## Seaborough's Mystery

"Till my death, Flossie!"

The unpleasant memory of the little village of Seaborough paint- tic'lar!" ing, or rather attempting to paint What a fool he had been! He had flirted disgracefully with the innkeeper's daughter, Flossie, who had seemthey had walked out together as usual, head. wending their way along the shore, and there the declaration of love recorded above had been made. How on broglio?

After a few minutes Filby dropped palette and brushes. Ambitious as he was to be famous, he really could not paint this morning. He slipped but he was stopping here, he told me. off his camp stool, and, throwing him- One of those painter chaps." self full length on the grass, gazed up reflectively into the sky. What a nuisance this artistic temperament into the girl's eyes. was! He was formally betrothed to Freda Withers at Forest Hill, and had no desire to end the betrothal, and yet down here in this romantic himself with Flossie Barnett, who had attracted him the very first moment that he arrived at the inn, had proved too strong to be resisted.

"Nice day, sir!" guard on his round.

imagine."

cliff you're painting, sir."

"If I could only get it right it you, miss," would be."

the points of the picture.

girl that he couldn't get jumped without you, so I have chosen what right off there into the sea. His coat they say is the pleasantest method of was found on the cliff-he'd taken it departing from existence. Treasure off before he jumped-but his body the lovely time we had together. Your must have been washed away by the broken-hearted sea, for though we searched high and low, we never found it. It was a sad

Directly the man had passed on cution of which might solve the diffi- loved her into a watery grave. culty he was in, and with free movement of his limbs Filby always

That night an unusual thing oc- his improved appearance, curred at the Seaborough inn. Un- A knock at the door. The maid about; only the distant sighing of the roused now. Had his trick been dis waves broke the stillness. Hour after covered? bour passed by, yet the man did not roar, and by the time the light broke a regular tempest was in progress.

midnight flight Flossie Barnett sat in sion. her bedroom, her usually smiling face | He seized pen and paper. That night most seriously set. A letter on foreign the following communication was note paper and bearing the Cape Town dropped into the post: postmark was in her hands, and she had committed the contents to memory a couple of days before he was to embark on the transport for England. In a very short while the writer would be

object of claiming her as his bride. little flirtation with her visitor, Mr. her walls." Filby, had taken a far more serious turn than she had anticipated. She had merely intended to amuse herself tion, got his picture back, disfigured alwith him during the absence of her most beyond recognition.- New York real lover, and surely a girl left by News. berself for two whole years had liberty to seek some mild amusement. On a higher social level than herself, he had treated her as an equal, and that had rather turned her head.

Leaving that side of the question, bowever. Flossie turned to the consideration of the more practical matter-what was to be done now? Mr Fillby must be informed, and that speedily, of Jack Preston's existence, but bow could the information be most delicately conveyed? A personal interview would be most satisfactory, but Flossie shrank from cutting a poor figure at that. What would be the gentlest way of letting this artist lover

Ah, she had it! Mr. Vilby was reurning to town on the morrow. She ad his London address, and would rrite there a letter, which would ch him soon after his arrival home, plaining as best she might her prelous commitment to another. It was m easy and capital solution of the dif-

went out and posted her let-Miret'n was far too important to only the half-way place for business and of d.lay. On returning to the and travel to the northwest.

OU will always love me, Dick?" | inn she ran in the passage into the arms of Bell, the barman.

"Oh, miss, I was looking for you those words came to Richard Filby as everywhere! There's some one in the be sat on the cliffs a mile away from parlor as wants to see you most par-

"Who, Bell?"

"A sailor man, I should reckon, by his rig-out. He seems most excited." Wondering who her visitor could be ingly taken all his attentions in earnest, at this early hour. Flossic turned the perfectly unaware that there was an handle of the parlor door. A man other young woman up in London to whom she recognized as one of the local whom he was engaged. Last evening coastguards rose and touched his fore-

"Beg pardon for disturbing you so early miss, but I've some very bad news. There's been, I'm afraid, anearth was he to get out of this im- other case of suicide from the Seaborough cliff."

> "Who?" queried Flossie, turning pale. "A gent as I've had one or two chats with of late. I don't know his name,

"Mr. Filby? You can't mean it. You must be mistaken." A wild look came

"Don't think I am. Perhaps you rec-

ognize these articles."

Going to the back of the chair upon which he had been sitting, the man little spot the temptation to enjoy picked up some objects from the ground. They were a man's coat and thing and encouraged me from time waistcoat, of a rather pronounced to time. I thought I had the other felcheck. Startled recognition stood in low downed several times, but he came Flessie's face.

"Ah, I see you know them, miss. Fliby looked up. It was the coast- They're the very clothes-a little stained with paint, you see—that that my hotel with me and I lost no time in "Yes! Rather warm for working, artist fellow was wearing yesterday, though, and for walking, too, I should But that's not all. When I found those on the cliff, I turned them over, "Oh, I don't mind that, sir. Used and there, pinned to the inside pocket, to it, you see. That's a grand bit of was this envelope. I'm not much of a scholar, but I think it's addressed to

"Dearest Flossie," it ran. "Forgive The coastguard mused, his hand me the step I have taken-believe me, stroking his chin, his eyes taking in it was the only one. We loved one another too passionately to be happy "Ah, I mind that spot well. There apart for a single moment, and there was a suicide from there about a year was a life between that would always back. A chap the was the son of a have divided us. I cannot explain, farmer round here) as was gone on a but, dearest, I could never have lived

> "I should like you to keep the one painting I did at Seaborough as a souvenir.

Flossie read it through twice, and at Filby began pacing up and down on last the sense began to beat in upon her the cliff. An idea had come, the exe- brain. She had driven the man who

That same afternoon Richard Filby thought better. The notion presented in the flesh arrived at his lodgings in difficulties at first, but one by one he West Kensington. He did not look saw his way out of them. What a like a man who had lately undergone lucky thing to have had that conversa- a fatal experience. His cheeks were tion with the coastguard! The means bronzed and his step was brisk-inof relief from all his troubles was at deed, the first remark which his landlady made was to compliment him on

seen by anyone, a man stole out at entered with a letter. He looked at some dark objects the envelope and started It bere the under his arm, and made straight for Seaborough postmark. It was from the edge of the cliff. Not a soul was Flossie Barnett. He was thoroughly

Three minutes later Filby was return. But the wind rose, the sigh- pacing the room, waving the letter iring of the sea became a tumultuous ritably in the air. His scheme had gone for nothing; all his trouble had been wasted. This chit of a girl had been simply playing with his affections Two hours prior to that mysterious all the time, and here was her confes

"Mr. Richard Filby begs to inform Miss Flossie Barnett that he is still for about the tenth time. It was from alive and well, and has returned to her soldier-lover, Jack Preston, written town. On second consideration, he did not think Miss Barnett worth drowning for, and her letter to hand this evening confirms him in this opinion. Mr. Filby here in person, with the plainly stated hopes that Miss Barnett will attain happiness in her projected union and that Now Florale was in a quandary. Her his little picture may find a niche on

But by return of post, without line or comment, Filby, to his great indigna-

Large as Lake Eric.

Lake Winnipeg, or "The Muddy Water," is quite a large sheet of water. being about 300 miles in length and sixty in width, or about as large as Lake Erie. One solitary schooner of some fifty tons burthen is all the vessel that sails over its broad surface, if we except the bark canoes of the voyageurs. The sail vessel belongs to the Hudson Bay Fur Company, and is employed in transporting furs and supplies on their way to from the Hudson Bay, the ckief factory of the company.

Little is known of the great northern lake, with its solitary vessel and its limited business; it is what Lake Superior was to the world twenty-five years ago, and it is not unreasonable to suppose that as in the case of this take unknown resources and unforseen circumstances will in twenty-five years more surround its shores with civilization and cover its waters with steam and sail vessels. That it is a region rich in minerals there is no doubt, from the testimony of many travelers A blustering gale was raging and The time may come, says the Winnipeg wind lashed flercely in her face, but Globe, when Lake Superior will be

WANTED THE CHEST AND GOT IT.

Trials of a Detroit Man Who Thought

"I thought I had cut my wisdom teeth a good many years ago," said a Detroiter the other day, "but a little thing happened in Chleago the last week to make me doubt it. In wandering about I entered an auction-room on State street, while some 'family effects,' as the auctioneer termed them, were being sold. There was one old ralia. chest which caught my eye, as it appeared to be of ancient make and must have knocked about a good bit. I looked into it to find a lot of deeds and bonds, and my curiosity was at once aroused. Who could tell what wealth that old chest might hold. If nothing more, there must be deeds to at least 1,000 acres of land in California. I was sawing wood and saying nothing, but expecting to bid on that trunk, when a man beckoned me aside and said:

"'I hope you won't bid against me on that chest. The family owed me a debt of \$90, and perhaps the contents will help me to get even."

"I didn't say whether I would or not, and he continued:

"'If you'll stand clear and let me bid it in I'll make you a present of \$25 in cash."

"That was enough for me," continued the story teller with a long-drawn sigh. "I shook the man off and started the bldding at \$5. He looked reproachfully at me and went a dollar better. We had the bidding all to ourselves and the auctioneer sized me up as a man who never let go of a good back at me, and the result was that the chest was knocked down to me for going through it."

"And the deeds and bonds?" was

er, and they found one."

"But you-you-" "Oh, you try to make out that I'm if you'll take the trouble to go up to my house my wife will soon convince you that I lead the procession. Eighty-five of the long green, and my eyes were wide open all the time!"-Detroit Free Press.

A WOMAN'S CURE FOR DIVORCE.

Advocates Plan Which Would Make Separation Matter of Choice.

Dr. Frances Dickinson, president of he Social Economics Club of Chicago, has found, or professes to have found,

a solution for the divorce evil. It is an interesting solution, but one which we believe few persons can accept.

marry," says this sage, "they should

DR. DICKINSON. seives. In it each should agree to re- was deposited.

By some process of involved thinkcontract would have the tendency to make each of the parties to the marriage contract more desirous of retaining the other's affections, "There would be" she adds, "less carelessness, less taking things for granted and less indifference in dress and manner among married folk."

Dr. Dickinson is unmarried, and thus finds it as easy to solve problems for other people as the beggar does to advise the millionaire how to spend his money or the childless person to direct parents how to rear their children. She would have people enter into a contract with the church, with a mental reservation attached-the letter of the law without its spirit. The private agree ment, according to her, would be in certain contingencies superior to the public contract—the latter for show the former for use. Such a scheme would make a hollow mockery out of the most sacred relations of life and place the married state on a level with the conditions which prevail among savages. Divorce, as it is, is too easy. To render the married state less binding is to invite disaster to the home and the state.—Utica Globe.

It was the French king, Louis XI. who invented gold lace, and it was Louis XIV. who ordered all the silk upholsteries of the palace done in white with figures of gold and blue French kings of the name of Louis ome article of dress, whether it be a fifty years after. Louis Quinze heel or a Louis Seize the honor of a cuff and a hat.

In Good Faith. The young man kissed her and she

erenmed.

"What's the trouble, Nellie?" denanded a stern voice from upstairs. "I-I just saw a mouse," she fibbed. Presently the young man claimed another kiss and the scream was re-

peated. Again came the stern voice; What is it this time?"

"I just saw another mouse." Then the old man came down with the house cat, a mouse trap and a cane and sat in a corner te watch de



onsignment of mahogany from Aus-

There are twenty-one boys for every hannel fleet.

The St. Ives (England) School Board as sanctioned the purchase of a rockng horse for the use of infant scholars. Electricity is to be used for lighting he bow, masthead and compass lamps of the British torpedo-boat destroyers low being built.

"To my best friend.-William," is tated to have been the words on the wreath which the Kaiser placed on Herr Krupp's grave.

Miss F. E. Buttolph, who is making a ollection of menu cards for the New York Public Library, has already gathered together 10,250.

ight on the Bass Rock, in the Firth of Forth, will be visible. overed a gang of thieves recruited

ircles in Russian society. Dr. Hoyt, of Detroit, after a careful nvestigation of statistics of existing conditions, declares that in 200 years verybody in the United States will be

The only considerable fields of anbracite coal aside from that of Penn-\$85. I bired a cab and had it driven to sylvania are those of China, which, nowever, are vast in comparison with

New South Wales," says Consul God-"Just 10 pounds altogether, and worth ing, "but as yet the men do not take cently befell Miss Bettie Lieter, for mersed, let the water be gradually a cent a pound! It was a 'plant,' of kindly to it. In this district thirty-nine course. They were looking for a suck- women only have taken out electoral rights."

Three hundred and seven pounds was not the biggest ass in the world, but Shakspeare, "printed for P. C., 1664," hald by Mr. Pickering for a Third Folioat a recent sale of Sotheby's. It had the portrait of Droeshout, with Ben Jon-

> The largest mule on earth, a 3-yearold jinnet, belonging to Michael Muray, of Hereford, Mo., will be exhibited at the World's Fair, St., Louis. She is ighteen hands, or six feet, high at the houlders and weighs 1,705 pounds.

> Emperor William has determined to mive a grouse moor of his own in the oval domain about Koenigsberg. The grouse is an important bird in Great Britain, but so far as known it does not exist in a wild state elsewhere.

A few cases of a new type of influenza are now under treatment in North Lon-Ion, states the St. James Gazette. The "When people victims are attacked by severe rheumatic pains about the body, accompaned by a swelling of the legs and ankles

The sum of \$10,000 was collected by have two contracts the Hanover student societies for the -one to satisfy the rection of a statue of Bismarck. The demands of the project has had to be abandoned for church, and the the present, however, owing to the other a contract just among them- failure of the bank in which the money

ing Dr. Dickinson argues that such a all their lives. A showman once brought one to a fair, and called it a monster, and the factory hands paid a quarter to see the marvel. The snuff users in the United States

have increased in number about 6 per ent a year for several years, taking he annual consumption of snuff as the asis of calculation. The aggregate weight of purchases of snuff last year as 18,000,000 pounds.

Tell-tale tattoo marks recording their onstancy in love identified two prisners in North London recently as deerters. "I love Lottle Barton," conssed the left arm of one, while the ther man bore the initial letters of the name of the beloved object.

There is only one American motor car nown to any extent in Belgium, and hat is run by steam. Though it operates very smoothly, it is yet a question as to whether its extreme lightness will stand the wear and tear of the roughly cheeking his speed, and the sturdy payed streets and highroads of the

The De Witt Clinton engine, built in 1831, had a boiler pressure of eighty pounds to the square inch, locomotives at the time of the Civil War were given 100 pounds pressure, and now the immense steamship bollers are made to stand a pressure of 225 pounds to the square inch.

It is said of Sir Frank Green, lord mayor of London in 1900-1901, who has and a touch of red. The louisine silks just died, that the first sight he saw on are named after him, and all the coming to London as a country boy was the lord mayor's show, which took have had their names brought down to place on the day of his arrival, and that posterity through the invention of he became lord mayor himself exactly

"Salome," by the late Oscar Wilde. coat, while to Louis Quatorze belongs was given in Berlin one afternoon re cently at a matinee before an invited judience, a public representation having been forbidden by the police. It was tremendous success. Almost all the representatives of the Berlin literary and musical world were present.

For a long time the fu nes from the torage batteries in certain electric cars 1 New York City have caused discomert and Li-health among passengers. he Board of Health bas taken a firm and against the nulsance, and the er company has yielded to the pres- licity?" re by fitting up several cars with a vice for carrying the acid fumes but I believe it is some part of the in me distance above the roof of the car. | side of a pig."

This arrangement is said to operate

By way of setting an example to other European monarchs the Prince of Monaco has decided to distand his army. This important event will not take place until 1904, when the entire A German lawyer has left \$50,000 for military force in the pay of his highhe foundation of a school of cookery. ness, thirty-two warriors in all, will be Liverpool has just received its first given opportunity to exchange uniforms for more peaceful habiliments.

The necessity of having banks which will advance money on crops, either in eventy-nine able seamen in the British the field or in storage, or will loan on real estate or chattels, has become so manifest throughout Brazil, particularly in States that rely upon agriculture, that the State of Bahia has taken the matter in hand and, by recent legislation, has granted special privileges for the establishment of such a concern.

An unique appeal has been sent out by a number of English personages, including the Bishop of Thetford and the Marchioness of Cholmondeley, for funds to be used for preserving a memorial window or some such monument to Amy Robsart, in the church at Lyderstone Hall, where she worshiped. Instead of sending these appeals to every one, broadcast and indiscriminately, Eighteen miles is the distance at they are sent only to women bearing

which the new 39,000 candle power the name of Amy. The St. Petersburg police have dis- price of a sign defended the case on the of these members. It need not be said ground that the "o" in their name was that rubbers should never be worn a roin young men moving in the highest smaller than the other letters. It was it was a sixteenth of an inch larger, alletter "o" niways looks smaller than nay cause much distress. House shoes given for the sign makers.

## IN A STAMPEDE OF CATTLE.

A Young Man Saves a Young Girl and Now They Are to Wed.

Few young women have had such a thrilling experience as that which re salt. Then, with the feet still immerly of Brooklyn,



ming. When her father moved from water. Brooklyn to a

ranch and Miss Lieter rode daily be junct. tween it and her home. One afternoon she remained later than usual at the school house, and on her way home stopped at a pile of linge bowlders to Young People in Uncle Sam's Onty examine some curious inscriptions cut into the surface. She let the pony graze along the trail and soon was deeply engaged in deciphering the marks.

across the plains.

down. Yells arose from the cowboys, er themselves much about cmfwypfq They rode madly into the hard, trying bother themselves with much clothing ers by firing revolvers in their faces. Betty crouched for a moment on the dren were apparently running wild is rock pile, directly in the path of the thick tripical woods they knew stampede; then, impelled to make an effort to save berself, she rose and darted off across the country ahead of the herd

The cattle came thundering after her Faster, faster, she sped, her bright skirts flying back in the wind. Louder, nearer, came the frightened herd. The earth vibrated beneath her. She heard the angry roarings, almost felt their hot breath, and, weak from exhaustion, blinded by the dust, she stumbled and fell. Without strength to rise, she could only lie there and await the oncoming merciless hoofs that would soon trample out her life.

At that moment, from out the cloud of dust, dashed a snorting broncho, maddened by the gashing spurs of his rider. A few leaps and he had reached the prostrate form, and, bending down from his saddle, his strong arm lifted her from the ground, hardly pony sprang forward under the double weight. She was saved!

A little fater the cowboy reined in his pony at the Lieter gate, and for the first time Betty opened her eyes and looked into the face of her rescuer. Robert Catton, a rising young cattle king and a graduate of an Eastern college. The next day she received as a gift from Catton the pony that saved her life, and a little later Catton received from her the gift of her hand. Betty is to teach school no more.

His Definition of Felicity.

A minister tells the following story: A friend of mine, who is quite a scholar once accepted an invitation to preach at a country church in the South, and, as was his custom, he used very learned language. After the service the pastor of the church said that he felt sure the members of the congregation did not understand the sermon. Nonsense,' replied my friend, 'I am sure there was nothing in my sermon which they could not comprehend."

" 'Well,' said the pastor, 'I will call one of them in and see if he understands the meaning of the word "felicity." So he called in a laboring man and said: 'John, can you tell me what is the meaning of the word "fe-

'Well, I don't know, sir,' said John.

WHEN FEET PANT FOR BREATH.

hey Are Not Properly Ventilated

Those who suffer habitually from ared and aching feet may be glad to thow that there are many ways in which this condition of things may be illeviated. Reference is not now made o the more serious troubles, such as Int foot, or to corns or bunions. It s perfectly obvious why these pests should cause pain and trouble, and whenever they occur they should at once receive professional treatment. These words are for those people who my, "There is nothing the matter with my feet; I have not a corn, and yet I am in agony if I try to use my feet much."

This condition of things may be brought about in several ways. It may be caused by a gouty condition of the system, and in such a case all wine or beer drinking should be stopped; the diet should be simple and even frugal for a time, and several doses of bicarbonate of sodium may be taken as much as an after-dinner coffee spoonful in water, says the Youth's Companion.

Sometimes aching feet mean that the weight of the body is too much for a naturally siender foot and ankle, A firm which was sued in the West- and then a shoe should be chosen with minster county court recently for the | 1 view to the more complete support moment longer than is necessary, and proved by measurement, however, that never in the house, as they check venillation. An aching foot is often a lowance having been made for the fact foot simply panting for breath. For that, owing to an optical illusion, the like same reason patent leather shoes the neighboring letters, Judgment was should be easy and well ventilated, and it is well, if possible, to adopt the sandal for house wear.

If a foot is aching or smarting badly after much walking or standing, great relief may be obtained by plunging it for a few minutes in hot water in which has been dissolved a handful of cooled until it is quite cold. This little massage by the hand under the

Rebellious feet, especially if their ranch near Sheri owner desires to use them for much dan, Wyo., Betty walking, are greatly benefited by the accompanied him use of the rubber heel on the walkand soon obtained ing shoe, a device which relieves not a position as teach only the feet, but the whole system.

er in a district Finally, one should always be careschool. The latter ful to wipe the feet very dry after was three miles the bath, and to insure this a dusting distant from the powder will be found a useful ad-

TUTUILA AND ITS CHILDREN.

Possession South of the Equator.

Almost exactly in the middle of the islands springled over the South Pacific Ocean, to the eastward of Austra-A low, fumbling sound started her. Ila, lies the Samoan group, four isb She surang to her feet. A large herd ands of which Uncle Sam recently took of cattle were coming toward her, under his care. On the largest of their noses to the ground, their horns these, Tutulla, he has built a naval clanking together, and enveloped in a station. There are about 6,000 people cloud of dust. At the same moment on these islands, and about a thousand her pony became frightened, tossed his of them are children. The people are head in the air, and dashed away not black. They are of a light brown and yellow complexion. As it is She uttered a scream and sank warm there all the time, they do not

When the Americans came to the islands they found that, while the chilwhat an education meant and many of them were attending school. The chilren are intensely curious about the United States and ask strangers all sorts of questions concerning the great country of which they are part now. They call the governor, who is a naval officer sent out by the United States "Your Susuga," and they speak of the President as "His Aflora

Of all the possessions of the United States, the Tutuila group alone lies south of the equator. Children there looking into the heavens at night, be hold some of the constellations which you see, but they also see many which you can never see-the Southern Cross and all the starry groups of the skier of the southern hemisphere, while they miss many which you see every night such as the Great Bear and the Plei

The children of Tutuila and Manus are fond of singing and reading aloud As soon as a child of these Islands is old enough to work, he leaves school and goes to help his father collect co coanuts, the white meat of which h dried and sold to traders under the name of copra. The children alse work at farming on the small planta tions, where tropical fruits and vege tables are raised for domestic use Their homes mostly are mere buts set in the clearings of dense forest or stuck away among the trees of I

grove of tropical trees. All the boys are good sailors. They begin to go out on the water with theli fathers when they are very young, and by the time they are ten years old they can handle the native boats with great skill and dexterity.

A Bank Officer.

"Phwat's Michael doin' now, Mrs Flannigan?" "He's assistant teller in the bank." 'An' phwat's an assistant teller?"

"Well, the teller tells him the stoy,

needs coal, an' he assists it in.". Brooklyn Eagle. When it is borne in on a man's mine that the dead are very soon forgettes it is one sign that he is growing old

and is rebelling against his own fate. If you argue with a fool, he will ge the best of you. Theories in the hand of a fool are always stronger tha facts in the hands of a man of see