

TELL you, ladies," declared handsome Robeley, the artist, "a fortune teller showed me the image of my wife two and thousands of place I first met

whose mind I would think obscured by the clouds of mysticism," replied the rich Mrs. Austyn, his friend and patron. "You have never shown any patience with the charlatans who pretended to expose and expound the secrets that a wise Providence has ordained we should not fathom. And yet | ing the mother's question, you are taxing our credulity with a gtatement that would be marvelous, tf true."

"I must insist upon my veracity in this instance," smiled the artist.

"Now, don't stop to argue, mamma," orged the elder of the Austyn girls. There is a story in this, and after Mr. Robeley has told it you can reclaim him from the darkness of his superstitions and air your theories. Now do tell us all about it;" and three pretty aistern aighed their curiosity in chorus.

"Just so you don't ask me to explain," said the artist with a quizzical "I shall give you the remarkable facts and leave you to wrestle with them. Eight years ago I was in Paris, pursuing my studies, and lived the life of a Bohemian from choice rather than from necessity. We fellows held the laughed at all human phenomena that would not yield to the test of materialism. I was chief among the scoffers, and found bare-faced fraud in everything from elairvoyancy to the piercing of the future through the medium of tea grounds.

"Then as now I occasionally broke entirely away from my usual surroundings and was one day sauntering alone through Rue de Bouges. As I passed was startled by a scream for help and dashed through the open doorway to with great leaps and flashes were consuming the white draperies of what struck me as a consecrated altar out of place. Our combined efforts soon mastered the incipient conflagration. As the woman anointed my hands with some soothing lotion I saw that she was as dark as a gypsy. Her hair rippled back from her forehead in waves of blue black, her eyes were brilliant ture husband.' in the same deep coloring, and her strong, even teeth suggested polished Ivory. She was an amazon in size, yet the sweeping curves of beauty were such as to fascinate the artist while her motions were as supple and graceful as those of a tiger.

"You are a gentleman, and there is but one way in which I can offer return for your services,' she said as I



BATTLING WITH THE FLAMES.

turned to leave. Her voice was soft as the notes of a lute and her accent gave unsuspected charms to my mother tongue. 'I was born of royal blood in India. Through study of the sacred Vedas and the pure doctrine of Karma I attained the power of divination. Your people would classify me among fortune tellers; but I am poles apart from the vulgar humbugs that trade upon ignorance and superstition. Promise you will come to-morrow, for I am upset by this accident. Then I will be both your historian and your prophet. I shall count on you, m'seur.' "Though I mentally sneered at the woman's pretensions and lay awake half the night assuring myself that I would never seek her out, I was at her door ten minutes before the appointed time next day. She had either assumed her professional air or was under the spell of her gupernatural attainments. I will not describe the Inner Temple of Mysteries' to which she conducted me, but in the weird effect of its hangings, mirrors, grotesque carvings and mythical symbols it challenged the most hardened skepticism. Throwing the white light of a golden lamp upon my face with a powerful reflector, she generalized upon my past life as any shrewd judge of human nature might do. Then suddenly knitting her brows and leaning closer she slowly spelled out 'Marcia Arnold.' "That is the name of the girl you will marry, she announced in a dreamy

voice, 'and there you see her.' "With that the lights faded to the dimness of deep twlight, and there followed the darkness of a dungeon. Opposite me as if in life was the image of the sweet and beautiful woman you know as Mrs. Robeley. Never before had I been dominated by the tender passion, but there I was fathoms deep in love with what might have been on enchanting illusion or a superb painting. So deeply was I impressed that after leaving in a bewilderment of doubt I sketched the magnificent creature so indelibly impressed upon my memory.

"Righteen months later I was in southern California enjoying the medicinal virtues of the climate, and finding subjects in some of the delightful scenery. One morning I had my easel | World.

at the edge of a wooded precipice overlooking a charming spread of land-The velvet carpeting of gram and moss had falled to warn me of approaching footsteps, and when I and cynical Wilton turned it was the startled movement caused by a half-suppressed scream. There were two ladies, the elder anxiously supporting the younger, whose face was blanched and whose eyes were years before I ever | fastened upon me as though I were a saw her in the flesh | terrifying apparition. It was the girl the Indian sorceress had shown me in miles from the Paris; but what did she know of me? As she sank down under the weight of her emotions I hastened to a near-"You are the last man in the world by spring for water, and when I returned her eyes were upon me in that same fixed and troubled look.

"'What can be the matter, daughter? You have always been so strong and so vigorous."

"'Is your name Henry Morton? asked the younger of me, without heed-

"'It is Wilton Robeley,' I responded quietly. At that instant it flashed upon me that in a desire to conceal my identity I had given the name of Henry Morton to the fortune teller. Then with the inspiration of an anxious lover I added: 'But I have a cousin of that name who bears a striking resemblance to me.'

"My immediate reward was a revival of strength and spirits on the part of the young lady. The mother introduced herself as Mrs. Gilsen, her daughter as Miss Gilsen, and then said: 'Lucy, we had best get back to the hotel

"'Lucy Gilsen?' and yet it was her presence that had been conjured up as my bride to be. She was the girl of my sketch and my dreams. The next day I called at the hotel to inquire after responsibilities of life very lightly and her. I called often. We walked, drove, painted and boated together. I came to know through the intuition of love that she was not indifferent to me. One evening as we drifted tazily through the water lilies she handed me a sketch of myself and asked: 'Is that a picture of Henry Morton?"

"'It's perfect,' I answered though dumfounded. A shadow of anger crossed her face, and she was about to tear the picture to pieces when I caught one of the most pretentious houses I her hands and suddenly showed the reproduction of herself that I had made in Paris. It was her turn to be surfind a woman battling with flames that prised, and when I told her of my experience at the fortune teller's on Rue de Bouges, giving her the date, she quickly exclaimed:

'Why, I was there with Marcia Arnold. Mamma and I did Europe that eason, and we two girss visited that Indian princess just for a lark. That was where I saw Henry Morton, whom I was told fate had decreed as my fu-

"Before we rowed home it was all explained, and the sequel of our strange experience was a happy marriage. The dusky prophetess who had confused the name of the two girls was a cultivated fraud. It was all a trick of the mirrors, ladies."

Hellotrope Perfume. A delicate odor, heliotrope, is obtained in small quantities from the heliotrope hedges of the Riviera by the process of maceration—a quantity of very pure lard being placed in a copper vessel with the flowers and melted over a slow fire. The flowers are then strained away, a process repeated till the fat is sufficiently flower scented. when the liquid fat is poured through a sieve, and the greasy flower paste subjected to hydraulic pressure. Since heliotrope blossoms must be used as soon as they are gathered, and the melted grease carefully kept at the lowest temperature that will maintain it in the liquid state, the perfumer accepts as a substitute heliotropine, the white light crystalline powder obtained from the ground pepper. Even if these difficulties of manufacture were avoided by the nyrogene or enfleurage system, pure heliotrope essence could never become a popular perfume. Heat injures it. The direct action of sunlight destroys it. Artifice replaces it with a mixture of the spirituous extracts of vanilla, ambergris, rose and orange flower, to which are added a few drops of essential oil of almonds.-Chambers' Journal.

A College Girl, Too.

She was a college girl of lofty ideas and superior attainments, such as college girls have in their early days. When she left her family to rest in the mountains for awhile, she said haugh-

"No; I'll not take an evening gown And please don't put any of that papercovered literature into my trunk. have some philosophy to read and I don't intend to mix with the hotel people. Nature, my work and serge frocks are enough for me."

Then she departed. At the end of four days her mother was startled by a telegram. It read: "Send two party frocks, a hammock

and some reliable face powder at So easily are love of nature and love of labor overcome.-Exchange.

A Dissenter.

"The voice of .he people," said the nan who was aching to talk about the coming election, "the voice of the people is the voice of God."

"Rats!" said the man he had cornered.

"Beg pardon?" "Rats, I said; r-a-t-s, rats. Just wait until you have been compelled to deide a home player out at third a few times and then you will know how much ice the voice of the people cuts Yes."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

Thoughtful Provision. Hojack-Li Hung Chang always carries his coffin with him when he

travels. Tomdik-What did you say was the name of the umpire?-New York

HELD CAPTIVE BY ICE.

THILLING EXPERIENCE CAPTAIN AND CREW.

The Palls Were Frozen Solld - After Furty Days of Imprisonment and Benriy Danger of Iteing Crushed to Pieces the Vessel Reaches Its Destination



HE bark Fluorine, Claptain Jansen, the second of the kryolite fleet from Greenland, arrived at Philadelphia the other day, bringing to a close the most memorable and thrilling voyage ever within the recollection of her

lifetime in the Arctic regions. This vessel was less fortunate than her sister ship, the Iodine, which reached Philadelphia on Sunday, and was, for a period of thirty days, held captive in tremendous ice floes which are swiftly sweeping southward from the northern regions. Those forty days of imprisonment were times of most intense anxiety for Captain Jansen and his crew. They knew not at what moment their vessel would be crushed to atoms and nothing would then have been left for them to do but lie down on the ice and awalt death. No efforts could have been made to reach land. The vessel was miles from the coast and the ice obstruction that surrounded them was of such formation as would have rendered their traveling over it Impossible.

The Fluorine brings no tidings of any of other ships of the fleet except the Salina, and the impression among many shipping men is that they have become inextricably fast in the northern ice and may perhaps have to spend the coming winter in that perilous position. The Argenta, Captain Smith, left Cadiz May 25; the Silicon, Captain Andersen, left Havana April 29, and the Serene, Captain Houghton, made sail from Stockholm June 5, all for Ivigtut, Greenland, but none had reached there up to June 26. Nor had any tidings from them been had. The Argenta and Serene were hardly due at that time, but the whereabouts of the Silicon is the cause of much alarm. The Fluorine left Exmoth, England, April 5 for Greenland. When twenty days out the first ice was met and from then until the time Ivigtut was reached, June 14, her struggle was a desperate one and many times the attempt to reach the northern port seemed impossible. The cold was intense and the spray which was being dashed on board the vessel by the cold, bleak winds froze fast where it struck until the craft was incased in a thick coating of ice. The sails were | ing the Kola river, about 50 miles from frozen as stiff as sheet iron and before they could be bent it was necessary to the bay below are navigable for even hammer them for hours with the cap- large vessels, Kola is situated so far instan bars. Many of the sailors were | land that it is shut off from the sea by severely frost-bitten, but they stuck

manfully to the task. The Fluorine worked north among the ice along the coast to latitude 64 north and when about abreast of Goodhope she got around the corner of the north point of the obstruction and steered down for her destination. For days she was brought to a complete standstill in the ice. The entire coast of Greenland was found to be walled up with tremendous floes and bergs, and the noise of these huge monsters coming in contact one with the other resounded for miles and miles. Upon nearly every one of fifty bergs there were in sight on one day there were innumerable seals playing about and basking in the warm rays of the sun. From the time the entrance to Ivigtut was first sighted until the port was reached it consumed a period of ten days to get over a distance of not more than twenty miles. When the Fluorine left Ivigtut there were no other vessels in the harbor excepting the Danish steamship Fox, which could not venture out on account of the ice.

Coming as it did from such high latitudes, the crew of the Fluorine were almost prostrated by the past week's intense heat.

Small Typewriter.

What is thought to be the smallest typewriter in practical use is in Denver. According to the New York Tribune it is made of aluminum, and is two and one-eighth inches in diameter, three-quarters of an inch deep, and weighs, complete, but three and onehalf ounces. An ordinary watch is about the same size and weight. Its mechanism is very simple. Fifty characters are on the watch-face like keyboard, while the type bars radiate from the center. A single key, which is placed over the particular letter desired to be printed and then pressed, forms the means of operation. A piece of felt is used as the ribbon. The entire machine is attached to a writing pad by means of a clamp when in use. High speed is not claimed, yet it can be operated sufficiently fast for ordinary purposes.

Reciprocity. "And would you die for me?" the

fair young thing asked. "Well," the cruel man replied, as he fondled the golden braid that was hanging down her back. "I suppose it would be only doing the fair thing, since you seem to have bleached for

Whereupon a solemn stillness enfolded them.-Cleveland Leader.

A woman says don't when a man attempts to kiss her, but she generally means, don't stop.

Queen Victoria has never witnessed a session of the House of Commons.

CATCHING A THIEF.

She Protected Hor Ice Chest in a Prac tical Way--ifer Husband Objected. From the Cleveland Leader: "Did you ever hear how Mrs. Turner caught the fellow who was robbing her ice chest?" asked the smooth-faced man.

"No," the man with the krugers replied; "how was it?"

They were riding down town in an open car and the narrator of the story pitched his voice in a key that made it possible for every person aboard to hear what he said.

"For a long time," the smoothfaced man said, "somebody had been helping himself pretty freely to the beer that the Turners always kept on ice. Mrs. Turner was uncertain as to whether the ice man or the hired girl's beau was the guilty person, but finally she hit upon a plan whereby the identity of the wrong-doer could be established. You know Mrs. Turner is a

old skipper, who has spent almost a practical woman if she is anything." "Yes," said the man with the krugers, rubbing his hands and beginning to look as if he was interested.

"Well," his companion resumed, "she went to the druggist and asked him to fix up a dose that would double the beer guzzler up like a jack-knife, but which would be sure to result in no permanent injury. Then she 'doctored' two bottles, put them in the ice chest and waited for results."

"Yes," said the listener, a pleased grin beginning to show upon his coun-"But," the other went on, "neither

the ice man nor the hired girl's beau was caught."

"You don't say," exclaimed the man with the krugers. "No," the smooth-faced man said,

but they had to call in the doctor for old man Turner last night, and some of the neighbors were afraid for an hour or two that after he had got so that he could talk again that the affair might result in a permanent breach."

While the people on the car wers laughing at the joke on Turner a big man who had been sitting directly behind the narrator of the story signalled the conductor to stop, and as he hurriedly got off the smooth-faced man whispered:

"Great Scott! That was Turner himself!

TRANSPORTATION OF TOWNS.

Russian City to Be Taken to a Location Where the Cilmate Is Less Severe. San Francisco Chronicle: European engineers are much interested in the proposed removal of an entire town in northern Russia to a point 43 miles distant, the houses to be transported over the frozen surface of the river on sledges. The city of Kola, on the peninsula of the same name, is now situated at the confluence of two rivers, the Luttojoki and the Notosero, formthe Arctic ocean. While the rivers and ice much longer than other seaports situated even further north, like Vardoe, in Norwegian Lapland. The governor of the province of Archangelisk, Baron Engelhardt, to whose jurisdiction the district of Kola belongs, has proposed to transfer the city to a better port nearer the mouth of the Kola river. Imperial and ministerial consent having been given, active preparations are now being made to transport Kola to ion. The project is not, the new w one. The thing has

been done on an extensive scale right here in the United States. When the Mormons left Nauvoo, Ill., they left hind them nearly 700 well-built fra houses, clustered around their uni ished temple. German grape-growing came in and settled up the place. They wanted the hillsides for the vines. The houses were sold to soculators, who moved them all in the course of three winters over the frozen basin of the river to a point twelve miles above on the lowa shore, and founded what is now one of the most prosperous of western towns-Fort Madison. The houses were set on rude sledges and drawn by oxen.

A Lively Drink.

Mexican pulque is made intoxicating to a maddening degree by the addition of an extract made from what is known as jimson weed in this country. The number of deaths from fights in pulque shops is said to be incredible.

MISCELLANY.

A nail-making machine produces as many nails in a given time as were formerly made by 1,000 men.

Teccher-What celebrated event occurred at Plymouth Rock? Tommie-I know. Teacher-Well, let us hear you tell the class what it was. Nobody else seems to know. Tommie-They started a new breed of chickens there.-Cleveland Leader.

Gouverneur Morris of New York, in 1772, proposed to the Continental congress a decimal currency system. He suggested ten units equal one penny; ten pennies, one bill; ten bills, one dollar; ten dollars, one crown. In 1784 Jefferson proposed the system as now in use; Congress in July, 1785, resolved that the coinage should conform to the decimal system.

Claude Joseph Rouget de l'Isle, a French writer, composed the "Marseillaise." He is said to have written the song and composed the music one evening in a burst of patriotic frenzy. He called it the "Song of the Army of the Rhine." It was sung by the volunteers from Marseilles and the south of France as they entered Paris, Aug. 10, 1792, and received its present name

ditions. Human nature is imitative; without injury to his ornsment. the force of good example is catching. Lack of opportunity to lead a more civilized existence, not the inclination to remain as they are, largely explains the situation of the poorer elements among city dwellers. Sir Sidney Waterlow cites the punctuality with which the rents are paid his corporation as evidence that people having good

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Big School of Porpoises.

The steamer Ulunda, which recently arrived in Halifax from Liverpool, encountered an enormous school of porpoises pursued by about two dozen large whales just before it came into port. It was estimated that there was over 1,400 poises in the school. They were seen about 15 miles east of Halifax, and jumped the vessel's sides in their evident terror of their pursuers. The sea was black with them and they rushed through the water like mad, with the great puffing whales in close pursuit. Old salts say they never saw anything like it on the American

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