even the barest official explanation Unofficial description of the scene of the wreck and known peculiarities of the costal area in which it occurred, led to the belief by some officials that a tidal disturbance of unusual force threw the destroyers far off their course, probably without the knowledge of the officers on

A possible connection between such a phenomena and the recent Japanese earthquake was discussed. Rec ords of the hydrographic office and reports of naval officers who have served extensively on the California coast agreed that the Santa Barbara frequently experiences a section frequently experiences a strong coastward tide, attributable to no known marine factor. It was suggested that such a tide might have been in force Sunday night, augmented by a trans-Pacific reflex word.

"Douglas, could there by more wonder up at Doug with triumph, flu her eyes humid were gazed at her stirn his heart with synder of possession.

of the Japanese shelf's shifting. Even in such a case, however, department officials were unanimous

orchis, some almost white, others in chief—before he would decide pale lavender and again the deeper whether an inquiry would be or-dered to fix personal responsibility.

Records of the navy show the white showy orchis. service has been singularly free from losses to its destroyer branch. Out of 341 such ships which have been sked Lesle, commissioned since the type was he said.

### Samardick Used Own Money to Buy Motor

Enemies of Robert Samardick, general prohibition agent, have circulated a report that he bought a new automobile for \$1,400 and "paid for it in \$5 and \$10 bills." Samardick has obtained an affidavit from the motor company showing that he has paid only \$640 on the car and is paying the balance in motnhly installments. He sent the affidavit to

"I am a single man, make a fair salary and when I am away from

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Michael O'Halloran, an orphan newsboy, finds a little lame girl screaming with fright for fear that she will be placed in an orphanage. Her grandmother has just died. Mickey is sympathetic and takes the child to his home and attempts to care for her.

Douglas Bruce, a corporation lawyer, has seen Mickey and wants to adopt, him as his little brother. However, before he can mention the subject, Mickey disappears. He telis all of this to Leslie Winton, his sweetheart, and declares that he will find Mickey yet.

Mickey in the meantime struggles to get things for Lily Peaches, the little lame girl. He finds that it is impossible to tell anyone about her for tear that any stranger will force him to put the child in an orphanage.

One woman threatens this and Mickey one woman threatens this and Mickey or leaves her, determined to help no one about the girl. He has hardly gone a block when a woman falls and strikes her to a hospital. There he meets an nurse, who gives him things for Peaches and instructs him in how to care for her.

Douglas Bruce, a corporation lawyer, his working the heads between the picture and Leslie Winton bear of the picture and Leslie Winton bear of the work of the swamp to make the basket as agreed.

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"Of course," she cried, "We must!
We simply must find things. Father
may call any minute. Let go my
hand and follow behind me. Keep
close, Douglas!"
"Go slowly, so I can watch before
and overhead."
"Yes!" she answered "There!"

"Yes!" she answered, "There There, Douglas!"
"Ah! There they are!" he exulted. "But I can't take them!" she pro-

tested.

"Only a few, Leslie. Look before See how many there are!"

urged. Her cry closed the man's arms around her.

Then there was a long silence duein confessing their inability to see in it a complete explanation of the catastrophe. Under all known types of cruising formations, they said, it moss lay in a flat carpet, tinted catastrophe. Under all known types of cruising formations, they said, it was inconceivable that a warning could not have been given from the first or second ship to go aground which would serve to divert the rebeds, on slender stems, lifting high second ship to go aground which would serve to divert the rebeds, on slender stems, lifting high second stems. ling bloom and leaf buds. Overflow-ling pitcher plants grew in irregular beds, on slender stems, lifting high their flat buds. But scattered in groups here and there, sometimes left! You told me about the Will you come?"

"Leslie, you aren't by any chance asking me to select your betrothal gift, are you?" Secretary Denby said the depart-ment would await the report of the with massed similar colours, someard of investigation—organized times in clumps and variagated tomatically as soon as the acci-

"Count!" he commanded.
"Douglas, why didn't the squaw-?"

"Maybe she didn't come this far," the said. "Perhaps she knows by ex first adopted, only one previous perience that these are too fragile to wreck by grounding has been re remove. You may not be able to handle them, Leslie."

"I'm going to try," she said. "But

to Wait

"There" was a group of purple-lavender, white-lipped bloom, made by years of spreading from one root, until above the rank moss and beneath waiting." them together, and expects them to be friends."

"There is he horn! Your father is waiting."

selected perfect, straight evenly colored ones, cutting them the same length, then binding the tip ends firmly with raffia she had brought to substitute for grass. Then with fine slips she began weaving, gradually spreading the twigs while inwardly giving thanks for the lessons are pleasuring me today. So I want as good a friend of Mr. Bruce as you, to be in something we have planned. You just must!" "Has something delightful happened?" asked Mr. Minturn, retaining the hand Leslie offered him as he manded. spreading the twigs while inwardly giving thanks for the lessons she had taken in basketry. At las she held up a big, pointed, yellow basket.

"Ready!" she said.

"Beautiful!" cried Douglas.

Leslie carefully lined the basket with moss in which the flowers grew,

working the heads between the open spaces she had left. She bent three twigs dividing her basket top in exact thirds. One of these she filled with the whitest, one with stronger, and one with the deepest lavender, placing the tallest plants in the center so that the outside ones would show completely. Then she lifted by the root exquisite showy orchis, lavender-hooded, white-lipped, the tiniest plants she could select and set them around the edge. She bedded the moss-wrapped ing the rim and entwining the handle with a delicate vine. She looked up at Douglas, her face thrilled

her eyes humid with feeling, while he gazed at her stirred to the depth of his heart with sympathy and the won-"'Bearer of Morning,' you win!"
he cried triumphantly, "There is no

she cried triumphantly. "There is no use going farther. Let me carry that to your father, and he too will say "I have a reason for working out

our plan," she said.
"Yes? May I know?" he asked. "Surely!" she answered. " You re any other one man, so you must ad as any woman I meet in society, bet ten than most; I had thought of ask-ing them to be the judges. She is infor me to ask her; you are on inti-mate terms with him from your of-

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A surprise was also waiting. Mr. Winton had not only found the squaw who brought the first basket, but he had made her understand so thoroughly what was wanted that she had come with him while of his same was also waiting. Mr. tion she had replaced the moccasin basket as exactly as she could and also made an effort at decoration.

backard.

The squaw grunted disapprovingly.
"Lowry no buy 'em! Sell slipper! Sell moccasin! No sell weed!"
Leslie looked with shining eyes at

her father.

"That lies with Lowry," he said.

"I'll drive you there and bring you back, and you'll have the ride and the back, and you'll have the ride and the money for your basket. That's all it you have planned?"

"Something lovely!" said Leslie.

"At Lowry's are three flower bask-ets that are father bewildering. I am

here to make any more.

The squaw smiled again, so they started to the city. They drove straight to the Winton residence for the slippers. While Mrs. Winton and Mrs. Minturn's.

Minturn's.

"Don't think I'm crazy," laughed Leslie, as Mrs. Minturn came back to meet her. "I want to use your exquisite taste and art instinct a few minutes. We've a question up. You know the wonderful stuff the Indians oring down from the swamps to sell on the streets and to the florists?" "Indeed yes. What is it you want?"

"Why, you see," said Leslie, look-ng eagerly at Mrs. Minturn, "you there are three flower baskets at wry's. Douglas Bruce is going to buy me the one I want most for a present, to celebrate a very important occasion, and I can't tell which is most artistic. I want you to decide.

slipped off her swamp costume. Joy that seemed as if it must be imper-ishable shone on her brightly illu-mined face. With tightly closed, d. The elder woman bent to kiss

"Of course, I'll come!" she laughed. "I feel thrilled, and flattered, fices being opposite; there could be I congratulate you sincerely. Bruce no suspicion of any ulterior motive is a fine man." no suspicion of any ulterior motive in having them. I don't know that it would accomplish anything, but it would let them know, to begin with, we consider them friends so it. When Mrs. Minturn returned she that we consider them friends so it.

that we consider them friends; so it was in a delightful mood, her face would be natural for them to come eager, her dress beautiful. Leslie remove. You may not be able to handle them, Leslie."

"I'm going to try," she said. "But first I must make my basket. We'll go back to the osiers to weave it and then come here to fill it.

"Douglas, look there!"

"Would be natural for them to come to them to come with a care, then despers that the today, it will give us ground to try again."

"Splendid!" he said. "A splendid daughter. Leslie explained as they went swiftly through the streets.

"You won't mind walting only a

ond until I run up to Mr. Bruce's a word. They simply stood and looked. Each of the baskets was in perfect condition. The flowers were stopped at Mr. Minturn's door. Doug-las whispered: "Watch the office boy. He is Minturn's little brother I told you about."

Lach deserved the mute tribute it was exacting. Mr. Minturn

Leslie nodded and entered gayly.

"Please ask Mr. Minturn if he will see Miss Winton and Mr. Douglas Bruce a minute?" she said.

An alert, bright-faced lad bowed politely, laid aside a book and entered the minture office. Mrs. Minturn repeatedly opened her lips as if she would speak, but did not. She stepped closer and gently turned the flowers and lightly touched the petals.

he inner office.

May, Mr. Minturn!" she cried. "Posi-tively enchanting! Take that forbid-ding look off your face. Come for a few minutes Maying! It will do you much good, and me more. All my friends are pleasuring me today. So I want as good a friend of Mr. Bruce

turned to Douglas Bruce.
"You must ask Miss Winton," he

Mr. Minturn's eyes questioned her sparkling face, while again with closed lips she nodded. "My most est congratulations to each of May life grant you even more than you hope for, and from your faces, that is no small wish to make

to have one for my betrothal gift, but I can't decide. I appealed to the suppers. While Mrs. Winton and the squaw went to take the baskets to Lowry's and leave Douglas at his Bruce named you for him. to Lowry's and leave Douglas at Ms Bruce named you for him; so you office, Leslie in his car went to Mrs. two and Mr. Lowry are to choose the most artistic basket for me, then if I don't agree, I needn't take it, but I want to see what you think. You'll come, of 'course?"

Mr. Minturn's face darkened at the

mention of his wife, while he tated and looked penetratingly at Les

"I'm & surprised, but not appealed to me so often of late that I can afford to miss the chance of humoring the most charming of

her sex."
"See my captive!" cried Leslie, as she emerged from the building and crossed the walk to the car. "Mr. Bruce and Mr. Minturn are great friends, so as we passed his door we brought him along by force."
"It certainly would require that to

bring him anywhere in my company,' said Mrs. Minturn coldly. The shock of the cruelty of the remark closed Douglas' lips, but it was Leslie's day to bubble, so she resolutely set herself to heal and package. Physicians everywhere rec over the hurt.

They entered the florist's, and on glass table faced the orchids, the slippers, the fringed basket and the moccasins. Mr. Winton and the squaw were waiting, while the florist was smiling in gratification, but the Minturns went to the flowers without

"Why the fringed basket, Mrs. Minturn?" wonderful flowers than the others and is by far the most pleasing pro

"Beautiful!" she said at last. "Beautiful!"

Then: "Honestly, Leslie, did you hear a bird sing that strain from Martha?"

"Yes!" said Leslie. "I did. And if you will go with me to the swamp where those flowers came from, you

shall hear one ring a strain that will

instantly remind you of the opening chorus, while another renders Di Provenza Il Mar from Traviata."

The lady turned again to the flowers. She was thinking something

deep and absorbing, but no one could have guessed exactly what it might be. Finally: "I have decided," she said. "Shall we number these one.

two and three, and so indicate them?"

turn, three!

"Yes," said Leslie a little breath

"Put your initials to the slips and I'll read them," offered Douglas. Then he smilingly read aloud: "Mr. Lowry,

"I cast the deciding vote," cried Leslie. "One!"

The squaw seemed to think of a war-whoop, but decided against it.
"Now be good enough to state your reasons," said Mr. Winton. "Why do

you prefer the slipper basket, Mr Lowry?"

"It satisfies my sense of the

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"Now, Minturn, your turn. Why do you like the moccasin basket?"

"It makes the deepest appeal to me," he answered.

"But why?" persisted Mr. Winton.

"If you will have it—the moccasins are the color I once loved on the face of my little daughter."

"Now, Leslie!" said Mr. Winton hurriedly as he noted Mrs. Minturn's

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"Must I tell?" she asked.
"Yes," said her father.

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