Good Resolution of Miss Celia Bennett.

By ELLA RANDALL PEARCE.

Miss Celia Bennett looked thoughtfully after the receding form of her late caller; then a faint smile crept over her face and she nodded her hend slowly.

"P'raps you're right, Phebe Taggart," she reflected. "P'raps I am a selfish old woman, living here alone in this big, comfortable cottage, just a-hoarding my money when I might be doing good for some one. P'raps its my duty to adopt somebody-I don't know."

She sat down in a little low rocker and meditatively eyed the big gray cat that approached her in dignified

we selfish-living alone together, you and I? You know it ain't just what Phebe Taggart says; but I've an inkling myself that this life is kinder simless-and lonesome. There!"

Miss Ecnnett mused a while in 'It's too big a responsibility, bring-

ing up children when you don't know they'd just be running away and At such times she felt almost guilty. getting married and leaving me in a little while; and old folks'd be getting sick and leaving me. too, p'raps. I wish Oliver'd come back! Well, if Lere's Phemie-Phemie Havens!" A soft flush mounted to her cheeks

and her mild blue eyes sparkled. "I'll adopt Phemie-she's past the over and see her while the spell's self."

Phemie Havens looked up in starknown her errand.

Because I want to do something your soul and body together. You'll shadows of the summer night. have a good home with me and I'll



Her Worst Fears Were Realized.

nd 1-I need you, Phemie. I'm awful ionesome."

Phemie's face had been settling ina wistful smile.

can be of real service to you?" "Yes, I settled on you because I've know you so long and you've got such an even disposition. I wonder some good man didn't show his appreciation long ago; but I guess

there's no beaux around now to bother Pickwick and me, eh, Phemie?" A slight embarrassed flush warmed Phemie's pale cheeks, but she shook her head carelessly. Miss Bennett never guessed what dreams had bloomed and faded within that quiet

"Now," said the elder woman, briskly. "I'll drive over for you and your belongings Saturday. I've been wish-the ships, but it has developed that ing Oliver'd come back, but I don't suppose he ever will. He's a rover, just like his great-uncle Jason. Good boy, though; writes me and sends things from all the places he goes to. standardize the libraries by making You didn't live here in Oliver's time, the changes in Washington, applying did you? Must be nearly of an age. them generally to all ships. It is fur-Well, he's all I've got and I suppose ther held that this plan would work he'll marry and settle down in some for economy, effecting a saving of heathenish, far-away country. Now, from ten to fifteen thousand dollars a remember. Phemie-Saturday, in year. time for tea."

Saturday afternoon found Miss Euphemia Havens in a state of unusual agitation. It seemed to her that she was taking a very important step, and she had dire misgivings; but, partly to conceal her dubious concern and partly in honor of the occasion-for it had been some time since she had even been invited out to tea-Phemie had put on her best gown of blue batiste and decorated her gray turban with a new pink rose. A white collar at her throat crossed with a little lace jabot. Miss Bennett had never seen her look-

ing more animated and attractive. As the two women descended from the carriage and walked up the graveled path to the cottage, Pickwick came slowly to meet them; then, some one arose from the low rocker and stood on the top step leaning out between the honeysuckle vines-a broad masculine figure with a big Panama hat swinging in one hand and a genial smile of greeting on his bronze face.

"Hello, Aunt Celia!" boomed out a hearty voice. "Don't you know me?"

T've come to stay awhile with Miss Bennett," interposed Phemie, quietly, her cheeks deep-flushed and her eyes

ed now in Miss Bennett's home, but her presence would be undesirable. And, when the elder woman had told her story, what would this stranger think of her acceptance of his aunt's bounty? How might he misconstrue her motives? Well, she would have to stay awhile and see what happened. What happened was that Oliver Bennett took complete possession of the little cottage and its gentle occupants. Never before had their lives been so full, so gay, so interesting. When they were not "faring forth on pleasure bent," he was telling them vivid tales of the strange places and people he had seen and the wonders

of his travels Phemie thought it was the excitement of these stories of adventure "What d'you say, Pickwick? Are that made her heart beat faster when in the presence of this fascinating newcomer. At no time, however, could she overcome the feeling she had that he secretly resented her coming to the

Sometimes she caught him looking at her in a way she could not understand. He seemed to be probing beneath the surface of her social man-Now, grown-up boys and girls ners and questioning her inner helf.

The climax came on Saturday evening, just three weeks after Phemie's arrival. She was coming in through the rear doorway when a bass voice 'm to adopt somebody, there's-or, drifted down the hall from the piazza where Miss Bennett and her nephew were sitting

"But, Aunt Celia, this talk of adoption is nonsense. You don't want her marrying age, and she's right com- to stay here with you after all I've panionable, Phemie is. I'll go right said! I'll speak to her tonight, my-

'Adopt me!" she faltered. "Why, Bennett himself had pronounced her Miss Bennett, I've no claim on you at sentence Well, she would not wait all. Why should you think of such a for him to speak to her. She would escape such humiliation.

for somebody; and you're a good girl, and preparations made for a hasty devain to check the tendency. Anti-sui-members that she had discovered a "hemie. You haven't any near of kin. parture. She wrote a brief note to and you're working your eyes out and Miss Bennett, and, fastening on her made their appearance, but despite a rose and inhaled, produced death. your back crooked over those little gray turban and cape, stole down the embroidered things that barely keep rear stairway again, out into the

Tears blinded her so she could not give you an allowance. Of course, my see the obstacle in the path against So serious has the situation become in of fact, she had only taken a strong property goes to Oliver-you under- which her flying feet carried her. A stand that-but I've got enough and to pair of stalwart arms caught her as she staggered from the impact,

"Ginger! Running me down, eh?" matter? Wait, wait, little woman, you can't run away from me like this. There's something in the wind, and I'm going to know about it."

"You can't," sobbed Phemie, wildly struggling to escape. "Let me go-I'm going away. I knew I'd be misunderstood! You-you don't have to adplease let me go!"

ure he held to a nearby seat and spoke soothingly, but firmly.

"Miss Havens-Phemie Havenslisten to me. You didn't hear all I said. I told my aunt she shouldn't keep you here because I-I wanted to adopt you myself! There, the cat's out of the bag. You're the finest little woman I've ever seen, to my notion, and I'm going to marry you if you'll have me. I was waiting for a chance .o tell you, but, of course, if you want to run away-if you want to go-now-Phemie, you go right along and I'll live here with Aunt Celia and Pickwick."

He opened his arms wide, and Phemie-well, after an instant of dazed to an expression of stern renunciation, silence, Phemie just gave a happy, but now it softened and dimpled into fluttering, long-drawn sigh and settled back without a thought of the Are you sure you need me-that I new pink rose on her turban. "!-- I guess I'll stay--Oliver!"

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Libraries on Shipboard. The navy department spends every

year \$30,000 for libraries for use on its ships. Each "ship's" library includes 300 books, mostly technical, and more or less expensive on that account. A "crew's" library is usually made up of about five hundred books on fiction and of such character suitable for entertainment. About onethird of the books are replaced each year. The changes are made upon the recommendation of those in charge of this is not a satisfactory method, as much depends upon the points of view on literature possessed by the responsible persons. So it is proposed to

The Night of Gasoline.

"Ask me to go to the theater any night in the week except gasoline night and I'll go," said the man. "What night is that?" the woman

"Saturday. Women get their gloves nome from the cleaners on Saturday or else clean them themselves the last of the week, and the gasoline fumes haven't had time to evaporate. Half the women you meet in a crowd on Saturday night carry a gasoline odor about on their gloves. In a hot, stuffy place, that is pretty bad. On Monday night gasoline still perfumes the air, but it is getting faint and I can stand it but not on Saturday."

Hated to Encourage It. "Can you direct me to the nearest hotel?" asked the stranger.

"Yes," replied the old inhabitant, "I can, but I hate to do it." Why so?"

"It's one of those new-fangled places where you've got to take a bath along "Why-ee, it's Oliver! Oh, Phemie, with your room, even if you only exit's my nephew. This is Miss Havens, pect to stay three or four days."

Finger Mark Identification. German banks have begun to introluce the finger print as a mark of dentification on checks. The method "And I've come to stay for good," is already in use in the United States.

said Oliver Bennett, decisively. "Yes sir-ee! Going to quit my roving and settle down now. Aunt Celia, ain't you glad?"

Phemie sat alone in her room a few minutes later. Her worst fears were realized; she had indeed made a great mistake. Not only was she not need-mistake. Not only was she not need-mistake.

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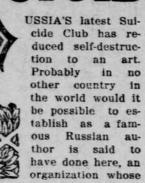
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sole purpose is the encouragement of "sporting" sulcides among its members. With headquarters in St. Petersburg and quickly growing branches in Moscow. Odessa, Khakow, Vladivostock. and this club meets regularly to plan the

self-inflicted death

of its members.

These suicides are so far removed from the ordinary affairs that result from hunger, unrequited affection, jealousy, poverty or despair. that one of the conditions of membership is that no member shall kill himself for any of these vulgar reasons

This club is but one of the manifestations of the peculiar and almost in- of the proceedings. But she drew the Poor Phemie grasped the railing explicable suicide mania that is now fatal card that night. Her husband with trembling fingers and the hot sweeping the whole of the country, was away, so she had nobody to contled surprise when her visitor made tears gushed to her eyes. The blow seizing upon young and old, rich and sult. She determined to feign suicide had fallen-this was the end! Oliver poor, lowly and high-born. In St. Pe- and then leave the town, telling him tersburg alone there is an average of all and asking him to live elsewhere. 15 suicides a day. Moscow records For the club, like most secret socieabout the same number, and the oth- ties in Russia, is very strict, with er big Russian cities are not far be- those who reveal its secrets. So she Quickly her small trunk was packed hind. Efforts have been made in laid her plans with care, telling the cide societies by the dozen have mysterious poison which, sprinkled on the constant efforts of such organi- She knew enough medical jargon to zations as the League of Life and convince them and her maid found the Anti-Suicide League, the daily rec- her seemingly dead next morning as ord of suicides increases alarmingly. she went into her room. As a matter this city that the Prefecture of Police narcotic, but the maid, in a panic, has offered a reward of \$2.50 for every rescue and many of the unemployed assemble every day on the that he shot himself. Meanwhile the cried a masculine voice, "What's your | banks of the Neva and the canals on | wife recovered, and wired him it was Why, Miss Havens, what's the the lookout for attempted suicides, all a joke, and she was coming to re-One watcher placed three rescues to join him. She found him dead, Then his credit in as many days.

> Because of the pledge of secrecy which binds the members of the Suicide Club details of its organization are difficult to get. Who founded it? Who is the president? Some declare it is one of the grand dukes, though vise her not to adopt me. Oh, please, the younger generation of imperial Oliver Bennett's wits were working and too much zest for life to play cousins show too mach good sense quickly. He drew the trembling fig. such a role, and the older ones are far too dignified. Others declare that the famous Russian novelist Artzybascheff, is the founder and president and the instigator of the more original suicides. He has written many books which condemn life as something like a sin, and extol selfdestruction as a heroic action. He has been fined by the tribunals for writing books of pernicious influence, and he openly advocates many kinds of vice, which he makes as attractive as possible. His great talent makes his books all the more dangerous, Nevertheless, there is no sure proof that he has any direct influence on suicides, or has ever helped the club to gather in its harvest of victims. And though it is now an established institution its origin and members' list is as deep

a mystery as possible. This mysterious club holds its meetings at the homes of the members. Many fashionable people belong to it, and women with a family of growing children, elderly men with the best part of their lives behind them, young women with a good chance of happiness gather round the table where the fatal lots are drawn. One card is prepared for each meeting. The member who draws it must kill himself within a week, the club deciding as to the method, if the member cannot think of a suitable way

world. Common poisons are tabooed, this come drink or drugs, and melan-Drowning is admitted only when wine cholia. or perfumed water is used and the tiful or luxurious. The simple empty- are clergymen, missionaries, military ing of a revolver into one's body is officers, doctors, solicitors, schoolnot good enough. Shooting must be masters, clerks and company pro- a dry season for the purpose of main-"artistic," or left severely alone

These suicides take place with a lot with according to their needs, and of pomp. In the case of the young such help has been given them as Baroness Zakomelska a supper was their cases seemed to demand. given to the Petersburg members. At Legal and medical advice has been the end, a huge tub was filled with afforded; creditors have been reasonchampagne, and the lady drowned ed with; reconciliations have been er all. herself in it, after all present had brought about with relatives. And

Women Own Reindeer.

reindeer in Alaska, two are women.

One of these, Mary Arisarlook An-

drewnk, has received the title of

"Reindeer Queen of Alaska." "Queen

Mary" owns a herd of 1,303 deer,

which she manages with judgment

and intelligence. According to the

usual contract made with the gov-

ernment she is required to train three

apprentices and to give to each the

omary number of deer. She has

Out of the 260 Eskimos who own

Prehistoric Burial Ground

An interesting find, from an arch were allowed to remain as discovered.

in the showyard of the Highland an man remains have been found since

shire, Scotland. Some excavations commenced. All over Fife, and espe-

were being made in connection with cially in the north of the county.

drunk a great | not so much hope for their getting on. With us, the classes are more shut up deal of the wine. than there. It wants far more enterprise than you would think for a Rusnamed Dovbor. sian to 'make himself.' mar

"Then, too, modern Russian literature has a depressing influence. We have many authors of tremendous talent; but they are all sad. They have none of the joy of life. We have still a lot of eastern fatalism in our psychology. We Russians do not value human life so high as the English, for instance, who not only drag a poor devil whose life is one long burden out of the river, but put him to prison for trying to end things.

"One cannot help admiring the courage of the very poor, who are content to toil and suffer for years, with no prospect of anything better. Can we wonder that some of them break down and take fate into their own hands! In general, too much is made of Russian suicides. We are a young people, finding our way to the light. There must be a number of discouraged

The truth is that people in Russia go into despair over things which would not trouble an Anglo-Saxon

Sometimes Russian suicides are ordered by the family, a regiment, or other institution. The case of young Captain Sergius Hurko of the Hussars is an example. The young man was wild, played high and ran into debt. He determined to retrieve his fortunes wired to the husband that his wife at Monte Carlo-and failed. As it was dead. His despair was so great happened, an old general he had known from childhood was staying at the same hotel, and had won huge sums. Hurko entered his bedroom, gagged him, and stole the money. But she shot herself, after leaving a letthe victim had bitten his hand, and ter to her mother, in which she disthough Hurko made off for Petersburg closed the above facts about the club. at once, he was recognized as the The police were put on its track, but thief. His family disowned him, and only made a few unimportant arrests. he had a hint from his regiment that Various reasons have been urged the best thing he could do was to "disfor the increase of suicides in Russia, appear." He did so, the prison auand many remedies suggested. The thorities facilitating the conveyance writer asked no less an authority on

Russian life than Count Witte for his of poison to his cell. Old Baron Mellor-Zakomelski-no views. The Count thought a moment relation, by the way, to the young womany," he said at last. "To begin pagne, was governor of the Baltic with, our young men begin to live too provinces. He had a wild son named soon. They are children for such a Sacha. After paying Sacha's debts short time that they lose their health many times, he grew tired. When and good spirits before youths of the the son made an application for same age in America have begun to be money one day, the father sent him a grown up. They are satiated before revolver, telling him to shoot himself. they are well out of their teens. Their The son, who was making merry in minds, made morbid by undue excite- some town in central Russia, ordered ment are always craving for new im- a supper, invited all his boon compressions, new sensations. Suicide is panions, arranged a sleigh expedition new to them, so they try suicide, not afterward, returned to his rooms, and because of despair, but from simple shot himself with his father's present, lassitude. 'Life,' they say, 'is not He left a note saying: "I should have done it long ago, but knew it would "In the case of the very poor, I afford my father pleasure, so put it

should say that they often work un- off till his revolver came. Now, at der worse conditions than the same least, all the world knows he ordered class in America, or, rather, there is me to commit suicide."

Salvation Army's anti-suicide bureau.

have called to lay their embarrass-

The applicants come from almost

erable service as an interpreter.

Want Chaplains on French Fleet.

Since it was started 4,754 persons

worth living.'

Many interesting pages from the the work, according to General Booth. great book of life are to be found in has been successful beyond highest the report of the operations of the expectations.-London Chronicle.

Suicide Bureau a Success

Controlling the Mississippl. Regarding some method for mitigatments before Colonel Emerson, and ing the Mississippi river floods, the have asked him to "show cause"-as Scientific American says: "The presthe lawyers say-why they should not ent outbreak of the river will serve Members must court death out of put an end to their lives. The largest to direct attention to a proposed methmere curiosity, or as a means of show- number put down the cause of their od of control which we are inclined to ing some novel way of leaving the trouble to financial reasons; after think will prove to be the ultimate solution of the problem. We refer to the plan of providing storage reservoirs in the upper reaches of the river, in surroundings are exceptionally beau- every class except the workers. There which the flood waters due to spring rains and the melting of the snows, could be impounded, to be released in

> moters. They have all been dealt taining the river at a navigable depth." Hospital Nurse (reading)-Here's an article in the papers saying the appendix serves a useful purpose aft-

> > Surgeon (hastily)-Oh, cut it out!

with the old Parish Church of Supar which was in existence in the twelfth century or even earlier.

aelogical point of view has been made. This is the second occasion that hu-Poet's Hope. "Cheer up, dear," said the poet's

Agricultural Society at Cupar, Fife- the work of erection of the showyard wife, looking at him over his evening paper, "there are good times coming." "What is it now?" inquired the poor the erection of a stand, when the traces of stone coffins and prehistoric poet.

workmen engaged came upon a num- interments have been found. The cof-"Here's a piece about an old manuber of stone coffins containing human fins which have been discovered may script poem of Shakespeare's selling skeletons. The shape of the coffins be prehistoric or may have been place the other day for \$2,000."-Catholic gave evidence of great antiquity, but ed in the burial ground in connection Standard and Times.

ed and rewarded eight or ten appren- | affoat, although a moment's considera tices, and at the present time has another under her care. She long since fact of the complete divorce between discarded the igloo, or native hut. church and state in France. The subunderground, in which she was born, ject is brought prominently into noand is now comfortably housed near tice by a petition signed by a great Nome in a cabin of logs. She speaks number of the mothers or widows of seven or eight Indian languages, and the sailors who were victims of the this has enabled her to be of considaccident on the Gloire or the Liberte. The petitioners are to be found in the Midi, Brittany, Var and Finisterre, and they pray the senate for the reap-It will be news to most persons that pointment of chaplains on warships done better than this. She has train- the French navy has no chaplains London Globe.

THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Marie Divided the Candy. When the uncle of a couple of Brooklyn youngsters last called at

the household whereof they form a

part he brought with him some pieces

of candy, which were given to the

little girl to divide with her brother.

child to the living room and asked:

Later the uncle summoned this

"Marie, when you divided those five

pieces of candy with your brother, did

you give him two and a half pieces?"

weren't going to come out even, so I

ate one before I began to divide."-

Joke on His Clerical Brother.

a minister and the other a physician.

lived together in a western town. One

day a man called at the house and

asked for Mr. Chalmers. The physi-

cian, who answered the door, replied:

"You've changed considerably since

I last heard you preach," said the

man, who appeared greatly aston-

Bane Gude Yells.

that the yells introduced by the

America athletes at Stockholm "can

Significant.

"I presume so. The canoe cap-

"He proposed to her in a canoe."

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The beauty doctors tell us that rest

is a great beautifier-but they never

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cigar better quality than most 10c cigars.

A female optimist is a woman who

Don't let a lazy

liver put you "in a

rut." Make it ac-

tive, keep the bowels

open, the appetite

keen and the diges-

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60 YEARS THE LEADER

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cite the tramp as an example.

marries a poet.

It is stated by a returning traveler

see; he preaches and I practice."

be heard all over Sweden."

"Did she accept him?"

Some vells those.

"Oh, it's my brother you want to

Two brothers named Chalmers, one

Lippincott's Magazine.

"I am he."

ished

"No, sir," said Marie. "I saw they

In observing the physical characteristics of her children, the careful mother soon learns that health is dependent on the regularity of the bowels. When the bowels become clogged with the stomach's refuse, loss of appetite, restlessness, irritability, and similar evidences of disorder are soon apparent. Keep the bowels regular and a healthy, happy child is assured.

At the first sign of constination the mother should administer a mild laxative to carry off the congested waste from the stomach that is fermenting and forcing poisonous gases into the system. A simple compound of laxative herbs with pepsin is highly recommended as being very mild, yet positive, in its action, a teaspoonful at bedtime usually serving to bring an easy, thorough, natural movement next morning. This compound is known as Dr. Caldwell's Syru; Pepsin and is sold by druggists everywhere for 50c a bottle. A larger bottle, put up especially for the family medicine chest, costs one dollar.

The use of salts and violent purgatives and cathartics should be avoided. They are too harsh and drastic, tending to upset the entire system. Write to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 203 West St., Monticello, Ill., for a trial bottle of his Syrup Pepsin, if you have never used it. He will be glad to send it without any expense to you. Adv.

Vegetable Fiber for Shoes.

A Haverhill (Mass.) shoeman has obtained patents giving him the right to make vamps and tops of vegetable fiber which he has invented and perfected to be used in the manufacture of shoes. A few cases of shoes have been made of this material, which appears to be a good substitute for leath er. The fiber is said to be particularly adaptable for warm weather wear because, being of a woven material, air can penetrate the vamp and top. The inventor also claims that a shoe made of this material is waterproof.

Business for Father.

The small daughter of a practicing physician, who evidently has an eye to business, told her mother, in no uncertain terms, that she must call at

once on their new near and the child's ed the mother, amused at the child's positiveness. the scranniest kids, and the mother herself don't look very strong."

Wrong Guess.

Nan-I've seen your new young man, and I should call him a diamond in the

Fan-Well, he's susceptible of some polish, I'll admit, but you haven't classified him correctly; he's a Jasper

Be thrifty on little things like bluing. Don't accept water for bluing. Ask for Red Cross Ball Blue, the extra good value blue.

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rectitude of which you have a doubt.

Hold him a friend who kindly points a fault .- Punshion.

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paper and took Lydia E. Pink-ham's Vegetable Compound, and I was helped from the first. At the end of two months the swelling had gone down, I was re-lieved of pain, and could walk with ease. I continued with the medicine and now I do almost all my housework. I know your medicine has saved me from the grave and I am willing for you to publish anything I write to you, for the good of others."—Mrs. ESTELLA GILLISPIE R.F.D. No. 4, Box 34, St. Anne, Illinois.