THE FRENCH METHOD.

es on ahead." said an arrogant, al voice, the voice of the Prince

"He is right," said Paul Astier; "they are going to prepare a way for

The wheels touched on the narrow road, the witnesses bowed, the physiians exchanged fraternal smiles. Then, as the coupe passed, there could be seen behind the clear glass, raised In spite of the heat, a morose, immovable profile, the Prince d'Athis, pale as

"He'll be paler yet in an hour, when they bring him back with his body pierced," thought Paul, and he clearly imagined his play, feint the second, then straight down between the third and fourth ribs.

Did the Prince d'Athis, whom the Coctor was assisting to roll up his sleeves, hear these words? Was it the sight of that supple, lithe and vigorous fellow who advanced, his round arms and neck uncovered, a pitiless Getermination in his eye? The fact is hat the whole face of the Prince d'Athis suddenly changed, took an beard, which dropped as if his jaw were unhooked, the hideous grimace of fear. Nevertheless he stood up and came valiantly enough to time.

"Ready, gentlemen!" Yes, we suffer for our sins. The Prince d'Athis had the innate conviction of this before that implacable point which sought him, met his at a distance and seemed to ease him here and there only to strike him more surely. Paul Astier was trying to kill him, that was evident. He felt the pressing danger envelop him, the atmosphere about him seemed upset by the light of a dream, the great sky seemed to fly from him; he saw the frightened silhouettes of the witnesses, the doctors, even to the wild gestures of the two stable boys frightening with their caps some bounding horses who wanted to draw near and look on. Suddenly violent, brutal voices:

"Enough!-Enough!-Stop!" What has happened? The danger is past, the sky has stopped moving, things wear their natural colors and stand in their right places. But at his feet upon the forrowed and upturned soil there extends a large pool of earth, and within in lies Paul Astier, bleeding like a pig, his naked neck pierced from side to side. In the the shrill noise of insects sounds from the distant meadows, and grouped at a out: little distance the horses elongate their of the vanquished.

And yet the defeated man knew a good deal about the sword. His fingers, solidly set against the guard, made splendid piny with the shining blade; while the other one, standing before him, twirled like a frightened turnspit.

How did it happen? They will say, Paul Astier slipped in making a feint and impaled himself; they will tell it de Monte Cristo. with the most exact details. But, in the events of life, is not the precision vailed and confused always surrounds the decisive minute—that minute when destiny came in and struck a final blow contrary to all expectation and denouement of Homeric combats.

Her Artistic Sense Revolted.

Pale, but self-possessed, the young man rose to his feet and stood before "So this is the end, is it, Victoria

tallic voice. "Evans Gambit, it is," she replied, coldly. "I have been deceived in re-

gard to the strength of my attachment for you." "It could not stand the strain of my

front on Michigan avenue for a home, I presume?" he rejoined, bitterly. "It is not that, sir!" she answered,

with flashing eye. "I beg you to believe that I am superior to considerations of a sordid character, Mr. Gambit. But you do not satisfy my artistic

"In what respect, Miss Washabaugh,

'your hair does not match that of my times—if it were real. lovely little Fido by at least three Yet jewelry, which shades!"-Chicago Tribune.

Scientific American points out that if

the indemnity exacted of France by

Germany (5,000,000,000 tranes) after the war of 1870-'71 were to be pa

very minute since the beginni

Christian era, the paymen'

a yet have been complete. as would have had to wa ment, in fact, till the 28th of

Schooribe for THE CHIEF.

Mathematicians at Work. A German journal, the Neueste Nachrichten, has made a calculation of the number of minutes in the Christian era up to the end of the year 1888. The calculation is as fellows: 1888 multiplied by 365 days.

with 460 leap days added, gives a to that of the little gir total of 689,580 days, which contain to her grandmother: 16,549,920 hours, or 992,995,200 mintites, or less than a milliard by 7,004,-800 minutes. A correspondent of the

A member of the famous "poker og slature" of Texas once said that

HE TAMED ERICESON.

Ole Bull Conquered the Iron Heart with the Charm of His Music. A very interesting incident is told of Ole Bull and John Ericsson, each of whom have contributed by their lives no little fame to the Scandinavian countries in which they were born. Acquainted in their early life and good friends for years, they had somehow been separated and had not met again until both had carned world-wide fame. Bull once visited Eriesson and invited him to his concert. Ericsson refused on the wound that he had no time for such folly, Each time Bull came to New York he visited his old friend and never forgot to invite him to his concerts. His invitations were many times refused because the inventor pleaded no time.

"If you don't come to hear me once," said Bull during one of his visits, "I will take my violin along and play for you right here in your workshop.'

"If you bring your violin here I'll smash it to bits," was Ericsson's only

Nothing daunted Bull. He was bound to try what effect his music, that had entertained so many, would have upon such an earnest and practical man as Ericsson, who had been cooped up all his life, one might say, in his workshop. One bright day Bull went to Ericsson's house with his precious violin, but not without some misgivings as to how his visit would terminate, for he knew that Ericsson was a determined man and generally meant what he said. When he entered the inventor's workshop he was greeted in any thing but a friendly manner. Without allowing E iesson an opportunity to blow off his wrath on him Bull opened the conversation in the easy, fascinating way for which he was noted, upon the violin's construction, what it lacked, etc., and finally asked Ericsson his opinion as to the best sounding woods for the manufacturing of violins. This was followed by quite a discussion as to the acoustic properties of the violin. To illustrate one of his opinions, Bull drew the bow across the strings of his violin. From one chord he went to another until he broke into a lengthened melody. The workmen laid aside their tools and listened with Ericsson to the grand master of the violin. All stood spellbound. Bull became enamored of his blood, which blackens the yellow own playing and made his violin utter tones that it had never been called on before to emit. After awhile he ceased to play. Ericsson, who had been sitfrightened silence of the catastrophe ting lost in his own emotions, with tears coursing down his cheeks, cried

"Go on! Go on! For the first time noses in curiosity toward the still body I know what has been lacking in my life."-Minneapolis Journal.

BOGUS DIAMONDS.

Gems That Are as Numerous as the Sands by the Sea-Shore.

Of late years jewelry, and female jewelry in particular, as it were, has become very numerous and ostentatious, so to speak. Formerly the posand the evening papers will repeat it session of a pair of diamond ear-rings after them, and to-morrow all Paris enveloped the happy female in a halo will repeat it after the papers, that of affluence that caused her to be regarded as a modified female Count

A minstrel troupe, whose performance we attended not long since, made of our words in inverse ratio to the a pointed allusion at the increased exactness of our knowledge. For both | cheapness of gems. The interlocutor spectators and combatants something in conversation with the genial end man, congratulated that dusky humorist because he had been seen on the streets accompanied by a beautiful young lady. The happy end man inall logic-destiny hidden in that same | quires if the interlocutor had observed dark cloud that always enveloped the the elegant seal-skin cloak worn by the lady. The interlocutor had noticed it. With reversed thumb the end man intimates that he had be-

stowed it on the attractive female. "It must have cost you quite a large sum of money," replies the interlocator, who for some inexplicable reason ignores the negro dialect. Washabaugh?" he exclaimed, in a me-

"Yes, sah, five hundred dollars, and did ye see dem ar torches?"

"Those what?" "Dem torches. I means dem lamps, hanging in her yeahs." "Oh, you mean those large solitaire

our-rings? Yes, I saw them. They inability to furnish you a green-stone must have cost you at least fifteen bundred dollars."

"Thirty cents," replies the end man, reaching down for his bones, or rather the bones with which he makes discord.

The shabbily-dressed, poorly-paid shop-girl wears gems that flash in a dozen different colors, while the Great English Remedy. young boy who gets four dollars a week in a button factory carries on "If you must know," replied the his soiled hand a diamond ring that fair young girl, with a pained look, might be a prince's ransom in olden

Yet jewelry, which was formerly supposed to be expensive, is now worn so generally as to create a suspicion that the coal deposits are being subjected to an alarming drain.

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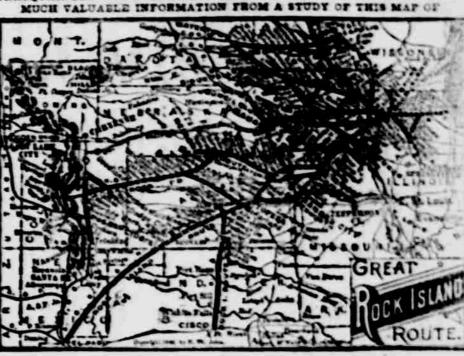
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