only one interruption to wipe the "Well, Maggie, are you back again?" because we don't want any dead ones The young woman began to like the tears from the eyes of a small, dirty "Sure, and ain't you glad to see around here." Whereupon Maggie punches and wanted two instead of boy, induce him to tell the address me? I keep you alive, give you burst into one of her peals of laugh. one a day, then after a while she beof his home and send him on his way something to live for." under the guidance of a big, strong bluecoat. And the matron, when she Remonstrance with her is useless, discouragement. talks, has a few things to tell. In the matrons have learned her long There are only a few that take the fact, Mrs. Cox says, with her good ago. Sometimes they ask her if she world so cheerfully under the influ-Irish chuckle, that she thinks she will isn't ashamed to come so often to the ence of drink. Many of the cases write a book of her experiences to station house, and she always makes that come under the eye of the police make her rich after she retires from the same answer. "No; the city's matron are of women who have been the job of matron. The "boys" have willing for me to stay here and I'll led to the passion for drink to drown suggested it to her. The "boys" are come as often as I like. It's much some sorrow, and many of them the bluecoats, every one of whom in more comfortable than home. It's women used to better ways of living. Brooklyn, knows Mrs. Cox and has a cleaner and I like the electric lights." One day a frail bit of a woman—a could be, who had been used in her joke for her or a word of guying She has such a ready good humor mere girl-was brought to the station. young days to take nothing stronger when he meets her.

Duties of a Police Matron.

way to the jail or the penitentiary, again soon. The very next night Mag- lance surgeon on his arrival had only The baby girl grew up into a beautiful and the matron has them in her care. She gets them fresh from their misdemeanors and with the stain of their crimes new upon them. She is the first and often the only ministering angel they know, for it is to the task of ministering that most of the matrons, womenlike, give themselves, with more heartiness than to the technical tasks of their office.

Young Girls Saved.

One night two young girls were brought into the station house for intoxication, fresh, dainty girls, dressed in the finest of evening gowns, covered with long coats. It was New Year's eve and a bitter cold night. The matron was used to the unusual, but the presence of girls such as these in her lodging house made her stop and wonder. It was only a little while before the sleep of intoxication wore off and the girls woke to the realization of their surroundings and the horror of it. Finally, they were calm enough to tell the matron how it all happened. They had been over to Manhattan to a dance with two boy friends. It was so icy cold that the escorts suggested before they crossed the bridge to take something to warm them, and they stopped in a cafe and drank what the men ordered for them. Unused to taking stimulants, as soon as they struck the cold air out of doors the drinks went to their heads and they knew very little else of what happened until they waked to find themselves in the police station. What had happened was that the two escorts, finding themselves burdened with girls too much intoxicated to know what was happening to them, had opened the door of a tenement house, shoved them in and left them there. The girls had fallen immediately to sleep and one of the occupants of the house stumbling over them, had reported to the police and had them taken to the station. It was a hideous night for those girls, used only to the niceties and refinements of life.

When the next morning came, with its inevitable appearance at court, they pleaded not to be taken in the patrol wagon with the other prisoners and the matron secured the permission of the sergeant to take them to court herself in the car, and arranged for a private hearing before the The circumstances related. the judge let them off with some strong words of admonition.

Maggie a Regular Lodger.

miss her when she doesn't come. She ever, and to threats of suicide, so she for her.

Brookiyn.—It was a quiet day in is one of the cheerful drinkers and all answered carelessly: "Go ahead, for a while. There was a little girl the police station. Brownsville was ways comes in with a swagger and a Maggie, you've no idea how quickly baby after whose coming the young behaving itself and the matron of the laugh. The matron will greet her we would get you out of here; get station had a whole hour to talk, with with a sort of despairing smile: you out much quicker dead than alive,

Enlivens Station with Song.

through the station house on their sequences if she appeared before him was sent to the hospital. The ambu- in the station house crazed with drink.

ter and declared it was no use com- gan to take the brandy without the mitting suicide in the face of such milk and soon she found the habit

"The lady" was once a figure well

known in all the police stations, but

"the lady" is one of the figures that has passed, whose life hurried her to

a pitiful end before she reached what should have been her prime. The ma-

trons all called her "the lady," be-

cause even in her worst days she nev-

er looked anything but the lady, was

always well dressed and never came to the police station without her well-

fitting gloves carefully buttoned,

though sometimes she was picked out

of the gutter in an almost hopelessly

leadened condition. Her story is one

that might have been the thread of

some of the stories one used to read

in the Sunday school libraries, though

it comes with much more force to

hear the police matron who saw her

in the last days of her degradation tell

She had spent her girlhood in the

country at her father's home upon the

Hudson, where they took city board-

ers in the summer time. The girl was

as pretty as a picture, had been care-

fully reared and well educated. One

summer there came the inevitable

man from the city that won the heart

of the country girl, and they were

married and came to Brooklyn to live.

All went as happy as a marriage bell

wife was not very strong, and the doc-

tor ordered milk punches every day.

fixed on her strongly. The husband

bore with her and did everything that

could be done, but things went from

bad to worse until the habit fastened

The woman, whose life had been

guarded as carefully as any girl's

young woman, who would come after

dark to visit her mother in the cell

and plead with her. It was like try-

ing to check the north wind. The pas-

sion swept down everything in its

pathway. One day Mrs. Cox was sent

for to come to a consumptive home.

and there she found "the lady" in the

the little kindnesses of the old days.

'Have you got for me a baby?"

stations as a nursery.

"Shoplifter" a Puzzle.

The shoplifter is often the puzzle

to the matron of the Adams street

station. They come in great numbers

of her well-to-do neighbors, to the

secreted some seemingly useless trifle

One woman, faultlessly gowned and

ing, who offered \$500 not to be made

to sleep in a cell had been arrested

for taking three pairs of 69-cent

gloves. She was indignant at her ar-

rest, but she didn't deny the theft,

merely offered to pay for the gloves.

periences at the Adams street sta-

These are the ordinary happenings

a second and a third.

Intexication is the usual charge a favorite in the station and with the mitted to some institution. Drink had bow in abject slavery to the taste of a laundry. upon which the woman prisoner is judges. After one of her last visits made terrible ravages in the woman's whisky. Sometimes she would plead committed, with occasional charges to the police station Maggie pleaded appearance, and when the effects of with the matron to go and intercede of theft, of assault, an attempted sui- penitence to the judge and promised the whisky began to wear off she sat with her husband and promise better cide and now and then a woman whose to walk the straight and narrow path in her cell clinging with her thin things, and many a time has Mrs. Cox hands have committed some bigger in the future if the judge would let hands to the bars and begging piti- gone with the plea. Always it was crime, homicide or infanitcide, her go. So the magistrate did give fully for drink. Toward dawn the granted and the same result would Whatever the charge, they all pass her the chance, threatening dire con- woman collapsed and a hurry call follow and "the lady" would be back



gie was brought into the station time to kneel at her side and begin house with her usual hilarity, but his work before death closed upon gorgeously arrayed. She made no her. apologies for her downfall, but ex-Woman's Pitiful Story. plained that when she went from the station house the day before she had found a letter from her sister contain- the cell during the night she had told that Mrs. Boylan recalls from her ex

appointment of a young

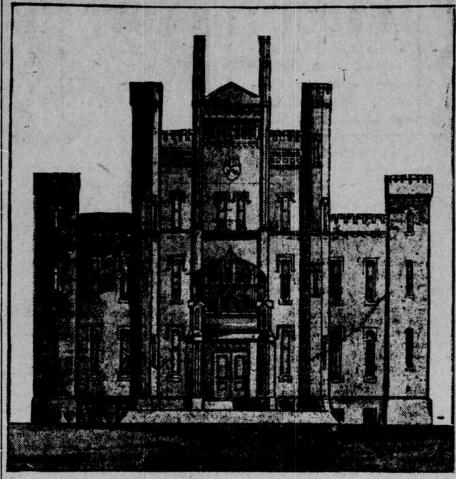
While the woman lay trembling in That was a case out of many such ing \$15. She took \$7 of it and bought her story to the woman outside the a new skirt, a new shirt waist and an bars, of how the craving had grown tion, one of the things no one can exenormous brass chain; with the other upon her little by little until she lost plain. They call it kleptomania with \$8 she went to a saloon to come out all power over herself. At 23 she was the rich and thievery with the poor, minus the money and in the custody a hopeless wreck. The closing act who, at least, have the prick of necesof a policeman. Once during one of of the little tragedy was when the sity to lend palliation to their guilt. With some of the prisoners the ma- her visits to the station Magige grew mother came from her home in the trons become old friends, for they despondent. She thought of her two country, near New York, and insisted in the life of the police matron. Their almost make the station house their daughters who are placed in a Cath- on seeing the place where her girl had days and nights are a ceaseless round regular dwelling place. One of Mrs. olic home, safe from her influence, died. The matron begged and pleaded of watching the intoxicated, of stand-Cox's old-timers is an Irish woman, and she began to brood. She got hold with her not to look at the cell; that it ing by to keep the suicide from her named Maggie, whom everybody in of a string and decided to choke her- would be something she could never intention, of dressing the woman with the station house knows. She has self with it. To make the thing more forget, but the mother demanded to delirium tremens, who tears her been a habitue of station houses for 15 effective she called to Mrs. Cox to see it, and as soon as she looked into clothes to shreds in the night, of hear years, and the matrons and sergeants tell her what she was going to do. the bare place, fell in a collapse, and ing over and over the stories of get so they look for her and almost The matron was used to Maggie, how- an ambulance had to be called to care wretchedness and misery and depray-

New York with her that the great actress who feels the character can ever forget. We talk a great deal about the future of dramatic art in America. thought of studying We read a great deal about the mushroom growth of stars who leap great artists is to have into popularity in a month. We listen to burning criticisms from her ideals shattered by French writers on the comparison of the highly educated and wellthe persistent "guying" trained actresses of the French stage with those of America. Dramatic which goes on in the clubs and managers themselves talk on the need of sincerity in the young actress, who must take her art seriously, yet what more fatal I have often wondered what thoughts pass through the minds of blow can there be to the art of the future than having the budding

It is a duty not only to dramatic art itself and to the devotees of In musical comedy such a thing is a part of the fun, and we can the drama who seek inspiration from the fountain heads of acting but

Actors and actresses who have attained greatness owe something Of course the actors and actresses do not think for a moment that to the future of the profession they adorn. If instead of writing ar-

PLAN OF PRIVATE PRISON FOR WHICH LOUIS A. GOURDAIN HAS BROKEN GROUND. Brings Loss to Roadhouse Man and He



Louis A. Gourdain was the central figure the other morning in a peculiar little ceremony just outside the walls of the Joliet penitentiary. It was the ground-breaking for Gourdain's own private four-story prison, in which he intends, as he says, to serve out the term of four years and a half to which he was sentenced by the United States court for running a lottery game. The exterior of the "prison," which is to cost \$70,000, will present an aspect as itself so that there was first a visit to the police station, and after the first cording to the plans, will be a combination of modern home comfort and institutional plainness. The exterior will rival an ancient bastile for loopholes and parapets, and the interior, or at least a part of it, will be luxuriantly appointed. There is to be a living-room and dining-room for Gourdain and a of government female prisoners, and similar provision for the private warden whom Gourdain will install An Gen. Cecil Clay, special agent of the elaborately furnished workshop, where Gourdain says he will toil from day to day, and a cell of up-to-date structure are also provided for in the plans. and such a spirit of fun that in spite Her husband had got out a warrant than milk or sweet cider, began to be- There will also be a reception-room for women and a library, and in the baseof her waywardness Maggie is rather for her and wanted to have her come used to the walls of a cell and to ment will be an office room for the "warden," a boiler-room, a dining-room and

QUEER MARRIAGE PACT

sailing upon the sea of matrimony, al- sonal property as well as real. though both are, comparatively speak- "And we hereby bind ourselves to penitentiaries, in states where their ing, rich. Twice each had been mar- the faithful performance of the fol- crimes have been committed and are

ried and twice divorced. When, therefore, seeking a consola- lies: tion prize, Harding asked Mrs. Engel- "Isaiah F. Harding, party of the first 50 cents a day and it is thought they brecht to be his, extreme caution at part, agrees that Isabella Engelbrecht, can be more cheaply and satisfactoritended her affirmative response. "We'd party of the second part, shall, upon ly confined if in a government institubetter lay down some rules to go by," her wedding to him, the party of tion.

last stages of the disease. She wanted she said, and Harding agreed. to say goodby and to offer thanks for One day not long ago a 14-year old anything quite like it.

girl brought in a dirty little baby and | It arranges for almost every possisaid the child was lost. The baby ble contingency that may arise in the spent the afternoon peaceably sleep wedded life of two people.

ing on the big quilt the matrons keep | The contract plainly sets forth who for the purpose, and about five o'clock shall build the fires, when the husband of \$15 per week shall be increased a man came in and asked the matron: may bring home guests to meals, when the relatives of each shall visit them, furnish domestic help and to assist The matron assured him that she how the money is to be divided, how her in this she shall be allowed the tions without being scowled at-and body. The baby was properly identi- ever fixes a limit to the number of fied and the man started off with it, possible future Hardings.

complacently, when the matron asked By observing in minutest detail the where his wife was that she had left terms of this remarkable document the child uncalled for all afternoon. Harding and his third wife have al-She had gone out, the man answered, ready enjoyed two months of life toand she had telephoned to him at his gether without a cloud appearing in place of work over in Manhattan to their matrimonial sky. The contract call at the police station on his way provides:

home to get the babe. The man was "That we, by the terms of this was not to send her baby to the police even fixes a limit to the number of part, do hereby bind ourselves by from the poor, shabby woman, who has stolen a few pairs of socks, or a little frock for her baby, whom she longs to have dressed like the babies shall be in force, to wit: From the enant. woman of apparent wealth, who has said third day of May, A. D. 1906, unof 15 years. of undoubted culture and good breed-

between said Isaiah F. Harding, party shall pay ice and gas expenses. Furof the first part, and said Isabella En- thermore, it shall be the privilege of aforesaid described we or either of us of which, if the parties reside in the either of us the said same union shall the first part. be terminated by either party without further formality; providing that, if part shall escort and accompany the at any time during the period above party of the second part to church in set forth, either should wish to relin- the morning and again in the evenquish the bonds of matrimony such ac- ing should she desire it. tion shall not be taken except with due process of law.

to this effect shall be duly signed, science."

Des Moines.-Isaiah F. Harding and | transferred and recorded upon the Mrs. Isabella Engelbrecht of Dallas completion of this covenant. And this than 200 female prisoners held for county, Iowa, had not found smooth shall be regarded as applying to per- violation of the federal laws. These

lowing stipulations, as far as within us being paid for out of funds set aside

the first part, receive each week At one time it was planned to con-The result was the most remarkable the sum of \$15 with which to fine all female lawbreakers in one lawyers say they have never seen first part, shall furnish fuel and wa- it was not thought this would be a

> "It is expressly understood that detrimental to discipline. from this union shall come not more than three children. Upon the birth of each or any child the above amount three dollars per week.

"The party of the second part shall months of the year.

his wife wanted to go shopping she May, A. D. 1906, between Isaiah Hard-permission of the other, and then not oftener than twice per week; relatives to American standards. ing, of the county of Dallas and state shall not be allowed to visit the famof lowa, party of the first part, and ily, except that relatives of the party also reduced by the general order in Isabella Engelbrecht, of the county of of the first part shall be permitted to proportion to the height. Recruits Polk and state of Iowa, of the second visit the home at any time within five feet two inches tall are required the first two weeks of the month of to have a chest measurement of 32 this covenant to carry out entire and May; relatives of the party of the inches at expiration and mobility of in detail the terms of this solemn ob- second part within the last two weeks the chest amounting to two inches. ligation so that we, as man and wife, of the month of October. This shall One hundred and twenty-four pounds may dwell together in peace and har- not relate in any way to the children is fixed as the minimum weight for mony so long as this said covenant of either of the parties of this cov- this height.

> "If the parties to this covenant shall til the third day of May, 1821, a period remove to the city to live it is agreed that in addition to the costs men-"It is hereby agreed and stipulated toined above party of the first part gelbrecht, party of the second part, the party of the second part to attend that if at the end of the fifteen years two social functions each week, one shall have cause to believe that such city, shall be the theater, and this exunion is not for the best interests of pense shall be borne by the party of

"Each Sunday the party of the first

"Party of the first part shall keep up the house insurance, keep the We hereby agree that we shall premises in good condition, furnish at iointly and severally settle upon the all times respectable conveyance to children of each by former marriage and from town, see that both himself one-half of the estate of each, the said and wife are properly clothed, take one-half of the estate of the party of an active part in any civic or rural imthe first part to be settled upon his provement, and assist in any political children and the said one-half of the movement for the general good. It is estate of the party of the second part expressly declared that he shall vote upon her children. Deeds and papers according to the dictates of his con-

Darlamenthemorphism and manufactured to the party of the

REMOVES SNAKE'S APPENDIX.

Big Rattler Undergoes Operation, but Dies Later.

New York.-First of his kind to go ander the knife for such an operation, Pete, a big rattlesnake in the snake house in the zoological garden in bronx park, had his appendix removed, but died later. The operation was performed by Dr. C. William Bebe and Raymond L. Ditmar, one of the cura-

tors at the "zoo. Pete, in all the glory of his eightfoot body, had been a favorite of visitors at the snake house since he was ida. He was also a pet of the keep-

Noticing a curve in the snake's back, extending from the head about had to—a mosquito had alighted on three-quarters of the length of the body, an attendant touched the reptile with a stick.

Pete wriggled away, showing that it was a very tender place, and for the rest of the day refused to allow?

anaesthetic was applied, and Dr. Bebe opened the reptile's back. He then saw that the appendix was swollen and inflamed. The cause of Pete's suffering was not evident. He had appendicitis, and, moreover, it was the first

case of the kind on record. When the appendix was opened a large piece of rabbit's fur was found. war in the future. Pete came out of his stupor after his back had been sewed up, and it was said that the operation had been successful, but Pete died.

Justifiable Assault.

Her partner stopped short in the aiddle of the dance in the pavilion and gave the girl a slap on the shoulder that came near felling her.

"I was sorry to have to do it." he explained, as they waltzed on, "but I you. You'd have been disabled by morning if he had got in his work."

Judge for Yourself.
"Do you think Snagsby is who appreciates a favor?" "Well, I just lent him five dollars and he kicked because it was in small PARROT IS TOO TALENTED.

Gives It Away.

New York .- Joseph Murphy, proprietor of a roadhouse in the Bronx, is said by veracious citizens of the vicinity to have suffered financial loss through the misplaced intellectual efforts of his green parrot Jemimah. The bird had to be disposed of because it ordered too many drinks at Mr. Murphy's bar.

According to neighborhood report, and Mr. Murphy reluctantly confirms the tale, a parrot pronounced to be bright and quick to learn was given to Mr. Murphy. The bird, which was hung on the veranda where the thirsty are served, made good his reputation by learning the names of the drinks the waiters called through the open windows to the professor behind the mahogany. The wise bird could distinguish a horse's neck from a mint julep within three weeks.

It was when Jemimah began to call out the order for drinks on her own hook that trouble began, "Scotch highball and two up," Jemimah would exclaim in the midst of a hurry of orders. The bartender would set out the drinks, ring up the check, then find that it was "on the house." This grew monotonous and so Murphy gave the bird to a friend whose wife is a member of the local Woman's Christian Temperance union.

PLAN FEDERAL FEMALE PRISON.

Government May Rally All in One Great Institution.

Leavenworth, Kan.-It is the plan of the department of justice to build here within a short time a prison to: be devoted entirely to the keeping department, and Architect T. C. Young, of St. Louis, who are at the United States penitentiary making an inspection, are said to be looking over the land of this prison for a site. If one is built it will be directly west of this immense institution, and, perhaps, under the same head, but this has not been decided.

The government has in all no less are confined for the most part in state for this purpose. The cost is about

nuptial contract ever drawn in Iowa defray the household expenses, but it cellhouse of the federal penitentiary and, perhaps in the world. Veteran is understood that he, the party of the here, but this has been changed, as suitable arrangement and would be

NO BAN ON SMALL SOLDIERS.

Government Lowers the Standard to Admit Porto Ricans.

Washington.-Concession to the financial output of poultry and one slight stature of the Porto Ricans is cow from the farm herd. But if made in a general order just issued for any reason it shall be found neces- by the general staff of the army prosary to dispense with domestic help, viding that five feet two inches shall then it shall be the duty of the hus- be the minimum height of men admitband to build the fires and prepare ted to the Porto Rican provisional regthe morning meals for six months iment. Heretofore the minimum throughout the winter and for the wife height for the insular regiment has to build the fires and prepare the been five feet five inches, which is morning meals for the remaining six the height required for admission to the regular army in the United States "Neither party shall invite guests The new order does not extend to offitold very plainly that the next time agreement, made this third day of to the house, except with the express cers of the Porto Rican regiments, who will still be required to come up

Other minimum measurements are

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS GROW.

Interstate Commerce Commission Re ports Increase in Casualties.

Washington. - Eighteen thousand persons were killed, crippled and otherwise injured in railroad accidents during the period ending March 31 1906. These are the figures given out in the quarterly casualty report of the interstate commerce commission. They show that 17 more were killed in the first quarter of 1906 than in the last period of 1905 and that 52 more were injured. The report severely: criticises the careless American dis-regard of human life and urges the substitution of electricity for men in the management and control of trains. Of the total number of casualties during the period covered by the report 1,126 were killed and 17,170 in

These were caused by 3,490 accidents, including 1,921 collisions and 1,569 derailments. The money damage amounted to \$2,924,785.

MILES PREDICTS WORLD WAR.

Former Army Head Declares Panama

Canal Will Bring Conflict. Philadelphia.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles.

former commander in chief of the United States army, said that the opening of the Panama canal would. in his opinion, be a step toward a "If war does come," he said, "It

will be a struggle for supremacy between the United States and the powers of the world.

Gen. Miles admitted that the struggle he foresees will not come some time. But it is certain sooner or later as the clash of commerce becomes keener. In such a war the United States would have to struggle single-handed against the world. An increased army and navy would not avail much, he says. South American trade is the bone over which the powers will contend and the canal's open ing will force us into the arena.

Squire-I want you to drag my

Stage Guying as. a Prevalent Evil

By EVELYN VAUGHN. Leading Lady in "The College Widow."

best theaters.

the audience who pay good money in the hope of receiving a genuine actresses and actors come face to face with the distorting and slighting dramatic treat, when they see the artist and her support effectually of art by the very idols of the stage themselves? ruin a play by this guying system.

overlook it, but when dramatic art is belittled by the frivolous conduct to culture and the general intelligence as well to eliminate this guying or indifference of actors more harm is being done than the mere dis- system. gusting of a one night's audience.

the audience is aware of their smiles and guying-at least I cannot be- ticles or decrying in print the anaemic condition of the dramatic art of lieve they would voluntarily ruin a play-yet I am quite sure that the to-day they would endeavor to stimulate it, American dramatic art average audience which cares to witness a high-class production has would receive its best incentive.

The bitterest dis- enough intelligence to detect a false ring to the interpretation of roles. It is sometimes offered in explanation that an actress has played actress who comes to a part so often that she has become mechanical, but I cannot believe

mind enthused over the

anyone to come near him.