### Brownsville Incident an Offset to the Booker Washington Luncheon-Pendulum Swings Back as the Re

sult of Dismissal.

WASHINGTON-The president's determination to dismiss with dishonor from the army of the United States three companies of the Twenty-fifth infantry (colored) because of the "shooting up" of the town of Brownsville, Tex., wherein one man was killed and several persons seriously wounded, has created more discussion than any one act of Theodore Roosevelt since he has

been president of the United States. That the pendulum will swing back Is a truism which particularly fits the case of the colored troops of the Twenty-fifth infantry. Time was when the south looked upon Theodore Roosevelt, by reason of his entertaining at luncheon the famous negro educator, Booker Washington, as everything that was unfit and unholy. The north, and particularly the New England section, applauded the president's breadness of view and saw in the Booker Washington incident a personal and vital exemplification of the Declaration of Independence, that "all men are created free and equal." The pendulum now swings back. The south is hysterical in praise of the actions of the president in dismissing from the service the three companies whose men are supposed to have engaged in the riot at Brownsville. But where New England and the north complimented the president in entertaining the first negro educator of the land at the white house, they are now found grilling the action of the president, and have even gone so far as to raise the question whether the constitution gives the president the power to summarily dismiss 165 men comprising the three companies of the Twenty-fifth infantry from the service

ice. Two distinct camps have sprung up in the War department growing out White, for the supreme court of the of the episode and the discussion has waged furiously, not only in the War department, but in the clubs and lobbies of the hotels. Tariff revisions, the amendment of the rate law, ship subsidy and other extremely important legislation have been completely pushed aside for the dismissal of the three colored companies, and out of the discussion there is every reason to believe a congressional investigation will result.

of the United States and forever refus-

ing them the right to re-enter the serv-

### WIFE TO PAY DEBTS.

#### That Is What Count Castellane Would Like Done.

Boni de Castellane will appeal from sail and steam after 16 months' vain the divorce decision. His final de effort to reach the pole. Though not cision depends upon the outcome of entirely successful, the expedition nevthat the debts are not jointly the north latitude. count's and countess's, but the count's alone, the count may appeal from most immediately after the steamer citizen. In considering the trying posel property and 23 lives. The barge Ditte's divorce decree. If the court holds the count jointly responsible, the countess will have to satisfy the cred-Itors herself, thereby letting the count out. That will satisfy the count, who does not care to face the future with a colossal load of debt on his shoulders.

### DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN OHIO.

#### Mr. and Mrs. James Scott Mitchell of Salem, Mass., Commit Suicide.

TOLEDO, O .- Mr. and Mrs. James found dead in bed at a rooming house at Bellevue, east of here. When their room was entered a strong odor of formaldehyde gas was noticed. Coroner Vermilya rendered a verdict of double suicide. Later investigation, however. revealed facts which, it is said, tended to show that Mitchell drugged his wife and caused her death and then committed suicide by the same means.

### Weathly Farmer Killed.

PAOLA. KAS.-Eugene Vohs. wealthy farmer, 62 years old, who lived near Louisburg, was shot to death within a short distance of his home as he was returning from Louisburg. His wife heard the shot and found the body of her husband lying at the bottom of his wagon. There was a bullet hole behind his ear. Carl Baker, 20 years old, was arrested and held on suspicion. No motive for the murder is known.

Evangelist Killed. COLMUBUS - Miss Josie Hewitt, aged 40, an evangelist of Darbyville, O., was killed by an interurban electric car striking a carriage in which she was riding at Linden.

### Death of Major Markland. MAYSVILLE, Ky.-Major M. W. Markland, died at the Elks' home. He

### was born in this city October 5, 1838. to extend. Hits Dance and Saloon

DES MOINES-Archbishop Keane of Dubuque has announced he will call all his priests into conference and issue an order that no absolution shall be extended to any young woman who at his home Friday. tends a public dance. Further than this he will advise against extending absolution to parents who knowingly permit these public dance halls. He says that any man who seeks political advancement through a canvass for the instantly killed William Goff, the support of the saloon element is unfit

#### for public office. Deal for Rubber Fields.

MEXICO-According to the Herald the Continental Rubber company has just closed a deal for the purchase of the Sabras hacienda and adjacent property belonging to the Penna brothers of Torreon. The purchase price of the Sabras hacienda is said to be \$5. 000,000 and the price of the other brings the total price to about \$6,500. 000. The Sabras property consists of 2.000,000 acres, all of which contains guayule shrub. The shrub is also found on the other property purchased

INTERRED AT PHILADELPHIA. Cody of Great Patriot Placed Beside Wife in Presence of Distin-

guished Gathering.

REMAINS OF JAMES WILSON RE-

Philadelphia. - In the presence of a distinguished company which included a member of President Roosevelt's cabinet, justices of the United States supreme court, the governor of Pennsylvania and other citizens, the body of James Wilson, one of the great figures in the American revolution, which lay in a North Carolina grave for 108 years, was Thursday placed by the side of that of his wife in the burial ground of historic Christ church. The ceremonies attending the re-interment were simple but impressive and were conducted according to the rights of the Protes-

tant Episcopal church. The body of the great patriot was disinterred from its grave at Edenton, N. C., Tuesday, and was conveyed to this city on the gunboat Dubuque. Prior to the services at Christ church. the remains lay in state in the Declaration room in Independence Hall where thousands of persons filed past the bier. The body was escorted from Independence Hall to Christ church by a troop of Philadelphia cavalry, and Justices Fuller, Day, Holmes and White, of the United States supreme court, of which tribunal Wilson was one of the first members, acted as honorary pall-bearers. On the way to the church the procession passed the grave of Benjamin Franklin where it halted and stood in silence for a moment.

Following the services for the dead, tributes to the patriot were delivered by Samuel Dickson, chancellor of the law association of Philadelphia, for the bar of Pennsylvania; Gov. Pennypacker, for the people of Pennsylvania; Dean Wm. Draper-Lewis, for the University of Pennsylvania; Judge Alton B. Parker, for the American bar; Andrew Carnegie, as lord rector of St. Andrews University for Scotch-Americans, Wilson having been a native of Scotland; Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, for American literature; Justice United States; Attorney General Moody for the president, the tribute of the American people, and Attorney General Hampton L. Carson, of Pennsylvania, who delivered the oration.

#### PEARY ARRIVES AT SYDNEY. Explorer Reaches Port After Long Search for Pole.

Sydney, C. B .- Flying the flag of the United States, which had been placed nearer the north pole than any other national standard, and weather-beaten and disabled, the Peary arctic steamer PARIS-It is probable that Count Roosevelt arrived here Friday under

> Commander Peary came ashore alanchored and joined Mrs. Peary, who has been here for two weeks waiting for her husband's return.

Commander Peary is enthusiastic and jsutice will permit." about the performance of the steamer Roosevelt. Asked of the very advanced point to which he had been able to place the Roosevelt in winter quarters was due to careful and increased knowledge of the movements of the ice he said it was due to the Roosevelt herself. He did not believe could have stood the battle with the ice the Roosevelt had successfully Scott Mitchell of Salem, Mass., were fought. The boilers were the one defective feature of the ship.

### TO PROBE RISK COMPANIES.

Investigation of Action in Settling 'Frisco Quake Losses Ordered.

Washington. - Secretary Metcalf of the department of commerce and labor has directed the commissioner of corporations to make an investigation of the action of fire insurance companies in the settlement of claims for losses resulting from the earthquake and fire in San Francisco and other places in California. George E. Butler, of Ross, Cal., has been appointed special agent to conduct this investigation in California. Mr. Butler, is was stated, has had an experience of 38 years in the fire insurance business on the Pacific

#### Canada Ends Mail Compact. Washington. - As the result of

friction over publishers' privileges in the two countries, the Canadian government has notified this government that the postal convention between the two countries will be abrogated on May 7 next. The notice is accompanied by a statement that it is only in-so-far as it relates to second-

#### Former Illinois Speaker Dead. Freeport, Ill.-Edward L. Conkrite, at one time speaker of the Illinois house of representatives and widely

known in political and Masonic circles throughout the west, died suddenly at tleships Washington and Tennessee, made against him, and that he will go Hotel Robbers Kill Two.

### Arkansas City, Ark.—Early Friday wo masked men in an attempt to hold up the St. Charles hotel here, shot and night clerk, and S. A. Halpin, an

Vanderbilt Beats Carlisle. Nashville, Tenn.-In a fierce gridron battle on Dudley field Thursday. Vanderbilt defeated the Indians from Carlisle by a score of 4 to 0. Bob Blake, for Vanderbilt, kicked a goal from the 17-yard line.

Fire in a Washington Town. Bellingham, Wash.-Fire that broke out in the Nooksack hotel at Nooksack City early Thursday destroyed the hotel and seven business buildings. Loss estimated at

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR BONI.



# PROPHET FINED

PRESIDENT SMITH GUILTY OF UNLAWFUL COHABITATION.

#### Is Sentenced to Pay \$300 After Explaining His Plural Marriage Relations.

Salt Lake City.-Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon church Friday afternoon appeared in the district court before Judge Ritchie and pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful cohabitation, and a fine of \$300 was imposed

The charge under which the Morman prophet was arrested and fined was based on the recent birth of President Smith's forty-third child, born to his fifth wife.

President Smith addressed the court. He stated that his last marriage was in 1884. All his marriages, he said, were entered into with the sanction of his church, and, as they believed, with the approval of the Lord. According to his faith and the law of the church they were eternal in duration. He concluded:

"When I accepted the manifesto issued by President Wilford Woodruff I did not understand that I would be expected to abandon and discard my wives. Knowing the sacred covenants and obligations which I had assumed by reason of these marriages. I have conscientiously tried to discharge the responsibilities attending one. I have never flaunted my family relations before the public, nor

tence of from one day to six months, her. which he might have imposed under the Utah statute.

## there was ever another ship afloat Railways of Northwest Cannot Handle the Grain.

T. Jamme, secretary of the Minneapolis chamber of commerce, the most evening. extraordinary grain supply condition ever known in the northwest is set 21,280,470 bushels.

It is a railroad proposition principally. The roads have not been able to pier in time were unavailing. handle the grain. Many lines of country elevators are choked with wheat. and grain lies in great piles on the open ground at many stations.

### Finds Cooperation a Failure. Madison, Wis. - The report of Commissioner J. D. Beck, of the Wisconsin bureau of labor and statistics, contain a thorough study of cothe business has been almost a complete failure.

Negro Troops Must Go. Washington. - Secretary his stand.

### President Sails for Home. Washington.-The navy department ship Louisiana with President Roose-

Thursday for Hampton roads.

Carl Lenk, Toledo, Dies. Toledo, O.-Carl Lenk, prominent and well-known as one of Toledo's oldest business men, died here Thursday years old.

#### Burn Bacon to Keep Warm. Carlsbad, N. W. - The fuel supply in this town is exhausted and people have been forced to burn bacon to keep from freezing. Schools have the cold. The snow is a foot deep in town and two feet on the range.

Blarne Rests on Dead Man. Seattle, Wash.—Testimony taken by the marine inspection shows that Mate

# GIANT SWINDLE IS BARED.

Federal Officials Uncover Gang of Fake Promoters.

Chicago. - The federal authorities Tuesday unearthed what is described by them as one of the ever brought under the notice of the postal inspectors. Headed by Thomas D. Daniels, said to be a son of an exaccording to the confession of Daniels, has been maintaining magnificent offices and pseudo corporations in Francisco and New Orleans, and the inspectors believe that branches will be found in many other cities.

Daniels, who has been going under the name of Thomas E. Cameron and Ralph Bird, which put the authorities on the trail of offenders all over the country. As a result of the confession nine men were arrested in Chicago and one in Joliet.

Five concerns with high-sounding arrests are expected. The operations hers of the band are said to have fleeced thousands of victims.

### MANY DIE IN LAKE STORM.

#### them, without being offensive to any Twenty-Three Lives and Several Vessels Lost.

always desired to be a law-abiding great lakes caused a heavy loss to vessition in which I have been placed, Resolution sank off Toronto and six I trust that your honor will exercise men were drowned. The barge Athsuch leniency in your sentence as law ens is probably lost off Sandusky, O., with eight men. All hope for the Ath-Judge Ritchie imposed the maxi- ens, however, has not been abandoned mum fine, but omitted the jail sen- and tugs are scouring Lake Erie for

Chicago. - Driven miles out of its course by the mile-a-minute gale which raged over the lake, the steam-WHEAT PILED ON THE GROUND ship Frontenac of the Graham & Morton line, a small steamer plying between Chicago and St. Joseph, Mich., was buffeted about on the high sea for almost 20 hours, until it was finally Minneapolis, Minn .- In a special driven into the harbor at Racine, Wis., statement prepared in the office of L. at 7 o'clock Thursday. The steamer was due in St. Joseph Wednesday

Grand Rapids, Mich. - Four men who were caught by Wednesday forth in detail. Minneapolis, on the night's storm on the crib work crop movement to date is behind 12. of the new breakwater at the 798.390 bushels of wheat compared entrance to Holland harbor on Lake with a year ago, and in receipts of Michigan, were drowned. Desperate grain of all kinds is short no less than attempts were made by the life savers when it was learned that the men were caught, but efforts to reach the

#### Caruso Guilty; Fined \$10. New York.-Enrico Caruso, the famous grand opera tenor, was found guilty of having annoyed women at the zoological garden in Central park He was fined \$10 by Magistrate Baker. Caruso's counsel immediately an nounced that they would appeal. The appeal will take the form of a writ of operation business in the United certiorari, directing a review of the States. The conclusion is reached that case by the court of special sessions.

Killed in Automobile Collision. Philadelphia.-Ernest D. Keeler, of New York, demonstrator and profes Taft's sional driver of racing automobiles, hands are off in the matter of the dis- was killed and Henry Lutton, of Col charge of three negro companies of wyn, Pa., was dangerously hurt in a the Twenty-fifth infantry. He has re- collision Friday while trying out rac charges and has received a telegram track, preparatory to the Quaker City class matter that this action is desired from the president declining to change Motor club cup races. Keeler was from Lansing, Mich.

#### Mayor Schmitz Denies Charge. New York.-Mayor Schmitz, of San was advised Thursday that the battle- Francisco, who arrived here Friday on the steamship Patricia, said there was velt aboard, and convoyed by the bat- absolutely no truth in the charges sailed from Ponce, Porto Rico, early to San Francisco and court the fullest

Schmitz was made. To Hold Panpacific Exposition. Honolulu. - The promotion committee has arranged to hold a Panafter a lingering illness. He was 71 pacific exposition in this city next year.

inquiry. No attempt to arrest Mr.

#### Shoots Teachers in Revenge. Punxsutawney, Pa.—Because teacher refused to grant him permis sion to go hunting, James Dougherty, Jr., 16 years old, shot and seriously been dismissed in consequence of wounded Prof. J. E. Kohler, principal, and Meade Snyder, his assistant.

Actress Critically III. New York .- Jennie Yeamans, the actress, daughter of Annie Yeamans, the veteran player, is lying at the Ho Dennison was to blame for the loss of tel Girard critically ill. It is stated the steamer Dix. He was among the that Miss Yeamans has galloping con sumption and cannot long survive.

## ON FATHER'S FARM

MAN OF MILLIONS HAS BUILT SPLENDID PALACE.

Magnificent Private Estate Created Out of Tract Where in His Youth He Toiled Hard in Semi-Poverty.

In Morris county, New Jersey, resides a man of great wealth, whose fortune is born of industrial life insurance, and his splendid home is founded upon the tract where in his youth he drove the plow and herded his father's cows. In business life he is the next man to United States Senator Dryden; in a social way he is just the farmer's boy grown up. But as business opportunities opened up in his career, he carried along his farm with them, and next to Dryden no man in New Jersey has a more splendid estate. It is situated in the borough of Florham Park, near Madison, and embraces some 5,000 acres. Part of it was his father's farm and if his paternal relative were to wake catch that pipe equally well with the place on which he toiled so hard to make a bare living, and on which his life insurance son has spent millions.

The private roads that run through 231/4 miles of them. They lead through forests, which in their original form were wildernesses, but by the Midas' through or by them, and its tributary waters are held in check to make ord of the bull's-eyes I make. New York, Chicago, Milwaukee, San Morristown, Summit and Bernards- the pipe in a fervent embrace. ville. 10 miles distant.

conducting a brokerage agency in Mil- boy coming home from the life insur- and not feel the heated pipe. Some waukee, made a complete confession ance building daily drives through the one took the pad down one day. to United States District Attorney old cornfield, which is now a garden, didn't know it and leaned as usual. Butterfield and Post Office Inspector to a splendid big house where liveried A few minutes later one of the neighservants meet him and bow to him on bors sent out for a policeman. the very spot where he used to wash his hands in a trough. There is no il- little amusement come around my lustration more marked of sudden way. You don't have to go into the which has such loyalty to its place of listen." names are caught in the net, which origin. Dr. Ward took a practitioner's has been spread for weeks, and more | degree in medicine; that is, he was licensed to cure if he could, and paof the band have extended to all tients came to him. He found the ac- ell, which, you know, comes February parts of the United States. The mem- quirement of patients difficult and 22, the same as Washington's, rea highly professional task, but as the from which one may look at the face

it. So, as fortune came to him, he giant man. It is well called "The Old has built up on the old homestead one Man of the Mountains." When Mr. of the finest private estates in New Lowell went there for the first time, the creditors' case. If the court holds ertheless got to 87 degrees 6 minutes have I felt a spirit of defiance against below in the united States, he stopped at a saw mill to ask a the law, but, on the contrary, I have Wednesday night and Thursday on the and all of it resting on the trifle called workman from what point the "Old wanted. It was Tom's razor—to sharpindustrial life insurance.

### Saw Chance For Business. Captain Homer W. Hedge, president

of the Aero club, said in Pittsburg apropos of a very dangerous balloon descent: "This reminds me of a visit that

was paid to the aeronautical editor of a certain newspaper by a solemn man in black.

"The new Aero club is doing well, believe?" the visitor began. "'Yes,' said the editor. 'We have

already ninety niembers.' 'Good! And ascensions will scon g.n. eh? 'They will begin within the week.'

"'Now, sir,' said the man in black, I will pay you one dollar a line if you will write in your 'answers to correspondents' column that the quickest and best way to descend in a balloon is to bore a hole in the gas bag.' "The editor shook his head.

"'It's a liberal offer,' he said, 'but I'm afraid we can't accept it.' "The man in black sighed. 'I am

sorry,' he said, and he walked out. "'Who is that man?' asked a stenographer, looking up from his desk. 'That,' the editor replied, is our new coroner. He is paid by the job."

### Same Old Story. It was the vacation rush in the bag-

gage room of the big depot. Suddenly, without warning, there was an explosion that shook the building "The trunk of an anarchist with

bomb in it!" shouted the depot detective. "Russian Nihilists!" echoed a man in the crowd.

"The Black Hand!" added a third. But just then a meek little man

pushed his way through the crowd and picked up the fragments of a hinge. her if she forced anything else in that scinded his order to delay the dis- ing cars on the Point Breeze race trunk the wohle top would blow off. and made a run for her. I arrived just But a man can't tell a woman anything when she is packing."

Tenderly they lifted the poo 'smasher" from the floor and picked from his anatomy one toothbrush handle, one curling iron, a soap dish and a belt buckle.

### Wheeler Saw the Point.

Charles Nutting, an old inhabitant of Jaffrey, N. H., but long since dead. once went into the saloon kept by Henry Wheeler, better known as "Hen" Wheeler, in Rindge. "Hen" had once kept a tavern in Jaffrey, and of course was acquainted with Mr. Nutting.

Nutting called for whisky, and, noticing that the glasses were rather small, asked: "How long have you had these glasses, Hen?" "Hen" replied: "Let's see; it's nigh onto 20 years since I bought those-

when I used to keep tavern over in Jaffrey." "Well," said Nutting, "they're rather small for their age."

### "Have another glass, Charles; have another glass," rejoined "Hen."

#### A Debater. "Is that friend of yours a great de-

ater?" "He is," answered Senator Sorghum. "in the kind of an argument where oney talks.'

### HIS PIPE-HITTING ACT.

Feat Which Most Flat Dwellers Perform at Times.

"It will soon be the season for me to hit the pipe," said Dobson as he came out of the theater into the cool night air, to a New York Press writer. "You don't mean dope!" said his companion in alarm.

"Worse than that. I mean the steam pipe. The one that runs from floor to ceiling in the bathrooms of the average flat. If my pipe-hitting specialty could be dramatized I'd He had put on his hat and hurried out make a fortune, for I am an expert. | to meet the boys. The flat looked The performance generally takes as though a whirlwind had struck it place in the early morning hours, folsisted merely of leaning against the superheated conveyor of steam while she was a grass widow. Ah, that I swabbed my Apollo-like form. This was followed by a quick forward more weary nights of waiting for him movement, a howl of pain and a hand- to come home from the club. No more picked assortment of cuss words. But after a time I began to introduce variations, the most difficult of which was to step on the soap, slip and grasp at the pipe to preserve my balance. I got so that after a few trials I could from his last sleep he would not know either hand. That act always appeals to my wife, and she sheds real tears as she knocks at the door and asks me to remember that the children can hear me.

"There's a neat bit of comedy work this estate are macadam in construc- in my bending act. It consists of tion and are 40 feet wide. There are backing up within range of the pipe, then stooping over to pick up the towel which has fallen to the floor. The result is that I plunge forward touch of wealth are transformed into and swat the wall with my parks. The Passaic river flows head. I'm going to paint a target on the wall and keep rec-An lakes and ponds, which are stocked other neat variation of this feat is in largest organizations of swindlers with fish, and on whose surface a fleet drawing on my trousers and letting but when you've been in the habit of of small pleasure boats float. On the the bare foot shoot through the proper side of the old cow barn is reared a orifice and land on the pipe. That, clock tower 100 feet high, on whose however, is not so difficult as the one chief justice of New York, the band, summit is recorded time, facing the in which my foot gets caught when cardinal points of the compass and half through the trousers leg. I hop accented by a bell that chimes the around on the disengaged foot a few hours so that they are heard as far as times and usually wind up by clasping

"Once my wife tried to spoil my fun Fifty men are employed constantly by hanging some pad arrangement in on the estate, sometimes 100 and even front of the pipe. That was all right more. The old farm blossoms under for a time and the pad was so thick the touch of wealth, and the farmer I could lean against it while dressing

"Some morning when you want a wealth brought home, none at least house. Just stand on the corner and

#### A Lowell Anecdote.

The birthday of James Russell Lowsought employment from the newly minds us of an anecdote the poet used established insurance company as an to relate. Somewhere up in the White examiner. It was not a difficult nor mountains there is a certain spot company grew his fortunes grew with of a cliff and see the features of a Man" could be seen. "Dunno," answered the workman,

'never saw him." Mr. Lowell expressed surprise that

the man had never stepped out of his way to see such a sight which many people traveled a long way to see. Presently the workman asked: "Live

in Boston?" "Yes," answered Mr. Lowell.

"Good deal to see in Boston?" "Oh ves." was the renly. "Well, I should like to stand on Bunker hill," said the workman. You've stood there often, I reckon." Mr. Lowell had to confess that he

"Well, then, you see, mister," remarked the countryman, "that what folks can see almost any day they don't seem to care about seeing at all."-Milwaukee Star.

#### Many a Slip. "Hello, Newlywed! When did you get back from your wedding trip?"

"Yesterday. "Have a good time?"

"Yes, fine; only-"

"Only what?" "O. nothing." "Well, of course, if you don't want to tell me, all right. You know I'll

not repeat, but-' "Well, I don't mind telling you, but don't let it go any farther.' "Sure. I'll not." "Well, we did have a fine trip, as I

dent that temporarily marred the serenity of the journey. But you'll not repeat this?"

"Never in a thousand years." "Well, you know there are a lot of short tunnels and snowsheds between here and Denver. The first one caught me in the smoking compartment and we were out of it before I could get "Lucy's trunk!" he sighed. "I told to where my wife was sitting. But I was on the lookout for the next one

> in time to get one kiss before we shot out into daylight again." "Yes. Go on." "That's about all. It wasn't my wife had kissed."-Pacific Monthly.

## Eased His Conscience.

The doctor had told Farmer Chawhay that his hours were numbered. Then the good old man beckoned the physician to his side. "Doctor." he said. "there is some-

thin' I orter tell you afore I go." "Certainly," answered the doctor sympathetically.

"It's only this, doctor; I've been a sort of hippercrit for these last 20 years. 'All the women folks has give me credit for bein' so true to Sarah Ann's memory that I never marrit again, an' I've allowed 'em to think that was the reason. Truth is, them there 15 year I lived with Sarah Ann gimme all the experience in marrit life I wanted."-London Answers.

#### Wounded Pride. "Did you have a good time in

"Not very," answered Mr. Cumrox. You see, it kind of nettled mother and the girls to see me of so little consequence that I could go abroad with out being suspected of nursing a vestigation."-Washington Star.

# MATRIMONIAL JARS

**But Quickly Found Separation** Was Inconvenient, So Patched Up

There had quarreled-and parted vowing to meet no more. She had packed up her trunk and her dog and all the bric-a-brac and the sofa pillows -and gone, not home to mother, but back to her girlhood boarding house

As she rose wearily the next morn lowing the bath. At first the act con- ing after a sleepless night, she came gradually to the full realization that was a relief! No more quarrels, no -oh, well, she guessed she could earn her own spending money. She was free-free to do as she pleased. With that thought she started to dress. She pulled on her stockings and shoes. A glance at the latter convinced her that she had been neglecting herself. The toes were almost gray for want of polish

She pulled things out of her valise and the top of her trunk in a rapid search for shoe polish, when it suddenly occurred to her that she hadn't a drop of it. She never had had any, in fact. She always used Tom's.

Then she took out a nice clean shirtwaist and a smart stiff collar. She had struggled into the shirtwaist and buttoned it down the front, when she discovered, to her great dismay, that she hadn't such a thing as a collar button. She searched and searched: depending on a man for collar buttons for two years you get out of the habit of carrying them around with you. Impatiently she jerked the stiff shirtwaist off and looked for something else. She thought for a moment that she would put on her Peter Pan suit, but with a Peter Pan you have to wear a smart four-in-hand tie, and she had always used Tom's four-in-hands.

O, very well! She pulled out a dainty muslin waist with an attached collar and slipped her arms into it. Alas! it buttoned up the back. She struggled until she had fastened the two top buttons and then twisted round till her muscles ached to hitch the lower buttons. When she had worked herself into a dripping perspiration and nearly sprained her right wrist, there still remained two unfastened buttons at the acute angle of her back. They were the two Tom had always buttoned. She finished dressing with a horrible consciousness of her openwork back and wondered what time it was. Alas! she had forgotten to take the family clock. O, if Tom were only there with his watch. She'd write to Tom and ask him to send the clock. After 15 minutes' search she found the stub of a pencil somewhere at the bottom of her ribbon box. The pencil had no point. Vaguely she looked about. She knew there was something she en that pencil!

### MEANTIME

He turned over in bed the morning after the flight of his wife with a feeling of relief. No more nagging, no more questions when he staid out late. Gee! He was going to have the time of his life.

He started to pull on his boots, but found his feet were warm and the backs of the oxford ties stuck to his heels. He got up to look for a shoehorn, but he could not find one. Then it suddenly occurred to him that his wife had taken her sliver shoehorn with her. He got into the shoes as best he could and began to shave. When he finished he reached mechanically down in to a side drawer for the talcum powder and the powder puff.

They were gone! He went out into the kitchen and cut a piece of bread ready for toasting. The knife slipped and shaved a bit of flesh from his finger. When he had stopped the bleeding he went back into the dressing-room to look for some court plaster. Alas! that, too, had gone with the powder puff and the shoehorn, and the wife. He hunted high and low for some cold cream and a cotton rag with which to tie up his wounds, but she had taken the cold cream with her, and he

didn't know where she kept the rags. When he had finished a cold and lonely breakfast, he put on his coat said, although we met with an acci- and took his hat, prepared to start for town. Just then he noticed that a button was hanging to one thread to his coat. After he had looked the house over from garret to cellar for a needle and a piece of thread, he de-'cided that he would rather cut the button off. This was a good idea, but it took him five minutes more to discover that his wife's scissors were lost to him forever, and to find his jackknife and amputate the button. Just as he was starting out of the house a boy handed him a special delivery letter. It was written with an evidently pointless pencil and he had some difficulty in making out its scribbled words. They were:

"Dear Tom-I'm sorry to trouble you, but please send me the clock and your razor and the shoe polish and a collar button-and I'm sorry I said all those hateful things."

He wondered why his heart seemed to grow suddenly so much lighter, but he went inside and wrote this answer as quickly as he could:

"Dear Girl-Come back home and bring your powder puff and the scissors and the needles; have anything you want."-N. Y. Press.

### French Wealth.

The population of France is about 40,000,000; the wealth of France is nearly \$45,000,000. Robert F. Skinner, in some recent statistics, shows how evenly this wealth is distributed. The number of estates administered in 1904 was 394,787, and of these one-half were for values ranging from less than \$10,000 to a little under \$100,000. Only three were \$10,000,000.

### A Freak.

Botany may not recognize it, but it is nevertheless a fact that orange blossoms have been known to sproat. presidential boom or dodging an in from widows' weeds.-Evening Wis-