HOW IT HAPPENED.

I got to thinkin' of her, and a-wundern what she done, That all her sisters kep' a gitting married one by one, And her without no chances and the best girl of the pack-As old maid with her hands, you might say, tied behind her back! And mother, too, afore she died, she ust to jes' take on When none of 'em was left, you know, but Evaline and John, And jes' declare to goodness 'at the young men must be bline To not see what a wife they'd git if they'd got Evaline!

I'd think of her dependence, and the burdens 'at she bore, Her parents both a-bein' dead, and all her sisters gone And married off, and her a-livin' there alone with John-You might say jes' a-tellin' and a slavin' out her life For a man 'at hadn't pride enough to git hisself a wife Less some one married Evaline, and packed her off some day-So I get to thinkin' of her-and it happened that-away. James Whitcomb Riley.

The Blue Moonstone.

I had been asked, as one of the

There was a larger gathering than

As I seated myself at the favor-

Tommy was a nice boy, and, if I

had been married only five years ear-

Her, might have been my son. Such

"But, Tommy," I said, "I'll dance,

found him rather hard to talk to.

"I have been tlod by these young

people," he said, with a wave of his

hand toward a group of cotillion man-

"If by that sounding title you mean

myself," I answered, immensely flat-

tered, "I shall be most happy," and

we took our seats in two empty chairs

in the cotillion circle, just as the mu-

The high official danced abomina-

bly, but I did not find him hard to

talk to that evening. He was not at

all the kind of man I had supposed

him to be. He was jocose-indeed,

flirtatious, and he whispered stilted

compliments in my ear all the time we

I must confess that this time was

rather limited, for I was constantly

on the floor. This was a surprise. I

had always enjoyed a good dance, and

was rather a favorite chaperon with

the young people; but such attention

as I received this evening had been

upprecedented for years. I was past

my first youth, and there were many

young and pretty girls present; but, I

belle of the ball.

noted it with astonishment, I was the

Before the evening was half over I

was laden down with favors. Young

naval ensigns, whom I scarcely knew

by sight, gave me paper hats and

Japanese toys, and then bore me off

in the waitz with an unmistakable air

of triumph. Haughty officers in the

division staff, who always were such

a preoccupied air when I met them

on the Luneta, that I almost hest-

tated to bow and disturb their weighty

coglistions, came to me with offer

ings of fans and wooden shoes. The

general and the admiral bovered

about my chair until the high official

became quite grumpy. When Tom

came in later in the evening, he stood

watching me with a surprise which I

could not help but feel was unflatter-

my partner escorted me to the dress-

wish to "wait upon" me soon (he

never made calls.) He bade me good-

by with an almost fatuous smile as

well," said Tom as he edged into the

victoria with me and my favors. "The

children will think that Santa Claus

is abroad in the land. There's enough

stuff here to trim a good-sized Christ-

"I really had a delightful time."

used to as a girl at our dances at

said. "Why, Tom, I felt quite as

mer cottillon, where we first met?"

"Remember! I should think so!

That was nearly twenty years ago. I,

West Point, and you a slender little

Well, old lady, you've done pretty

he pressed-nay, squeezed my hand.

ing-room door, where he expressed the

sic began for the first figure.

rather a surprise.

to do that," he sald.

the holle of the hell?"

WAS in the midst of preparations | am so glad that I'm not looking like for leaving Manila for a trip to Ja- a fright in it, though." pan, so there was plenty for me to to; but here I sat half way up the sober matrons of the army set, to give staircase, wasting precious time talk- out favors at the bachelors' cotillion ing to old Ram Rao, the Cingalese that evening. Tom drove with me to lewel merchant. My house was situ- the Potenciana Building, then went ated directly opposite the camp, where to the club, promising to return for the troops waited for the transports me when the dance was over to take them home, and I was never tired of watching these vendors of usual that evening. The cotililon club Sawed sapphires and Siam rubles, had increased in size and several diswhich were apt to drop from their tinguished people bonored us with crude settings at the first wearing, their presence. We had a major-gentrying to induce the soldiers to buy eral, an admiral, and a high official their wares for wives and sweethearts of the civil government there that at home. They occasionally paid me night. a visit, and sometimes I picked up a good pearl or opal for a small price. table, little Tom Macon, of the artil-

Of all these mysterious, soft-eyed lery, rushed up. "My! Mrs. Crane, people, Ram Hao interested me the you do look stunning to-night! You most. On the way out, via Suez, I simply have got to come and dance. had spent four delightful days at Co- Don't sit here, come and join our gidlombo, and the old man, who was very dy circle. I'm awfully sorry I enbomesick, used to like to come and gaged my partner so long beforetalk to me of the jewel shops of his hand?" native city, and of the beautiful Enclish bungalows and the Cinnamon Drive, which had so impressed me. Remembering the beauties of that outspoken admiration on his part was land of spices and flowers, I did not wonder that the poor soul feat that Manila was "all the same as hell."

To-day he was crouching beside his no partner, besides I came to give out bexes, a curious figure with a square favors." of checked cotton wound about his mether limbs, so that it looked like a long tight skirt. Like most men in Manila, he wore a white linen coat, but his long hair was drawn up be- pompous person, and I had always hind into a Psyche knot, and his tortelse-shell comb was pushed back un-MI it made a crown, the ends toward

Just behind me on the steps squat- agers. "that I am expected to renew ad my worthless little Filipino maid, my youth to-night. I have not danced rtuna. She should have been at the german for many years. May I the newing-machine, where I had left have the pleasure of dancing it with with strict injunctions to finish work without delay; but I was interested in listening to Ram Rao at for the moment I did not notice

"Yes, Memsahib," he was saying, "I go home to my country. You buy only this one beautiful pin. It is a gift at seven rupees. Three days ago a soider offer me for it fifteen dollar gold. I say no, but to-day with seven rupees more I buy passage on the steamer that goes to-morrow to Ceylon."

He held up a breastpin formed of two tiger claws, fastened together with a clumsy band of gold, set with garnets. It was extremely ugly.

"Oh, Ram Rao," I protested, "I dop't want the thing."

"Ob. but Memsshib only seven enpees, and then I leave this borrible You so good to me, I never forget, and some day you come to Ceylon, you find Ram Rao there to show you things most wonderful the tourlot never see, and he take you where you buy pearls and ivory elephants for

I was weak, and yielded. I did not want the atrocions piece of jewelry. but I was homesick myself, and sympathy alone made me take the pin and give Ram Ran his five dollars.

His old eyes sparkled, and with a centure of infinite grace he kissed the m of my linen skirt, then turning to his box took out a little gold ring set dth a small blue mocastone.

"If the Mem will wear this," he mid, "she a:ways have the good luck and bless the memory of Ram Rao." "Oh, no, Ram," I said, "keep the ring. You might sell it for some-

Semly, and looking not at me but at Portuna, mumbled a few words in a strange language.

Oh, senora," said the woman, esvalue. He feel bad you no take-

be male, you no take." I was struck, as I had sometimes before, by the curious kind of Asonry which seems to exist hen the races of the East. Here this stupid, fist-nosed Malay who seemed to fully under-

the feelings and even the lanof Ram Rao with his lafty carand high-bred intellectual face, mas tree. pped the ring on my finger, and separted, beaping blessings on

ell this evening," remarked

him: for happy as we were with us those things were more often under tuns came up and greeted me with stood than mentioned.

repose that night, I took off my rings as usual to lock them away in my jewel-case, and dropped one, which rolled off into some dark corner. I very sleepy and seeing that only the little moonstone ring was missing. I toformed Portune of the loss She told me later that after looking thoroughly, she had been unable to find the ring. I was almost sure that it had rolled underneath the washstand, but when we moved that piece of furniture and it was not there, I dismissed the thing from my mind, as the article was really of no intrinsic

That evening as my carriage stopped by the bandstand on the Lanets. and as I exchanged greetings with my friends, I saw many of my partners of the previous evening. A few of them stopped for a word or two, but many of them passed on with merely a bow. I was rather amused to see that staff officer who had nearly shed tears the evening before, when a previous engagement had prevented my accepting from him a tin trumpet bedecked with ribbon, pass me by with a stony stare. He never saw me at all. Indeed, I could not but remark that the fervor of my admirers of the night before had waned perceptibly.

Upon reaching home that evening, I found an unpleasant episode in progress. As we drove through the front door, into the stable, which occupies the ground floor of most Manila houses, a large group of servants. children, and chickens stood watching a fight between Domingo, the stable boy, and Juan, the cook's assistant, As Domingo was belaboring his and tagonist about the head with a bress candicatick, the consequences threatened to become serious, but the cochero, descending from his box, lay about him with his who until finally the combatants separated.

I stopped to inquire into the causes of the affray. When a Filipino is angry he is very incoherent, and the mixture of Spanish and Tagalog which the two culprits poured forth was quite unintelligible to me. From the cochero I gathered that somebody had promised to marry them both, and that each was determined to murder the other in consequence. After threatening them both with the culaof course, if I'm needed, but I have boose (fall), I ascended the stuirs, and there received Portuna perched on the newel-post, her bare feet tucked up "There are plenty of downgers here under her red skirt, her hair freshly annointed with cocounut oil, and her The high official was approaching. eyes dancing with an unholy Joy. I I knew him slightly. He was a very could not help feeling that she was at the bottom of the whole affair.

Two days before I left for Japan. Portuna came to me and said that she was unable to go with us. She informed me that nothing but the fact that she was to be a matrimonia would have induced her to leave the children and myself.

"Whom are you going to marry. er Juan or Domingo were to carry off "A man muy rico senora" she de

clared, proudly. "He give me beautiful lewels and fine casa. You see him often on the Lunets-Simon Sebestiano."

I gave a start of surprise. Sebastiano was one of the most influential Filipinos in Manila. I simply could not believe that ugly, undersized Portuna could have captured his fancy. He was good looking, too; there was a strain of the best Spanish blood in his veins; he had been well educated and was high in the ranks of the Federal party. It was as much of a misalliance for him to marry Portuna as for the scion of an aristocratic New York family to seek in marriage a Bowery factory-girl of the most humble antecedents. The more I thought of it, the most unlikely it seemed; and when she informed me that she had been brought up in his house as the in the West where puritan sentiment daughter of his cochero, the news was more incomprehensible than ever. knowing as I did the class distinctions of these people.

For the next two months the children and I reveled in the beauties of of the country. Japan. By October we returned to the head of the family, who was hard was not peculiar to the times. Other at work in Manile.

news that orders were on the way for into the matter of erasing from our of us to go home. So I determined to Scial records everything that reads unenjoy as fully as possible the last favorably now, our whole history will weeks of our sojourn in the East need to be remodeled, revised and ex-When we were bidden, then, by one purgated. The temperament of puriof the various political parties to s tan times was cold, stern and bricky, great banquet, I decided to go, as it Why try to make it appear to be what was to be nearly the last of my Fill. I was not?-Boston Advertiser, pino entertalnments.

All the American civil officials and were there. I felt quite lost among so many personages of rank. I was below the notables.

ndeed, she laughed in a coquettish sequaintances. manner; and as for him, he did not

effusion. She was not proud. She As I was preparing for my needed asked about the children with tears in her eyes, and promised to come and see them. She introduced her husband, who regarded her with adoring eyes. I found him to be very intellilooked for it for a moment, but being gent, and we talked together of the traffic question and of the future of the Malay race while we were sitting postpened the search until morning I but a dance (I sat out several that evening).

The high official rushed up to us. Not having seen him for two months. I supposed that he had come to pay his respects. He barely nodded to

"Oh, how do you do, Mrs.-er-Frane." Then, "Where is that attractive little wife of yours, Sebastiano? want to see if she will dance the

Rigodon with me With that he darted off, and I soon saw him standing, with Portune as a

The next time I saw Portuna was on the transport Sheridan. We left for home on very short notice, and in some way she heard of it, and appeared that before the vessel salled, bearing gifts of pian and just and Canton lines for me and the children. She was the very same Portuna, but the evident affection she had for me had swakened quite a warm feeling for her in my heart, so I submitted to her embrace, while the children clung to her with tears.

The last gong had sounded, and when half way down the gangway Portuna turned and waved her hand. The sun fell upon her costly rings. and among the diamonds and pearls, I noticed upon her little finger the elint of a blue moonstone.

Leaning over the side of the ship, Tom and I saw her enter a comfortable little private launch, and steam off in state.

"What a promotion for Portuna," I remarked. "How do you suppose it ever happened?"

"It is rather remarkable," said my better-half, as he lazily flicked the ashes from a Germinal clgar, "but then you know, for a Filipino, Portuna is really a very pretty woman." San Francisco Argonaut.

HISTORY MUST BE REVISED.

If All that Reads Unfavorably Should Be Stricken Out.

Since 1635, when the great and general court declared Roger Williams to be unfit for fellowship and banished him from the state, there have been seven different petitions to have the edict revoked. All have received the adorsement of religious as well as no tical leaders, yet there has never een a sufficiently vigorous expression f public sentiment to bring & about. The last petition bfore the legislature represented all shades of religious eeling. It was signed by descendants of those who had been instrumental in driving Roger Williams to Rhode Island nearly 300 years ago. But tradition is powerful, almost sacred, and what has gone on the statute books that has long been useless is an example of the same kind,

In view of such facts, it is some what surprising that there is going on now another movement to have the name of the apostle cleared. In spirit the people of this State respect the memory of Roger Williams as deeply and as sincerely as the citizens of Rhode Island or of any other New England commonwealth. The persons who are determined to have the han removed appear to be endowed with nuch of the unquenchable enthusiasm of Williams bimself, which enabled him to conquer in spite of all obstacles and persecution. The leaders of the new movement are now circulating a petition at all the watering places in New England, and after signatures have been obtained here it will be sent to St. Louis for the approval of all the New Englanders who visit the World's Fair, and thence to different sections is strong. It is hoped to have the names of 1,000 men and women of prominence in this State alone, and nany more names from Massachusetts and New England people in other parts

However, the edlet against William fearless thinkers in politics and theol I was greeted with the pleasing ogy were banished. If we are going

When a rich and important Chinamany officers of the army and navy nan dies his funeral is conducted with much pomp and splendor. His friends and relations, instead of sending taken out to the repast by a nice infantry major, and we sat far down These are made of white silk with in-Some distance from where I sat, I velvet, and express the sender's good saw my late cotillion partner talking wishes to the deceased himself or to to a Filipino woman; on looking more the members of his family for many cosely I perceived that be was en- generations. On the day of the fungaged in an animated conversation eral these banners are carried by hired with—could it be Yes, it certainly men, who are dressed all alike for the was Portuna! Portuna, quite as un occasion. After the funeral, which beautiful as ever, but gorgeously ar lasts several hours at the cemetery, is rayed; her camisa stiff with embroid over the banners are brought back, ery, a spray of diamond roses four and eventually grace the rooms of the inches long in her hair, and about her late Chinaman's house. The more banneck a string of pearls for which I pers there are the greater is considerwould have given ten years of my ex-ed the honor paid to his memory, and istence. She seemed to find the re-his family afterward take a great pride marks of the high official interesting; in showing them to their friends and

eem to find the banquet the perfune. A woman's idea of making a room tory bore these affairs usually are to look cosy is to arrange the chairs that men of his kind—he really appeared to you can't move in the dark without be enjoying himself. P. O. DEPARTMENT IS BUSY.

Many Changes Made in Names of Old

The Postoffice Department has been playing havor with the old familiar names of offices throughout the country. It has been obliged to discontinuo the mail service at New York. To be sure, it is not the New York of the Great White Alley whose postal facilities have been cut off, but a town of somewhat smaller size, in the State of lows. It has also been the unhapplness of the people of Rock Branch, in the same commonwealth, to lose their postoffice, and the records have been transferred to Correctionville, Ominous name! Let us hope the records are straight.

In Michigan the department has amended the name Sault de Ste. Marie into Sault Sainte Marie, and it has established the offices of Racy and Rescue. In Minnesota that noble office known for years as Proctorknott has been shorn of its final syllable, and the famous orator is known only by his Christian name upon the mailing lists now. Skog is a new name in Minnesota, and a good one. In Mississippi Chunkeys Station has been trans formed into Chunky. In Oregon Needy has been stricken from the list, and in Pennsylvania Arcadia has been es-

In the Philippines Masbate has been discontinued. Equality has been estalslished in South Carolina and a new Bunker Hiti has arisen in Tennessee Doeville has glso spronted in Tennessee, and there the much-sought John may have his home.

In Texas Hawley has been transformed into Bl ssing and an Arp has appeared, doubtiess a modest tribute to the humorous gentleman of that pseudonym. Virginia has a new Dot, a Pilot and a School, but has lost a Cool Well and a Dell.

Correspondents who have hitherto addressed foreign letters to Beulali. Liandyssil must now use larger onvelopes and write it Beulah, Newcastle Emlyn, Carmaribenshire. Likewise Liwyndafydd, New Quay, Cardiganshire. Why has West Liss. Hants, been complicated into West Liss, East Liss, Hants? And why has Tygerfontein, Cape Colony, been "erased from the list?" Does the change of Victoria West Road to leaf form, and possesses many char-Hutchinson indicate a disloyal ten-

dency in the colony? The Postoffice Department is always busy changing names, establishing, discontinuing moving offices, reforming their spelling and generally keeping them in order. For light summer reading try the "United States Official Postal Guide," whose yellow covers appropriately hint at its interesting contents.-New York Sun.

******************** A JAPANESE HERO.

All Japan has been ringing with the fame of Takeo Hirose, the first great of silting up of the bottom, like that naval hero of the Japanese-Russian which has recently affected the shore war, who was killed in Admiral Togo's second attempt to block up Port Arthur. Hirose was leader of the volunteers who set out to sink their ships and, if necessary, themselves, in the mouth of the harbor. He was killed by a projectile from a Russian quickfiring gun while seeking to save the life of his friend and subordinate. Petty Officer Sugino. The New York World tells of other deeds of courage performed by Hirose

He first proved his bravery in the war with China. After that war Lieut. Hirose, who spoke Russian and French well, was sent as naval attache to the Japanese legation at St. Petersburg. He came into prominence there through an incident which occurred at a banquet. A Russian officer declared that the Japanese, so small of stature, could not, as individuals, hold their own in any war. Hirose smillingly defled any three Russians to overcome him at wrestling. Roars of laughter creeted the challenge, for in those days Japanese Jiu-jitsu was not described in every newspaper,

At last, for the fun of it, the Russian officer sent for three large and sturdy soldiers. The little Japanese threw the Russians, one after another, Hirose remained in St. Petersburg three years. The daughter of a Russian naval officer fell in love with the gallant young Japanese. Her father, who greatly admired Hirose, let it be known to bits that he would not be unwelcome as the young girl's suitor. Hirose, who also cared for the girl, struggled with his affection for three

Then he wrote to her father, and pointed to the inevitable war between Russie and Japan. He said: "When my country calls me to duty I shall have to turn to account all the valuable professional hints received from your kind lips and so help to do mortal burt to your country's navy. Thus ill. must patriotic duty make me repay all your kidness. With this in my mind and in my heart, how can I presume to sue for your daughter's hand, knowing that after the outbreak of the most likely of wars the hand of fate might destroy the the happiness of your daugh er in the most ruthless of weys. should I have been so happy as to have won her hand."

Hirose in his poetic temperament as well as in his dauntless spirit truly represented the old warrior class of Japan, the Samural.

Strength in Numbers. Singleton-I understand your wife omes of a very old family. Wedderly-Well, it isn't so old, but t is awfully numerous.

Great goodness! The old-fashloped ibum is making its reappearance.



Clothes washing by electricity, with out soup, is the idea of a Hungarian The stream of electrified water is claimed to remove all spots and dirt and the three hundred garments belf by the machine are washed in less

than fifteen minutes.

For several years a record has been kept of the wear of locomotive wheel on the Danish state rallways. The single drivers are found to run better than four-coupled, the latter better than six-coupled, and in all cases wear is increased by filmsipess

Extinct pigmy elephants and hippo tami have been found in several large islands of the Mediterraneau, remain intely discovered, seeming to be thes of an elephant hardly three feet high Dwarfing of these animals appears to have come from a restriction of the area over which they could range.

A remarkable luminous meteor trail seen at Madrid has been reported by J. A. Perez. It continued visible from about 10 p. m. until midnight, the shape gradually changing from an atmost closed curve with a loop in it to an enlarged loop with a very faint de tucked portion of the primary curve

A local study of rural depopulation near Paris has been made by Dr. A F. Plicque. He finds that the cause include sanitary ignorance leading to high infant mortality, migration o young people to towns, effects of coa scription, and alcoholism. His sug gested remedy-one that promises suo cess in Belgium-is improved primary and technical education, with special efforts to cultivate a love of farm

Professor Borchers of Alx-la-Chap elle is said to have invented a process of obtaining the metal calcium by the ald of electrolysis at a very low cost, so that it may play an important part as an industrial metal. Calcium is harder than lead and lighter than alu minum. Its specific gravity is only 1.58. It can be hammered into the acteristics which may render it valo able in the arts, although it oxidizes

It is reported in Petermann's Mit thellungen that Lake Shirwa, discorered by Dr. Livingstone in 1859, south east of Lake Nyassa in Central Africa, has entirely disappeared, with the exception of a few small pends in its bed. In Livingstone's day the lake was about thirty miles long and from ten to lifteen miles wide. At least H was thus shown on the map. Lake Ngami, also discovered by Living stone, has since disappeared. The cause of the changes appears to be a gradual drying up of bodies of water in Central Africa. It is not a process line of the Sen of Agot.

Old age is an infectious disease which we may expect soon to be treat ed by a preventive serum, prolonging life. Such was the view expressed in the late Parls lecture of Dr. Meuchnikoff. Senility, he explained, is produced by certain physiological states which cause the "macrombages" which are a beneficent species of microbes, to increase too rapidly, when they become injurious. These parasites flourish in the large intestine, which is possessed by mammals, but is almost completely lacking in birds. The result was illustrated in the Doctor's own dog and parrot, the former being decrepld at 18, while the latter was bale and lively at 70. While the rum is being awaited, we are advised to eat curdled milk.

GLADSTONE OF JAPAN.



Count Okums, a member of the House of Peers and a leading tinancier, has been called by his admirera "the grand old man of Japan," and there are many points of resemblance between him and Gladstone

"Do you think that the standard of popular taste is higher than it used to

"Certainly," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes. "You must remember that people of the previous generations had no opportunity of seeing my interpretations."—Washington Star.

It Happens Prequently. Mrs. Fenders-It's almurd for Henry to think of marrying that Miss Beich Why, she's three or four years older

Uncle George-Oh, that's all right. It won't be long before he's three four years older than she. Bee