knot is tied is for the minister to shake hands with the young couple and say, "I wish you much joy." A bridegroom once briskly replied, "The same to you, sir." The minister on one occasion remarked to a middle aged bride that this was the last time she should sign her maiden name. She coolly replied, "I've signed it lang ancuch, I think!"-Westminster Gazette

Relic of Nebuchadnezzar.

The British Museum has an ancient weight, a unique object, in the shape of a bit of green diorite, about four inches high, carved in Mesopotamia in the year 605 B. C. It has a long inscription in Assyrian, which sets forth that it was made in the time of Nebuchndnezzar H., and is the exact copy of the legal weight. It is somewhat conical, with a flat bottom.

Invisible Wire.

Platinum has been drawn into smooth wire so fine that it could not be distinguished by the naked eye, even when stretched across a piece of white card-