A BOOK, A FIFR, A FIRE Frank L. Stanton. I the Northland brees all that I desire itared from the

book, a pipe, a fire. saws of sugar songs of lovers-friends beneath its friendly covers.

This little room a world shall seem With many a merry party: Before a fire a man may dream, And tonst his friends right hearty! Friends that wear out their welcome

But, friends for once, are friends for-

And this one's faults I may condemn-These virtues may admire. And get no praise nor biame from them-My guests before my fire. Night's dragon wings and hearts may

But I've a book, a pipe, a fire.

**Five Dollars.** 

BY ALFRED TURNER YATES. (Copyright, 1900: Daily Story Pub. Co.)

When Walter McDowell had lost his last bet on the faro table, he pulled himself away from the chair. He felt diszy. A sickening nausea swept over him; his eyes danced in his head. He lay down upon one of the sofas and asked the waiter to bring him a drink of brandy. He knew he could get that even if he had no money. He drank the spirits and settled his head back on the leather. Presently he felt better. Then his eyes wandered aimleasly about the room; took in the excited players, the shifting of feet; heard the muttered oaths of losers, the exclamations from winners, the hoarse mechanical voices of the callers at the roulette wheels.

In this room McDowell had spent the best of his youthful days. He had forgotten duty, friends, reputation, soclety, honor. He had gambled away a vast estate; he had borrowed until there were none to lend. Now he was at his row's end. He had no relatives whom he could call upon in this hour of his direct want. The last penny was gonel The men who came in and went out, passed him, looked coldly at his prostrate form, but never said word. Many of them were as helpless as he. The lights glared; the wheels of red and blue turned swiftly upon their axles; the clink of ivory attled away. The room was filled with smoke; the air was foul. Presently McDowell, overcome with fatigue, dropped asleep. At midnight he awoke with a start. He stared at the clock. Then he jumped to his feet and asked the waiter for auother drink. Swallowing this, he thanked the servant and walked down the

steps Outside the snow was falling. The wind blew in fitful gusts. The tinkling of bells told



Soon he felt revived. He walked onward, not knowing, nor caring, where. Vaguely he had in his where. mind a saloon some blocks away. The barkeeper had known him in his paimier days, and he had never

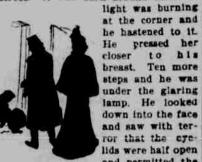
clinging disziness.

He scarcely lost a single wager. The dealer looked on with amazement, softly adding once in a while, "Seen to be coming your way after all, Mac." The minutes passed into an hour. Still he was lucky. He threw his chips with a gesture of certainty and contempt. But all during this time there was a red-hot iron before his eyes, that and the sleeping waif he

had robbed. He cashed his chips. The hills were piled high before him. He had never had so much at one time in three years. He crammed the money in his pockets. To the street he ran. Outside his feet moved as rapidly as the slippery walk would permit him. He turned the corner. In the distance he saw the child. It is wonderful the thoughts that can come to a mind in a second. McDowell's moved with all the motion of his excited faculties. God bless the child! He would take her in his arms. He would take her to a convent. He would see that she wore beautiful clothes. He would wait until she was grown and he would marry her. Then he would tell her the story-tell her how he had robbed her one night and the theft had been the means of his fortune. He would never drink again, never gamble again-never, never, never! Now he was at her side. He picked her up, he put the shawl closer around her little body. He kissed her on the lips. A shiver ran through him. How

He had moved farther down the street. It was dark around him. A

very cold the lips were! God, could



she

and permitted the "You extravagant eyes to show fixed man." and glassy stares. He put his mouth quite near hers. She

was not breathing!

Choked with an awful anguish Mc-Dowell awoke. There he was on the sofa where he had fallen asleep two hours before. He arose and went to his rooms. The next morning he enlisted in the army. Last week he came home-back to his mother and to his friends. His uniform is not that of a man in the ranks. He is a captain, and with the small salary attached to that office he supports his mother in splendid style. But he does not gamble. During the Christmas holidays him the electric he was walking along a street which cars had stopped long before had almost been deserted. He was with his sweetheart. Passing and their places taken by horse, or a doorway he saw a sleeping newsgirl and he put a gold piece in her lap. "owl," cars. The cool air of the "You extravagant man!" exclaimed the woman.

street somewhat braced him. He But then she did not know. shook his head to drive away the

## ZANZIBAR IVORY.

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One of the Oldest of Ivory Markets Higher Prices Than on West Const. Zanzibar continues to send important quantities of ivory to Europe. It ..... is one of the oldest ivory markets and was formerly one of the largest, but is now surpassed in the quantity of ivory collected by Matadi on the lower Conso. Elephant tusks are gathered in the far interior and brought to the coast on the backs of men. Sometimes business is good and sometimes it is poor according to whether good luck attends the ivory collectors. Now and then they are so fortunate as to come across some native who has a large quantity of ivory buried in the ground: then again they will find a good many tusks in native villages, where it is often used to form a part of the fortifications which every village must posseas. Few animals are killed to increase the present ivory supply, but most of the tusks are those the natives have been collocting for years. The profits of the business depend

# THE GREEN PERIL.

THAT STALKS IN FRANCE ALARMING HER LAWMAKERS.

In the Last Bix Years the Cas of Absinthe Has Doubled in the French Nation, Says This Writer-Introduced as Medicine.

At last the French lawmakers have the deadly absinthe, says the New drug has been for Sears the curse of the French people. Its effects upon the nervous system are such that it is especially harmful to an excitable people like the French. That it is responsible for the increase in insanity in France is shown by the fact that the growth in its consumption goes hand in hand with the increase of cases of mental derangement. Cases of insanity directly traceable to the use of this drug seldom or never recover. In large quantities absinthe produces epilectic convulsions, as has been shown by experiment, and the continued though moderate use of it produces symptoms of an epileptic character which are not due to the alcohol in the decortion. In the last six years the consumption of absinthe has doubled in France, the absinthe drinkers of that country now consuming, according to M. Vaillant, 2.200,000 gallons a year. The confirmed absinthe drinker is nervous irascible. erratic and incapable of self-contol or of logical reasoning. He does not get drunk like the whisky drinker, but is driven to a sort of frenzy. Absinthe also stimulates the lowest and most abnormal passions. No man can remain perfectly sane and be addicted to absinthe. The French Academy of Medicine and the French members of the Chamber of Deputies see grave dangers ahead for France if the use of the drug is not checked. If the increase in tion if the country would save itself its use goes on with the same rapidity from its green peril.

is only a question of time when Frances will become a nation of lunation. In this country little absinthe is consumed. Ten years ago there was quits a "fad" for absinthe drinking in the United States, but it was of short durstion. American common sense soon relegating the dangerous drink to obscurity. Later it became the custom to say to the bartender when ordering a cocktail, "Just a dash of absiathe is it." Now the bartenders in the best swakened to the green peril of France drinking places in New York say that absinthe in a cocktail is seldom called York Press. The consumption of this for. Now and then a young man who is just "learning the ropes" of the big city and wants to appear "knowing" will call for an "absinthe frappe," or some old "rounder," whose flickering candle is almost gone out, will order an absinthe as a "bracer," but as a general drink it is seldom used here now The real "rounder." the man who has drunk all his life and intends to drink for the remainder of it eschews absinthe as he would a temperance pledge. In restaurants and cafes frequented by foreigners one may occasionally see men sitting over their cloudy green liquor, but as a rule the "drip glass" remains unused behind the bar, and the absinthe bottle keeps it company. The history of the introduction of this drink into France is curious. When the French soldiers were sent to the Algerian war in 1844-7, they were advised to mix absinthe with the water they drank as a preventive against fever. It was as pleasant a tasting medicine as any man had ever taken, and the result was that the whole French army in Algiers became an army of absinthe drinkers. When the soldiers returned to France they brought the absinthe habit with them and introduced their friends to the new drink. The absinthe habit spread throughout France with remarkable rapidity, and has now become a great national evil, calling for strict legisla-

which it has in the last four years it

did me but little good. fair trial.

Result of a Prompt Reply.-Two Letters from Mrs. Watson, Published by Special Permission .---For Women's Eyes Only. March 15, 1899.

To MRS. PINKHAM, LYNN, MASS. :

" DEAR MADAM: - I am suffering from inflammation of the ovaries and womb, and have been for eighteen months. I have a continual pain and soreness in my back and side. I am only free from pain when lying down, or sitting in an easy chair. When I stand I suffer with severe pain in my side and back. I be-lieve my troubles were caused by over work and lifting some years

A CRY FOR HELP,

"Life is a drag to me, and I sometimes feel like giving up ever being a well woman; have become careless and unconcerned about everything. I am in bed now. I have had several doctors, but they

"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been recommended to me by a friend, and I have made up my mind to give it a

"I write this letter with the hope of hearing from you in regard to'my case." - MRS. S. J. WATSON, Hampton, Va.



November 27, 1899. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM : - I feel it my duty to acknowledge to you the benefit that your advice and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable

Compound have done for me. "I had been suffering with female troubles for some time, could walk but a short distance, had terrible bearing down pains in lower part of my bowels, backache, and pain in ovary. I used your medicine for four months and was so much better that I could walk three times the distance that I could before.

"I am to-day in better health than I have been for more than two years, and I know it is all due to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"I recommend your advice and medicine to all women who suffer." - MRS. S. J. WATSON, Hampton, Va.

This is positive proof that Mrs. Pinkham is more competent to advise sick women than any other person. Write her. It costs you nothing.



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arising from the extensive use of nat- officials, lawyers, churches, ministers ural gas in factories, public buildings of the gospel, physicians, architects, and dwellings of Indiana, Michigan, and some of the most prominent restand Ohio, that the supply is rapidly dents and business houses in the city

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No gas meters have been used in Inquality of the gas is so poor that they dianapolis, despite the efforts of the cannot get light without so doing. The company to secure their adoption, and directors of the gas company allege there is no means of definitely deterthat the violations of the law are not mining the amount of the product confined to the poor or vicious, but in- used by each consumer.

RAPID DWINDLING OF

THE SUPPLY IN INDIANA CHARGED TO RECKLESS

asked him for a favor. Perhans he could get enough for him to pay for a night's lodging. If that were denied-well, there was the river. He turned into a street running at right angles with the one he had been traversing. Almost at the corner, and quite hidden in a doorway, was a little girl, a waif, who eked out a precarious existence by selling gum and matches. She was asleep. Her wares were scattered about her feet. The snow had made little mounds near her. Sometimes a flake would fall on her face. But the poor child felt them not. Mc-Dowell halted and looked at the peaceful face. A smile was on her lips. Around the shoulders was a thin shawl. She did not look cold. "Ah." he thought, "if I was as contented." He moved away, but before he had made three steps his eyes became riveted to the sidewalk. Something which threw back the rays of the corner light lay near the sleeping figure. Stooping down and picking up the object McDowell's hand trembled. It was a \$5 gold piece. Evidently some kind soul, seeing the child, had placed in her lap-some of the wandering print. He, this blessed giver, had inthe money as a surprise to the waif. He would not awaken her, but, when she opened har eyes to stare at world again, the gift would be

in her iap. For these-well, there is the kingdom of God. McDowell could scarcely contain himself. Vague emotions went through

his mind with the wiftness of electricity. Would be take the money? The child would never know. No. be was not a this! t yet. And the became aid spare chil-

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a few back to the samplers to laid his money down-the means down have to the gampiers the basis were challed and he won. this were challed and he won. this. He have the tay. He man its have down so he meansity remove his whenhar.

in part upon the ignorance of enlightenment of the native seller. Not a few of the chiefs of east Africa are still ignorant of the fact that ivory is highly avlued by the whites. If they have not learned this fact they will sell their ivory very cheap.

The quality of the east African ivory is for some reason or other considered superior to that of the Congo or west coast ivory it brings a somewhat higher price in the market. In order to indicate the place of origin the curtom house at Zansibar affixes its stamp to each tusk and makes a small charge for thus guaranteeing to purchasers of the commodity is east African ivory .-New York Sun.

Making Cheste in Finaders.

The manufacture of cheese is one of Holland's staple industries, and yet the two Belgian provinces-East and West Flanders-have come to the front in this business recently, and even export some of their cheese to the Nether-lands. Of course the Belgian cheese will never be able to compete with the famous Holland varieties-Leyden Gonda and Edam. As there is practi-Holland varieties-Leyden. cally no duty on Beigian cheeses enter-ing Holland, French and Swiss cheeses are often sent here by way of Belgium to escape duty.-A. F. J. Kiehl, in Chicago Record.

Germany and France Compared. French census figures for 1899 report births as 847,627, which is 10,000 less than the average for the past decade. The excess of births over deaths was not \$1,804. M. Bertillon, in an essay on these Agures, says grimly that France is in the position of a man dying under the influence of chloroform. Germany new has 65,000,000 inhabitants and Prance but 85,000,000.

## Spread of the Coffee Plant.

Some interesting facts regarding the | from these plants again seedlings were The native home of this plant is said to be Kaffra, in southern Abyssinia. It was not until it had been in use for plant was carried to Java. In 1706 a tree from Java was sent to Amsterseedlings were sent to Martinique, and tury

ABOUT EAST AFRICA.

Two Notable Facts to Which Dr. Smith

Calls Attention.

very dry. All the rivers and lakes

which came under his observation this

year were half dried up. The other

striking fact which he mentioned is

that the whole fauna, both birds and

mammals, appears to change as soon

as Lake Rudolf is passed. In other

both sides of the lake, but the varie-

ties were different. Waller's guzelle,

which had been a constant companion.

coffee tree have been printed recently, sent to Jamaica, Cayenne and San Domingo; while from Amsterdam plants were sent to Surinam. In fact, it was from the one plant, sent from Java in the beginning of the 18th century by centuries by the Arabians that the Governor General Van Horn, that everything in the French possessions and West Indies sprang. In this way dam, and when it flowered and ripened has traveled the progeny of the origseeds a young seedling was present- inal coffee plant, introduced from Araed to Louis XIV. From this plant bia at the end of the seventeenth con-

> were found to belong principally to West African types .- New York Sun.

### A Masician's Pretty Compliment.

M. Bemberg, the celebrated composer, gave this week a tea party which was honored by the presence of the Grand Duke and Duchess Valdimir, of Russia. It was a great succeas and the tollets were splendid. The clou of the evening was a tour de force by M. Bemberg himself. He handed a sheet of music paper and a hat pin to the grand duchess, saying; "Will Madame in Duchesse prick holes on the scale, just where and how she likes? I allow her four lines." The duchess, greatly puzzled, did as she was asked. Then M. Bemberg begged to be excused for a quarter of an hour. at the end of which time he came back and sat down before his plano. He had given the right values and musical punctuation to the grand duchess' pin-holes, and had composed an air out of them, which he played, and which proved to be well worth hearing. The lady at once claimed a partnership in the work and took the quaint score away with her.-London Onlooker.

satralians Dielike Bacheler Gevernors Lord Beauchamp's failure as governor of New South Wales is declared to have been due mainly to the fact that words of the fauna between the Indian he was unmarried. Australians do not ocean and Lake Rudolf and the Nile. like bachelor governors, and have in Gaselles and heartbeasts were seen on the past so emphatically manifested this dislike that candidates for the position have been known to qualify by setting married in a hurry. The so-Fas nowhere to be seen, but the oribi-and readback took his place. More than one hundred species of birds were seen to the west of the lake and ciety women of the colony want more "doings" at the capital than are easily obtainable with a bachelor executive; hence Lord Beauchamp's far

\$5000 ILE WARD, -We have deposited with the National City Bank of Lyan. \$6000, which will be paid to any person who can find that the above testimonial letters are not genuine, or were published before obtaining the writer's special per-instance.

Among the good stories in circula-tion about the late Joseph Harris, the well known master of the city of Lonion school, is one in connection with Lord Mayor Owden. That worthy gentleman was not a Greek scholar, and the Greek oration or speech one iny in Christ's hospital, to which on a memorable occasion, he listened, was not intelligible to him, save one word. That was "Owden" so pro-nounced—and Mr. Harris used to tell his friends privately how, each time it occurred in the Greek oration, Sh Thomas, fondly supposing that compli-ment was being paid to himself, rose and selemnly bowed. Little Liver Pills.

#### Left-Handed Parties.

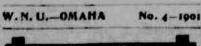
Left-handed parties are amusing some of the Chicago stay-at-homes this cold weather. The invitations are written with the left hand and the host greets you with the left hand instead of the right hand. The guests must draw pictures or write with their hands and prizes are given for the best and worst efforts.

#### Grand Date Does Embroidery.

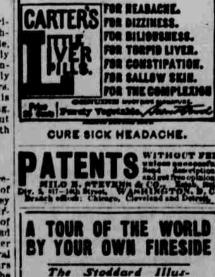
The Grand Duke Hesse has a curious taste for a man. His royal high-ness is most skillful with his needle. and his embroidery is exceedingly beautiful. He takes the greatest interest in his work, and is particularly clever in the arrangement of colors. He has a very artistic nature, as he is devoted to music, dancing and acting, while he does not care much about more active pursuits, though he both shoots and rides.

### Winning Tory Argument.

The Primrose Dames of England resorted to an artful dodge on behalf of the Tories at the recent election. They flooded many constituencies with cir-culars that under the fou: years of Salisbury's administration there had been 33,836 more marriages than under the previous year under the liberal party. It is believed that the circulars had no inconsiderable effect on the campaign.



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Dr. Donaldson Smith was the first white man in the wide district between Lake Rudolf in East Africa and the Nile. Among the most important of his remarks before the Royal Geographical society were those relating to the meteorology of the couptry. He said there is no doubt that the desert conditions of the lands inland from the Indian ocean is the result of the fact that the north winds blowing ove: the mountains of Abyss nis are wrung

perfectly dry of their moisture in crossing the mountains and then descend the southern slopes as dry winds. These breezes are the northern trade winds and as they cross the lofty mountain ranges of the Abyrsinian highlands practically all the moisture in them is condensed and precipitated and only a pitiful drop or so is permitted to reach the more southern lands. So Somaliland and the lowlands to the south of Abyssinia are