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CHAPTER VIII.

him graciously-often eagerly, and mer life and broken all ties. afternoon.

But English love, like other love, pursuit. laughs at the barriers a stubborn parent may seek to interpose; and Count | plicitly, faced an unknown worldde Cazeneau's decision was not calcu- faced it fearlessly and undoubtingly, lated to discourage so strong-willed a seeing naught but the dawn of a perman as Captain Edward Stanley.

wishes by going, in proper form, to sion. her father; and the matter having culminated as the lovers had feared, by no means his first experience of which, in view of the count's probable in believing himself to be in earnest. refusal, all the plans had been arranged.

liantly lighted windows of Count de water to break the silence. Cazeneau's house, whose inmates were evidently celebrating, after the cuswhich were scarcely a benediction Lafitte. upon its owner.

wind rustling the denuded cotton into those of Laro. stalks about them, struck off across | He was then a lad of fifteen. And the broad fields until they reached until he arose above the consequences

saw the craft pulled cautiously upstream by the strong arms of 'fate, Captain Stanley, who had returned the faithful slave, with the maid, to the ballroom, wended his way Barbe, on the seat behind him, while amongst the dancers, his progress im- in its farthest end were the two who peded by some fair lady who greeted for love's sake, had cast aside all for-

forced him to pause for an interchange For Roselle, these were the ties of of vapid nothings. He then visited Stanley those of honor; for he had all the apartments open to guests, filial love and duty, and for Captain until he was convinced that the count deserted his command and was flying had kept his daughter at home, for to the wilderness farther north, tobetter protection against further inter- for the time at least-hide, with his course with the handsome suitor he new-found dream, amongst the friendhad rejected so sornfully that same ly Choctaw Indians, where he could count upon reasonable security from

And the woman, trusting him imfect and fulfilled love, that yielded to He had acceded to his sweetheart's this man its uttermost depths of pas-

As for him, the loved one, this was nothing was left but an elopement, for | the sort; but he was honest, at least, And so he held her close, as they sat side by side, his cloak about them It was shortly after midnight when both, and her head pillowed over his a tall man, enveloped in a long cloak, heart, while the slave's oars pulled and followed closely by a stalwart the boat swiftly, their rhythmic dip, negro, who bore a sizable bundle upon or the occasional cry of a loon, being his shoulders, looked toward the bril- the only sounds besides the rippling

On New Year's day Laro left New tomary fashion, the New Year's ad- Orleans for France; and when, seven vent. He paused a moment in front | months later, he sailed away from of the rambling, low-built dwelling, Toulon, bound for the coast of Barand then passed on, muttering words bary, with him were Jean and Pierre



He held her close, as they sat side by side.

ing master.

slave-quarters was heard, faint, but | throats. clear, and the suggestive notes appeared to bring disquiet to the man's dus- New Orleans as Don Morales de Casky follower, for he began to move rest- tro-was in connection with Count de lessly, and glance about with manifest | Cazeneau and other more or less apprehension, while he drew closer to prominent men, engaged in various his master, who now, wheeling about pushed on into the wood.

showing that he was on not unfamiliar ground; and a few steps brought the | whlist among the latter were smugtwo to a small clearing, where the gling and slave-trading. These operasemi-darkness was made a little more | tions involved the ownership of many cheerful by a flickering of red light, vessels, together with the employment coming through the chinks of the of many men, and, taken as a whole, closed door, as well as from the un- they were very successful. curtained window, of a small cabin.

A fire lit the interior, which was deserted, save for a small, raggedly occupations, and they were matters clad urchin of ten, whose black arms to which he gave his personal attenand legs seemed to have outgrown tion, making many voyages to and their scanty clothing.

"Where is Zeney?" inquired the officer, after glancing about the cabin. The boy stared with fright at his questioner, looming so far above him in the firelight, which struck gleamings from the breast of the uniform. where a slight parting of the cloak folds revealed scarlet and gold.

"Are you deaf, you black monkey? Where is Zeney, I say." Captain Stanley repeated impatiently.

'Granny? She's done gone t' keep New Y'ar's," stammered the little negro, rising cautiously to his naked feet and backing away from the officer's stern eyes.

The later now understood how Zeney, having-although reluctantlygiven, through the late afternoon, such aid as was in her power to the carrying out of her young mistress' plans for an elopement, had then betaken herself to the bonfires, where, appearing to join in the festivities of her fellow slaves, she would be less likely lier years, he had been an actual part a church from which the congregative was given to section of Labor was given to section of Labor was given to section of Labor was given to section of Kentucky, an expert on hymn" shall be "short, but full of animal declaration of Labor was given to section of Kentucky, an expert on hymn" shall be "short, but full of animal declaration of Labor was given to section of Kentucky, an expert on hymn" shall be "short, but full of animal declaration of Labor was given to section of Kentucky, an expert on hymn" shall be "short, but full of animal declaration of Labor was given to section of Kentucky, an expert on hymn" shall be "short, but full of animal declaration of Labor was given to section of the congregation of the co when his daughter's flight should be discovered. But her cabin was at the officer's service; and this was of greater importance than the presence of Zeney herself.

A rustling made Captain Stanley his personal attention. turn quickly, and a new light came to his face as his eyes fell upon a shrouded girlish figure standing in the doorway, with a taller woman's form behind her.

under the sverhanging bank, amid the life. Himself a stranger to personal sedges and other water growth, was a fear, he was quick to recognize bravcommodious boat that had been ery in another, and his chivalrous nate of the Plymouth Rock to protect seamen from the importation industry continues to retain its place. There were eight Browns and six stored with all things needful for the ture was never unresponsive to ap family, and Prof. Gowell is now busy tion of Chinese crews on American of importance among the gainful oc Joneses on the list. Official records

The purposes of this story require After a walk of some twenty min- but a general reference to Jean Lautes, the man and his silent follower fitte's life during the fifteen years climbed the low wall that bounded the | which ensued after he left the country count's domain, and, with the night of his birth, and linked his fortunes

the edge of some woods that rose, a | his heedless youth had imposed upon dark boundary line, at one side of the his better self, his life was passed ashore and afloat, as best served the Here they paused, and looked to immediate interests at stake; at where, quite a distance away, the times taken up by the cares and reflames of two huge bonfires showed sponsibilities of ligitimate business, at many fantastic figures-those of the times passed amid scenes of wildest slaves, who were, like irresponsible adventure and deadly peril. He, children, celebrating after the manner | while growing to manhood, alternated | of their race, the brief respite from between the counting-room and the labor accorded tnem by their exact- quarter-deck, associating now with men of probity and position, and The baying of a hound from the again with desperadoes and cut-

During this period, Laro-known in speculative schemes, some of them being within the law, and others outside He went forward with a confidence of it. The former included ventures in trading, mining and timber-cutting,

Smuggling and slave-trading had always been within the line of Laro's from the French and African coasts.

Then latterly, in addition to his other nefarious pursuits, and under cover of letters of marque issued by one or another of the newly formed South American republics, he preyed lawlessly upon whatever commerce came within his reach.

His own brigantine, the "Black Petrel." was of remarkable speed heavily armed (ostensibly for its own protection), and carried a crew containing outcasts from all nations, but skilful sailors and brave fighters. If they captured a ship flying the flag of a hostile country, the prize was, according to circumstances, taken into port for condemnation or destroyed at countered by the "Black Petrel,' the

deciding its fate, or that of its crew. here. I was delayed. Grossmith is been revoked and that the organiza-In all these various schemes Lafitte here!" was an interested party; and, in earticipant in prosecuting some of them, tion was issuing after early service; comply with the instructions of the mer was unable or inadequate to give

The tall, handsome lad of Languedoc, Paris and Toulon had developed into a man possesing rare gifts of person and mind, together with a store of energy and resource which would cause of her looks, but because of her national body.

such, in brief, bad been his life during this period-one so filled with events and adventures as to make his earlier years, and the actors in them, more or less dim, according as they had fixed themselves upon the receptive element of his nature.

Even Laro, the bluff and picturesque sailor who had exerted so strong an influence upon the lad when they met at Le Chien Heureux, was hardly recognizable in the crafty and unscrupulous adventurer with whom later years had made him so familiar, and with whom he was now forced to be in such close contact.

As for Bonaparte, he had become Napoleon, the monarch to whom crowns were baubles, and thrones were playthings; who had recast the continent of Europe, and opened a new chapter in the history of France.

Jean had received no word from him after the letter delivered by the hands of Pere Huot; and grievous had been the boy's disappointment as the months passed without bringing any sign of remembrance from the man who was the one greatest love of his life.

But his was a strong and healthful the time went by, the acute edge of his grief had been worn away, to be succeeded by a feeling akin to apathy. International Hod Carriers and Build-He had been forsaken by him whom ing Laborers' Union of America will he loved; and, accepting this as a meet in Minneapolis, beginning Jan. 1 fact, he had relinquuished every hope 1905. of a future reunion.

All this had its natural effect; and, coupled as it was with a vague but unchanging determination to follow as their chief officials American-born the career of adventure which had men. ly an abstraction.

Margot was still a reality to him because of her representing so much of found much to remind him in the unobtrusive loyalty and devotion of

The latter was now the only tangihis boyhood-big-hearted, brave Pierre, sluggish in thought, but sound of judgment and clear of purpose; strong of arm and mighty in action, who now, as ever, stood at the side of his fosterbrother. He had, some two years before, abandoned his sea-faring life, and, in partnership with Jean, established a large smithy at New Orleans, where the firm of Lafitte Brothers had become well and favorably known through the work turned out by their skilled slaves.

(To be continued.)

FAULT OF THE DIALECT.

Colored Man Good Oarsman, Though

He Couldn't "Ro'." settled districts of Georgia a Northerner hired a colored native to guide him across country to his destination. Reaching the banks of a swift-flowing, unbridged stream, the Northern man spotted a boat moored at the edge, and asked the negro if he could row. "Ro'. boss? No, suh, Ah kain't ro', nohow."

"Viell, how can I get across, then? cating these labels. There isn't any bridge.'

acrost de ribber all right, suh."

The Northerner with some trepida-

couldn't row a boat?" Sambo opened his mouth in a grin

WAS NOT HIS AUDIENCE.

ro like a lion!"-N. T. Tribune.

Unnecessary.

George Grossmith, Jr., the English actor and son of the popular entertain | Hannah Monroe, it is said, was born a er, tells with great enjoyment this slave. She threatens to become the little anecdote:

in London at 9 o'clock one evening to against the offending Chinamen. deliver one of his inimitable "talks" had been delayed, and the start from which he used in the following manhis hotel was made at an hour that ner: A conservative estimate of the accompanied him, to their destination and the amount they earn-and of about a half-hour after the time ad- necessity spend-shows in a truly vertised for his appearance.

impatiently awaiting him.

nationality of a richly laden vessel en- and rushed into the thick of the crowd. every industry in the land. raising his arms imploringly, and Formal notice that the charter of colors it flew had but little effect in shouting: "Go back! Go back! I am the Chicago Federation of Labor had

The building, however, proved to be Federation of Labor was given to Sec-

Tame Hen Good Layer.

My Three Callers.

Wealth's shadow once fell on my door, Foretelling bliss and gifts galore; But I with dreams and rhymes that day Was busy. So he went away.

Then Fame, with an electric shock, Gave to my door a seeming knock; But I still wedded was to art. And let my lofty guest depart.

At last, grown wise as years went by, I saw one other hovering nigh; 'Twas Love, who caught me in his ret, Where I am held, and happy yet.

—Joel Benton in the September Woman's Home Companion.

NEWS OF THE LABOR WORLD.

Items of Interest Gathered from Many Sources.

Workers in sugar plantations in southern California will shortly be organized. Journeymen Tailors' International

Union will hold a convention in nature-buoyant and vibrant; and, as Bloomington, Ill., during the month of January. The third annual convention of the

> Over fifty of the sixty-five national and international unions connected with the American Federation have

been his boyish purpose in life, the The International Brotherhood of personality of Bonaparte became less Book Binders will hereafter publish and less real, until all that remained an official organ direct, and the ofwas a love which was in itself large fice of publication may be in Chi-

An appeal has been made to the striking mill girls of Fall River, Mass., motherly care, and by reason of her by the Woman's trade Union league of misled by the unfair attacks upon laever manifested love, of which he had Boston to enter household work in bor organizations into bitterly oppos-

The labor unions of Los Angeles, ble tie connecting Jean Lafitte with about to begin the erection of a \$50,-000 labor temple.

> The Cigarmakers' union was the first labor organization to advocate an eight hour day. This union succeeded in establishing it on May 1, 1886, and it has been in force constantly ever

served as memorial day, on which its dead members are remembered. The graves of such are visited, flowers While on a trip through the sparsely placed upon them and addresses are delivered.

There is a movement on foot to have the cigar-makers, garment workers, hatters, shirt waist and laundry workers and boot and shoe workers join hands and each subscribe an equal amount and keep several label agitators on the road, visiting trade unions and other organizations advo-

D. F. Kennedy, general organizer of "W'y, boss, Ah'll take yo' acrost in the American Federation of Labor for no time in that 'ere punt," answered the State of Indiana, discussing the labor situation the other day, said the "But I thought you said you couldn't trade unionists of the Hoosier State were enjoying peace and harmony. "No, suh, Ah kain't ro'," answered The fact that crops this year were Sambo, rolling his eyes in ludicrous plentiful was cited as an indication astonishment; "but Ah kin git yo' that employment would be good in the coming winter.

The labor secretaries at Fall River. tion and considerable curiosity Mass., acting under the instructions stepped into the boat, and the negro of the Textile council issued a signed rowed him swiftly and surely over the appeal to the cotton mill strikers bearturbulent stream to the other side, ing on the proposed attempt of the proving himself an experienced oars- manufacturers to reopen the mills. The appeal advises the operatives to "Why, Sambo, what did you mean remain away from the mills and show by lying to me?" asked the perplexed by their conduct that they are detertraveler. "I thought you said you mined not to return to work until an

honorable settlement is effected. Hannah Monroe, president of the so wide that he appeared to whisper Washwomen's union of Richmond, Va., in his own ear as he replied: "W'y, has issued an address to her sisters boss, Ah suah thought you meant ro'- of the tub and washboard throughout the South. She urges washwomen to organize against their "oppressors," the "heathen Chinee." She says the male Chinamen, instead of "doing Alarm of Popular Entertainer Entirely men's work," are driving the honest and poorly paid colored women from their natural calling of laundry work. Carrie Nation of the washwomen's The elder Grossmith was due at a hall movement and begin a series of raids

A well-known writer on trade union before a large audience. His train subjects has been doing some figuring would bring him and his son, who number of organized wage-earners startling manner the tremendous pow-It was with considerable mental er they could wield if their wages discomfort that the entertainer, whose were always spent after they had givideas of the virtue of promptness are en due thought to their best interunusual, viewed the streets from the ests. Taking the 2,250,000 members cab window, anxiously scanning the of trade unions, and basing their passing buildings for a sight of the one | wages at \$1.50 per day for 300 days in which his audience doubtless was in the year, we find that this gives them a purchasing strength of \$1.012.-At last a brilliantly lighted edifice 500,000 per year. This sum-so great was brought into view, from whose that it is difficult and well-nigh imopen doors a stream of people was possible to appreciate its influence-if pouring. Terrible thought: the audi- used to pay rent for homes built by ence had grown tired of waiting and union labor and in purchasing the necessities of life, that were manufac-Without ordering the driver to stop, tured or procured by organized workonce But, whatever might be the Grossmith, Sr., sprang from the cab men, would soon work a revolution in

tion was expelled from the American impatience.—Chicago Record-Herald. The pressmen claim jurisdiction over while the average number of working Emerald Isle also affords plenty of ploma of honor. the pressfeeders and the plumbers days in this county was only 189. In the right kind of soil.-London Globe. over the steamfitters. It was at the the first four inspection districts the One of the sights at the University instance of these two organizations number of lives lost was 134. The toof Maine these days is Prof. Gowe'l's that the Chicago Federation of Labor tal number of lives lost in the anthrapet hen. The bird is not admired be was expelled from membership in the cite region was 518. Falls of roof

of 270 coolies, destined for the new those who engage in it.

steamship Manchuria, which recently arrived at San Francisco from Norfolk, Va., where it was built. The coolies escape arrest and deportation on the technicality that there is no actual landing of the Chinese in the United States, and therefore the contract labor law is not violated. It follows, of course, that the decks of these American steamships are no

longer regarded as American soil. The Central Labor Union of Indianapolis is receiving no end of praise on its recent change of the constitution, in which it embodied a proposition to do away with an old method of raising funds for the tributary organizations by publishing souvenir pamphlets, advertising for which is solicited from business men. The argument advanced that such solicitation is an imposition on merchants is undoubtedly correct. If the demand for this advertising were confined to the labor union souvenirs little objection could be raised, for these pamphlets are, after all, not burdensomely numerous. They form but a small fraction of the booklets and other transient publications in which business men are urged to take advertising space.-Chicago Record-Herald.

For years the farmer has been counted upon as being on the side opposed to trade unions, and until within the last few years he undoubtedly was. Understanding little of the conditions, and knowing nothing of the aims, objects and purposes of labor organizations, the farmer was easily ing them. Now the farmer is beginning to realize that his interests and Cal., have purchased several building the interests of other laboring men lots in the heart of that city, and are | are identical. He is no longer misled by the statement that he is a "capitalist" and in the same class with the so-called "captains of industry." So far has his education progressed along this line that throughout the southwest and in Illinois there are to-day a large number of farmers' unions.

The imm:gration authorities have Labor unions are slowly making taken steps to block the landing of their way into Mexico. The larger 300 Belgian glassworkers, who are railroad brotherhoods have lodges in coming to this country to take the that country, and the machinists and places of American workmen who are others are now following in their on strike against a 25 per cent reduction in wages. W. S. Phillips of Cleve-The Order of Railway Conductors land, Ohio, president of the Amalgaeach year sets aside a day that is ob- mated Association of Window Glassworkers, is responsible for the recep tion these men will receive. A few days ago he received a letter to the effect that the men were coming, and he at once notified immigration inspectors in Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia, where vessels land, bringing Europeans to this country. When these glassworkers try to land they will have to answer a severe But in reality the licorice wood is the cross-examination. If it can be prov- root of a very pretty, dainty plant, en that they are coming here under which has beautifully shaped leaves contract they will be sent back.

Lake seamen anticipate trouble when navigation opens next season. Rumors that have been spread along the chain of lakes that vessel owners next season will adopt some method experimenters plant it in rows beof ascertaining as much as possible of the antecedents of their employes. It is said a list of questions will be great plantations are given up to it alpresented to every man applying for together. The licorice plant throws a position on a vessel, and only after out immensely fleshy roots, full of he has given satisfactory replies over | juice when they are fresh. They his signature will the applicant stand spread and burrow far into the earth, a chance of getting a position on a boat. Seamen profess to see in this get them out. The licorice wood, as a move to disrupt their organization, and say that a similar system had been put in operation two or three years ago, but was abandoned at the time, after a violent protest by the hoorice dealers are getting to be lake seamen. A similar protest will more and more in favor of squeezing be made at this time as soon as it is the juice of the roots on the spot and known along what lines the project is then shipping this extract. to be carried out.

An automatic packing machine has been invented in Paris. "By means of this apparatus, which is almost idly that the municipal councils of the influence of the friends of the human in its action," says the Scien- Madrid, Valencia and Vigo have decidtific American, "it is possible to fash- ed to address the government on the have every opportunity to make the ion the package, charge it and then subject. It is pointed out that thouseal it, ready for transit. The appli- sands of acres of land are going out ance is a combination of a weighing of cultivation owing to this cause, and machine and a packer. First the ma- there is also a serious loss being chine cuts off the requisite length of caused to the country by the departlead, paper, or whatever is utilized for ure of skilled artisans. Hardly a ship the envelopes, from a continuous trav- leaves a Spanish port which does not eling band, pastes and folds into carry a large number of emigrants, shape, leaving the mouth of the bag who are making their way chiefly to open. The package then passes along, the Central and South American stopping in its passage for a moment states. to receive its contents of tea, sugar or cereals through a funnel. It makes another forward movement, and an electric pressure piston comes into action and rams down the contents to to put some camphor in the piano." the minimum volume. By a further series of operations the bag is shaken into shape, pressed, and the ends are instrument. folded down, pasted, and then labeled. Not once during the operation is the bag or its contents touched by hands. they do into closets and elsewhere, to could not for the life of him find The inventor has been engaged for and here they feed on the felt cover- out who had objected and why. After three years upon the device. When ings of the hammers, eating away a great deal of trouble he discovered perfected it will perform the work of their surfaces, and so impairing their that the objection to him came from seventy people and complete the effect. What you want is a couple of a man who had borrowed from him whole cycle of operations at a speed camphor balls, each in a little bag of the money to pay his way through of forty packages per minute, thus ef- cheese cloth, hung inside the piano, college. After that, what chance does fecting remarkable saving in time and one at either side.' expense." .

The report of Chief Roderick of the department of mines for the state of Pennsylvania for the year 1903 is full co in the British Isles, Col. Everard, in that a people unprovided, as the Down upon the river, hidden away have won success in any avenue of laying proclivities, she being credited A contest is expected in Congress There is a vast amount of other interwith the authorship of exactly 251 next winter, waged by the labor men esting information in Mr. Roderick's eggs during the past twelve months. of the Pacific coast, for legislation report, which shows that the mining who tried to succeed themselves. steamship Siberia brought in a crew has not lost any of its dangers for candidates for congress.



"Henry, love, is your will made?" "Yes.

"Have you put on your shirt of "Yes." And jauntily pinning on his placard,

'I am not drunk; my skull may be fractured," the modern citizen of a great city started for business.

HIS DEBUT. The summer girl may have her day, We know it to our cost; But at our windows now we see The winter man-Jack Frost.

Knicker-Jones has a scheme to offer Japan. Bocker-What is it? Knicker-To strew banana peelings

around Port Arthur so as to hasten the fall. VALUE. We often discover. As likely as not, A chip in the pocket's

Worth two in the pot. Methuselah was observed chuckle. "Just thinking how I fooled that insurance agent when I bought my an-

nuity," he explained. With a light heart he went off to celebrate his 400th birthday.

AUTUMN. How Nature's workings harmonize! We see it everywhere, For now she grows chrysanthemums To match the football hair.

The Man Who Shook Hands With George Washington sighed dismally. "To think," he muttered, "that at this late day I should be knocked out by the man who bought the first Sub-

way ticket!" Reflecting on the perishableness of fame he sadly hobbled away.

"Yes." remarked the fair lady, "the marriage knot is exactly like my shoe- York Press.

Dainty Plant.

tween cabbages and potatoes. In the

Mediterranean and oriental countries

and a good, big hole has to be dug to

we see it here, represents only about

half the original weight and size of

the root, for fully 50 per cent of the

juice is lost in drying it. Therefore

Emigrants Leaving Spain.

Camphor Advised for Piano.

"Now," said the tuner, when he had

"Camphor?" said the owner of the

Growing Tobacco in Ireland.

Familiar Names in Congress.

Some investigator with a good deal

Although it is illegal to grow tobac-

finished tuning the piano, "you ought

lace. When there is an cligible man around it simply won't stay tied." And for still another trip she consulted the time table to South Dakota.

ON THE GRIDIRON. Let captains of armies and fleets Betake themselves now to the rear: Let captains of industries vast No more in the foreground appear.

Now others, and greater, have come, Whose glory is filling the sphere; We worship true heroes again-The captains of football are here.

> WHEN LIPS MEET LIPS. A sweet Hippopotamus Miss Allowed to her lover a kiss; From the size of the twain, It is certainly plain There couldn't have been bigger

David had just flung the pebble at Goliath.

bliss.

"Anyway," remarked the giant, "my funeral will be cheap. I have a nice stone at my head already." With this cheerful view of the matter he thereupon expired.

THE WAY OF IT. 'Tis love that makes the world go round.

For me and for my neighbor;

And when he strikes, we fill his place With Mammon's unskilled labor. Knicker-Somebody says architec-

ture is frozen music. Bocker-Great Scott, think of a Wagner flat! A TRIBUTE.

To what shall I compare her charms? I cannot call my girl a rose; Nay, Bridget is an autumn leaf-She paints things red before she goes.

SOUNDS. Though from its native element It may long have been free, The shell will hold within its depthe

The shell game has its music, too: However far away, It still will hold for one to hear The murmur of the jay. -McLandburgh Wilson in New

The murmur of the sea.

LICORICE WOOD A ROOT. . AUTHOR'S DAUGHTER ON STAGE

Ethel Bret Harte Forced to Earn Liv-The Foundation of a Very Pretty and ing in Concerts.

Miss Ethel Bret Harte, the daughter Pretty nearly \$2,000,000 worth of of the famous writer of early Califor licorice is used up in this country nia life, has decided to devote herself every year from the lands bordering to concert work. Although Bret Harte on the Mediterranean. Most people made large profits from his writings think that licorice is made from the and won a success which seldom wooden twigs and branches of a tree. comes to a writer as early as it did to him, he left his family in very straitened circumstances, and if it were not for the many stanch friends that are colored bright green on one in the American colony in London side and pale silver green on the oth-Mrs. Bret Harte would often find it er. The licorice plant is a perennial, difficult to make both ends meet. and in England, where they are trying With her children she has made her to make an industry of raising it, the home in Bayswater ever since Bret Harte's death. The family difficulties

have been complicated by threatened

loss of sight of one of the sons and

he has been sent to Switzerland in

the hope that a renowned oculist may

perform a successful operation. Miss Bret Harte has had a long uphill struggle in her work. She served a stage apprenticeship with George Edwards and D'Oyly Carte. She has a soprano voice of excellent range and sympathetic quality and her one desire is to bring it to greater perfection. Her capacity for work seems endless and her love of music is as much of an incentive as the money which she hopes to bring into the family purse. It is extremely difficult to get a hearing on the concert stage in London, where only the well-known Emigrants are leaving Spain so rap- artists are invited to sing, but through American author his daughter will

Not Too Young.

success which her friends anticipate.

One of the younger members of a down town club was solicitously inquiring the other day what steps he should take in order to put up his infant son for membership, says the Chicago Inter Ocean.

"Aren't you rather premature?" one of his friends observed. "You say he's only a year old."

"Yes, he's young yet," was the answer, "but that's about the only time to get him into a club nowadays. He's too young to have made any enemies or to attract any attention to himself. Anybody's likely to be kept out of a "Yes," said the tuner, "to keep the club according to a story I heard the moths out. Moths get into pianos, as other day. A man who was objected any man stand?"

> Italy Wants National Hymn. It is symptomatic of the age we live

of interesting information concerning with the permission of the chancellor Italians seem to be, with a national an industry which is of importance to of the exchequer, has been experi- anthem should seek to supply the need the whole country. He reports that menting at Randalstown, county by way of the familiar newspaper com-Lackawanna county produced 17,898, Meath, and it is said that there is petition. The contest is open to all 333 tons of coal out of a total produc- quite good hope of a new industry Italians, and manuscripts are to be tion of 67,171,951 for the year. This being found for Ireland in this branch submitted not later than Dec. 31, next. was exceeded by only one county, Lu- of culture. Prof. J. N. Harper of the It is stipulated that the "national The mining industry in Lackawanna the weed, declares that the crop is as mation and thrill, popular in expreshis ability and skill being such that, and shortly, after an embarrassed re executive council the federation will county furnished employment to 37,470 good as anything that Kentucky and sion, but artistic in spirit." First while still under twenty, he became treat, Grossmith found his audience in be obliged to expel from membership persons. The average number of days Virginia can grow. The moisture of prize is a gold medal, and to every Laro's trusted lieutenant, upon whom a hall a square beyond, awaiting his the Chicago locals of steamfitters' and the colleries of the entire anthracite the Irish climate is claimed to be ad- competitor adjudged worthy of such arrival with a commendable lack of Franklin union, No. 4, of pressfeeders. region were in operation was 211, mirable for tobacco growing, and the a distinction will be awarded a di-

A Victim of Money.

"De yuther day a man gimme a order on de bank," said Brother Dickof leisure time at his disposal claims ey, "en bless God, dey paid me off in caused 210 of the fatal accidents. to have found that eighteen men bran' new money, dat shined en rusnamed Smith ran for congress in the tled lak a silk dress on a woman: last election, including eight members | but still I ain't happy!"

"Looks like you wuld be?" "No, suh! I don't mind spendin' flight. The elopers and their servants peals from his less fortunate fellows. tracing the ins and outs of her blue vessels. Recently the Pacific Mail cupations of Pennsylvania and that it show that altogether there were 1,011 yer money is too new ter spend. Po' me!"-Atlanta Constitution.