The beautiful young lady stood at the mouth of the cave in the mountain and addressed the ragged and long-haired hermit.

"So you are a real, live hermit! I have never seen a real hermit before, although I have read all about you many times. I suppose you had a very sad love affair in your youth and the loss of your beautiful sweetheart drove you to this wilderness to live alone. Was she so very beautiful? You have tomato cans filled with money hid in the ground, haven't you?"

'Not at all, not at all," interrupted the hermit. "I have no money buried -it is all in four per cent. government bonds. My first love affair was altogether too successful, and that's the real reason I'm here. You didn't see a square-built, red-headed woman on the trail looking for a husband, did you? It's about time I moved again, anyhow, since so many people are coming here. 'Tain't safe to stay."-

ASKING SMALL FAVOR.



"Papa, mamma says that if you're too lazy to do anything eise, will you please sit near the clothes closet and blow the smoke in, so as to kill the moths!"

Artificial Wants.

Many a one, for the sake of finery on the back, has gone with a hungry belly and half-starved their families. "Silk and satin scarlet and velvets." as Poor Richard says, "put out the kitchen fire." These are not the necessaries of life; they can scarcely be called the conveniences; and vet only because they look pretty, how many want to have them! The artificial wants of mankind thus become more numerous than the natural; and as Poor Dick says: "For one poor person, there are a hundred indigent."-Benjamin Franklin.

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His Record.

"Colonel," asked the beautiful girl, "did you ever ride a horse 90 miles in three days?"

"No," replied the veteran of two wars, "but I once ran 20 miles in about 30 minutes, which I think was going CURACAO, FORTS OF WILLEMSTAD sidering the fact that the underbrush was thick and I was in so much of a hurry that I forgot to throw away a knapsack that weighed nearly

A Fable, Perhaps.

When George Ade was coming from New Orleans last winter he noticed, among the race-track men on the train, one tan-shoed sheet writer with the largest feet he had ever seen.

And he furthermore testifies and affirms that the sheet writer, on rising in the morning, discovered that the reporter had shined one shoe and a suit-case.-Success Magazine.

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its harbor-lake these bloody sea-rovers sailed with rich cargoes captured from the ill-fated merchantmen that had fallen into their hands and the stores of gold and goods from plundered cities on the mainland. The place was safe from all pursuers and there the pirates divided their spoils and refitted for new raids. But in all the chronicles of the buccaneers there is little mention of Curacao, and no record of its ever having been attacked by them. From 1634, when the Hollanders apparently found it without an owner, the island was a Dutch possession. Thrifty merchants settled there, and it requires no stretch of the imagination to suppose that their immunity from raids was due to the excellent facilities they afforded the pirates for disposing of loot. The cities of the mainland and of a dozen islands of the Caribbean were repeatedly ravaged and burned and the inhabitants subjected to torture and massacre. But Curacao was unmolested, save for two ineffectual expeditions for its capture organized by the Spanish during European wars,

And the Curacao of to-day? Well, it hasn't changed greatly, save to accommodate itself to latter-day conditions. Rich cargoes still are unloaded at its wharves, but they are sent there in steamers by the merchants of Europe and America. Sober, peaceful Dutch Jews take the merchandise in hand, and a little later much of it is loaded into sloops and schooners which sail away for the mainland of Latin-America. Still later this same merchandise appears for sale on the counters of merchants in the cities of Colombia. Venezuela and Central America, at prices that preclude the supposition that it has passed through the custom houses and paid the heavy import du-

ties that are imposed in those countries. In a word, Curacao has become the headquarters for the smugglers of the Caribbean. Little is heard of this, for silence best serves the purposes of most of those concerned. A hint at the truth is met with the indignant denial of the shrewd folk of Willemstad. But the fact is well known to all who are familiar with trade in the

"Do you go to Caracas on your rounds?" I in-

nocently asked the representative of a great manufacturing house of St. Louis, whom I met on shipboard.

BROAD STREET, WILLEMSTAD

"No, indeed," he replied, with a laugh. What's the use? Their import dues are too high. I go to Willemstad and there sell all my goods for the Venezuelan market."

Two other commercial travelers who sat by laughed and winked and said nothing-and

all three left the steamer at Willemstad. Castro, who, while president of Venezuela, often tried, in the wrong way, to do the right thing for his country, attempted to break up this vast smuggling conspiracy. But his efforts resulted only in precipitating a bitter quarrel with Holland that barely missed becoming a real war, and in hastening his own downfall. His successor backed down as gracefully as possible, and much of Venezuela's imports are still being transshipped at Willemstad.

One other industry has Curacao that is of especial moment to her neighbors of the mainland. That is the manufacture of revolutions. The island is a favorite refuge for deposed presidents, defeated revolutionists and other refugees. They may always be found in the clean little cafes of the capital, concocting plots to regain lost power and awaiting the "psychological moment" for starting a new rising of the people against the 'tyrants." These "patriots" are always ready to talk volubly of their hopes and plans, and so Willemstad has become the great distributing point for sensational and unreliable news concerning our volatile sister republics.

Curação really is the top of an almost submerged volcano, like many other islands of the West Indies, and lies almost within sight of the coast of Venezuela. For many months at a stretch not a drop of rain falls there, and the whole island looks like a big bare brown and gray rock. Then comes a wet week, and grass and shrubbery spring up as by magic and clothe hill and valley in a mantle of green. But it is only grass and shrubbery, for there is not a tree on the island more than ten feet in height. The ancient crater has become a large, beautiful lake of irregular outline, known as the Schottegat. This connects with the sea by the "stream," which flows through a break in the crater's rim. The stream is Willemstad's harbor, but the larger steamers have to go into the Schottegat to turn around. On both sides of the stream is built the quaint city, which looks as if it had been brought bodily from the Zuyder Zee. Its two parts are joined by a long pontoon toll-bridge at one end of

ished desire of paying off his debts.

"That's so," put in Henpeck, "it

WISE TO NIAGARA.



Teacher-Johnny, can you tell me the most remarkable thing about Niagara Falls? Johnny-Yessum: the price they

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to jail.

for entering or depart-

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trance to the port are

two of the most comi-

cal little fortresses one

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journeying-Fort Riff

and Fort Amsterdam.

A few queer old guns

peep from their en-

brasures and several

diminutive soldiers

from their garrisons. A

hand grenade might al-

most blow either fort

WILLEMSTAD'S TRACTION

much to the picturesqueness of the

place, and Willemstad is not ashamed

should have a real canal, and the

visitor soon finds one, and finds, too

that he must pay a small toll for the

privilege of walking over its high-

arched, hundred-foot bridge. Tied up

in this waterway, he will discover all

kinds of queer, highly colored craft

he doesn't wish to cross the bridge,

he may patronize the tramway which. starting from the stream, runs all the

Marvelous is the equipment of this tramway. It

consists of one small bobtail car with seating ca-

pacity for about six persons and no straps, and

one weary, dejected little donkey. When the car

reaches the end of its run the motive nower stands

on three legs and goes to sleep. The car cannot

perpetual traction problem is "How long will the

business buildings are large and not unattractive.

the public structures are decidedly picturesque, and

many of the residences are very handsome. The

merchants as a rule are wealthy and, as has been

intimated, are not lacking in enterprise. It is only

fair to say that many of them confine their activi-

ties to business that is above suspicion. The port

is an important transshipping point for trade in

the Caribbean. Its business men are wondering

just how the opening of the Panama canal will af-

Though Curacao is a Dutch colony, and has been

for centuries, the visitor will find few Dutchmen

there; the population is almost wholly negro and

the merchants nearly all Jews. As for language,

you may have your choice. Address the almost

naked lad sitting on the dock ready to dive for

pennies, in Dutch, Spanish, English or French, and

e will reply in kind-with a request for money.

Speak to him in "papaimiento" and he will take

you to his brown bosom. Papaimiento-literally

"the talk we talk"-is the ordinary language of the

common people and is a curious compound of the

several tongues named, together with African and

Indian. It is like all and yet strangely unlike any

The tourist landing on Curacao for the first time

naturally expects to be confronted at every turn by

bottles of the liqueur to which the island has given

a product of Europe. Gold filigree work, hampers,

Altogether, though the ordinary sights of Cu-

racao may be exhausted in a day, it is well worth

a longer visit by the leisurely traveler, and he will

find the inhabitants most hospitable. With its riot

of color, its far over-reaching eaves, its long

wrought iron sign-posts, its quaint forts and

crooked streets, its waterways and boats and gayly

clad people, Willemstad should be a paradise for

The "pirates" who infest Curacao nowadays

inlaid caskets are offered tourists.

prey only on governments.

Of course, being Dutch, Willemstad

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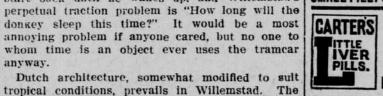


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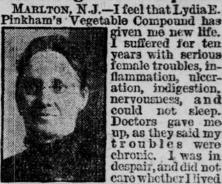
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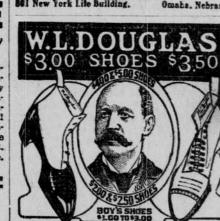
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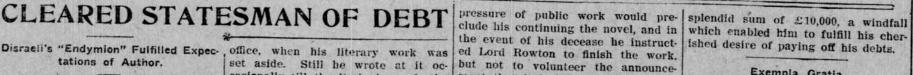
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who was fond of moralizing, "that a

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