A BALLADE OF A GIRL YOU KNOW. The girl that plays. Do you know her? You smile. Ah! it is plain you do. Then shall I not forthwith infer You know her small coquetries, too. The place you ask for's always new And coarse; or old—seen its best days; She'll give you something else in heu. The girl that plays! She cannot err In judgment, taste. So here's your cue; Pose coolly as a connoisseur Though musically a yahoo. Indorse her, though you never knew The bass clef from a paraphrase. And she'll think very well of you, The girl that plays. The girl that plays is claviger Of keys that never meet the view; An excellent interpreter At Cupid's Court. But, sad and true, That 'out of practice' bugaboo Drives more from her by liftless ways Than all her music gathers to The girl that plays. No man remains long heart whole who Within her range enchanted stays; She's always 'running something The girl that plays. —Edward W. Barnard,



FANTASTIC STORY

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You are such a capital hand to make up a story that hasn't an atom of truth

"Thank you for the compliment," as if looking for some one?" asked Eva replied. "I might be tempted to Eva. try it if I really though I could sell them. The fact is," she continued. "people are too willing to listen to a out something detrimental to their friends, and will believe any kind of ers do, especially the negroes." a story which furnishes fuel for the fire of gossip."

"Why, Eva Werner, do you think I would believe evil stories told of my friends. I would not care to hear them, no matter how well they were told.'

"You are only human," replied Eva, "and the best of us may be tempted and fall. By the way, did you hear that Will Wilkins is on the verge of failure?"

"Yes, Jack said yesterday that his friends were afraid he would lose the remaining bit of property he owns. It seems strange that a man of his age and experience, who has had so much money to use, cannot make a success

of some of his ventures." For a few moments there was silnce, then Eva said, very quietly, "Did you ever hear that Will came by his money in a very peculiar manner; that a negro woman-a beautiful mulatto-who had been his grandfather's slave, and had been educated by him, held control of the property during the life of Will's father? After the death of Mr. Wilkins, senior. Will was obliged to care for the negress until she died, in order to get possession of the money."

"I have never heard any such nonsense," replied Mrs. Rhodes. "I have always supposed that Will's father left him the money, but I did not know; he has been such a kind friend to us since we moved here that I would not like to believe any ill of him."

"Well, there are truths stranger than fiction." Eva continued. "Have you never heard that she cast a spell over him-'conjured,' the colored folks call it-because, during her last sickness, he angered her? It seems that he was very anxious to marry, but could not do so because he had no money, and the last night of her life, as he sat by her bedside, she said to him: 'It will not be long, Will, before I'll be gone, and then you can have the money to do with as you please."



"Why don't you write stories, Eva?" Whether he had been drinking or was well told. There was no harm in the league is small and it has shown no weary with watching and nursing, no story I told you if you had kept your indication of accomplishing any more one knows, but he snapped out: It promise. I shall surely turn my at than its predecessors. seems like a thousand years, and I am

tired of waiting." "At that the savage blood, long dorwhite to the lips with coming death, she said, 'So you want me to die, eh?' Well! just remember, Will Wilkins, it." that, like the rest of my race, I believe in conjuring. Listen to me! You "I beg your pardon, Mr. Will, and shall have the money, but ill luck will follow it; every time you make an in- drawn you into this, for I surely vestment it will fail; and I will always meant no harm, but wished merely to managed to get the horse away the be at your clook.' These words spok- prove my theory that a bit of gossip en, she fell back on her pinow and in is always relished.

APPENDICULATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT "Why don't you write stories, Eva? | a few moments had breathed her last. "Will received the money and, as you know, failure has followed all of in it, and tell it in a most convincing his investments. Did you ever notice a way he has of glancing behind him,

"Why, yes," replied Mrs. Rhodes. "come to think of it, I have! but I never heard this story before, and I bit of scandal, are too anxious to find | do not believe in the power to conjure, although I know many southern-

> "Well," said Eva, rising, "I must be going. As this happened many years excavation of which was prevented by



"Well, Mr. Will, what did you want of me?"

we are very intimate friends of the family, and it might make trouble.' "You may surely rely on me-I shall never repeat it to any one."

A week passed, during which time Eva and Mrs. Rhodes did not chance to meet: but Eva received a letter from Mr. Wilkins asking her to call at his office. She went to the office and was surprised to find Mrs. Rhodes and her husband there. Quickly divining the meaning of her summens, she hastily saluted them, then turning to Mr. Wilkins, she asked, "Well, Mr. Will, what did you want of me?"

He looked steadily at her for a moment and then said: "Miss Eva, if you cannot prove the truth of the story you told Mrs. Rhodes last week shall make trouble for you."

Eva, not a bit abashed by his severe tone, said: "I hardly understand what you mean; Mrs. Rhodes faithfully promised never to repeat the story I told her."

Mrs. Rhodes turned crimson, and in her confusion stammered: "Why-I-

"You-you-," Eva said indignantly, 'are nearly as incapable of truth as you gave me credit for being. Will you please repeat all that was said before I told the story?"

With some stammering and healtating. Mrs. Rhodes repeated what had been said up to the time of telling the story. Then Eva said:

"I never told you it was true. merely asked if you had ever heard why not among the men?" the memsuch a story about Mr. Wilkins. You bers inquire. "It is for the captivaadmitted, after I told it, that you never | tion of man that women usually lace. had; neither had I, and I made it up and if the stern sex is known to frown to prove to you the truth of my be- on the custom the result ought to be lief that we are too willing to believe abolition of the practice." So far, any story about our friends, if it is however, the membership of the tention to writing if you who know that I revel in fiction can swallow such an outrageous story about a mant in her veins, began to boil, and friend. If my stories are accepted by hia race horse, killed a bear a few publishers as readily as by you my fortune is made, and I thank you for

> Turning to Mr. Wilkins, she said: hope you will forgive me for having

NOT BUILT FOR TWO.

Size of Tolegraph Operator's Cage Puzzled Convivial Gentleman.

Wedged in a corner of one of the entrances to Jefferson Market is a little V-shaped telegraph office of the Western Union Company. It is said to be the smallest office in New York and to do more business in proportion to its size than any other office in the great system that extends the length and breadth of the land.

When the rather tall and comely young woman in charge of the office furniture except a small shelf for the and Blaine. In the first place no repushing telegrams through the little interfere, in the slightest degree, with bones, but the one there regularly knows how to dodge the joists.

had just been let off with a reprimand of buttermilk.

little window at him. "Do you wish to send a message?

he asked.

BURIED BEAUTY IN OLD PARIS.

Architectural Experts Find Much That Has Been Covered Up.

It has been known for some time that the roadway in front of the Cathedral of Notre Dame, in Paris, is much higher than it originally was, and that the view of the entrance suffers in consequence. The architectural expert of the Louvre Huseum, M. Redon, has discovered that the Louvre is also buried beneath the ground to a far greater depth than the original plans warranted. M. Redon concludes his investigations that, as from planned at first, the Louvre was to have been encompassed by a most, the ago, I trust you will not repeat it, for the houses that surrounded it at the time. Afterward, when the houses were got rid of, the idea of the moat was forgotten, and the land rose naturally to its present height, hiding over 2416 feet of the building. The Committee for the Preservation of Old Paris intends, under M. Redon's supervision, to clear away the earth and disclose the magnificent stonework of which the base is constructed .- Paris correspondent London Telegraph.

The Bostonese For It.

She was a spectacled lassie from Boston and had taken charge of a country school,

"Well, how are you getting along

"Very nicely now, thank you," she replied: "but it was hard at first."

"Is that so?" "Oh, yes. You see, in the beginning I tried moral suasion as a corrective measure, but failing in that I resorted to a tangible instrumentality."

"A what?" gasped the simple-minded trustee.

"A tangible instrumentality," she replied sweetly-"a good, stout hickory switch, don't you know."

Before Fame Called.

That the thorns and thistles lining the way to success are not soon forgotten is instanced by a remark of Clyde Fitch to an applicant for a part in one of his productions.

"Well," said the young lady with a sigh of relief after having obtained a promise of a part in the play, "it is so pleasant to have something to live on besides hope-parts are scarce this fall.

"Yes," replied Mr. Fitch, a reminiscent, far-away look in his eyes, "I lived on hope for ten years-" and, with a smile-"so did my landlady."-New York Times.

Three Words of Strength. There are three lessons I would write. Three words, as with a burning pen.

tracings of eternal light. Upon the hearts of men.

Have Hope. The clouds environ round. And gladness hides her face in scorn, Put off the shadow from thy brow: No night but bath its morn.

Have Faith. Where'er thy bark is The calm's disport, the tempest's mirth.— Cnow this: God rules the hosts of heaven, The inhabitants of earth.

Have Love. Not love alone for or But man, as man, thy brother call; and scatter like a circling sun. Thy charities on all.

England's Anti-Corset Crusade. Although the latest anti-corset crusade has not yet reached London, its promoters are carrying the cause into Birmingham, where they hope to find champions among both sexes. "And

Bear No Match for Horse.

Roadwarmer, a well-known Califordays ago. Roadwarmer was one of the string of racers that Ralph Vernon was taking to Covelo for the winter. When the bear was in reach the horse squared around and a battle royal commenced, the horse using his hoofs to good advantage. When Vernon bear was lying in an unrecognizable mass and the horse was uninjured.

WHY THEY FAVOR IT illization to tempt them to continue

DEMOCRATIC FONDNESS FOR COMPETITIVE RECIPROCITY.

It is Regarded as an Important Step in the Direction of Free Trade, a Half Losf That Is Much Better Than No Bread.

Democratic leaders in Congress and advance the cause of something of enters for business every morning one their own devising which they are mountainous districts of Cuba are of the clerks in an adjoining dairy pleased to call "reciprocity." They most valuable grazing lands, whose pushes a chair in after her and closes say it is the reciprocity mentioned as owners are restocking them in the exthe door. There is room for no other an economic possibility by McKinley instrument and a hat peg. A strange publican of weight has ever suggested iff. The proposed treaty admits operator doing business with persons reciprocity in any form that could American cattle into Cuba at 40 per directly responsible for the collision. window would need pads on her funny the protection of American wages. the Cuban stockmen wish to thus buy which are much the highest in the a market for the Cuban sugar grow world, or with fostering the wise de- ers? Let us stop our onslaught on avoided. "Say!" said a florid, portly man who velopment of industries on our own Cuban and American industries for soil. No prominent republican has the benefit of the American Sugar in the neighboring ponce court, as he ever proposed reciprocity in any extrust and its friends who have bought cooled his fevered insides with a glass | cept non-competitive products, and not | sugar estates in Cuba.—San Francisco specifically in regard to those. None The operator peeped through the has ever touched on the subject save as a generalization worthy of thought, but secondary to republican protection, giving to that beneficent policy Sound Reasons for Their Opposition fu impending danger over made itself "Notterday," replied the man, "No the full party recognition it has messhage t'day. I was only wonderin' always had, and always will have unhow you'd manage, some fine mornin', less the party moves off its old foundaa year ma'd make you wear an extra tions. But what sort of reciprocity skirt and do up your hair in an up are democratic managers urging upon bolstered pompadour?"-New York public attention, claiming to have borrowed it from eminent republicans? It is a slash at all protection, an entering wedge to rip up the Dingley tariff in competitive or any other products. It is simply a renewal of the fight, on shifted ground, for democratic free trade.

the wall of protection," and that demo- manufacturing industries. In the cratic votes will go to the measure | event of free trade in natural products for that reason. Representative Wil- Canada would do all the selling and

their minous one-crop policy by spetheir sugar. What Cuba needs is a diversification of products, whereby she may secure a variety of customers, It will be no advantage to Cuba to make the American Sugar trust the sole customer for her principal products. There is a deficiency in the world's cotton supply, and all continents are being ransacked for places where that staple can be profitably elsewhere are sitting up of nights to grown. There is evidence that there is no better place than Cuba. The to them by the Cuban protective tarcent reduction from tariff rates. Do Chronicle.

WHY FARMERS OBJECT.

to Free Trade in Agricultural Prod-

ucts. It is easy to understand that Canada would be glad to enter into a reciprocify agreement with the United States that should include natural products only. Equally obvious is the reason why she should decline to swap trade privileges in manufactured products. Her natural products seek a nearby market, and it would be tremendously to her advantage if she could sell her surplus in the United States instead Thus democrats in Congress are de- of shipping it to Europe. But in inlaring that the Cuban tariff conces- dustrial production she is only a besion "is unquestionably a breach in ginner. She is trying to develop her

THE MONKEY AND THE BUZZ SAW.



liams, the Democratic leader in the pone of the buying, while free trade house, insists that the Cuban bill is in manufacturers would swamp every an example of reciprocity, and that one of her youthful industries. The reciprocity is a concession to the American farmer objects to reciprodemocratic demand for untrammeled city restricted to natural products only. With good reason he objects to trade relations." A democratic paper remarks that while reciprocity is a having all of Canada's surplus of grain quibble and an anomaly, it should dumped on the American market. He be welcomed by Democrats as a step knows that to remove the protective toward a tariff for revenue only, and | tariff from Canadian cereals would not on the ground that half a loaf is bet- only be disadvantageous to his interter than none. President Roosevelt ests now but would in the near future recommended the Cuban concession help to build up a competition overas a "unique" provision to assist a whelming in its magnitude. new nation which this country created and over which this country holds a peculiar restraint. Few republicans think that the United States is still under fiscal obligations to Cuba, or that any point of honor is involved in

trying to benefit Cuba.

will find that, in nearly every case, the

national revenue is sacrificed for the

benefit of individuals." Probably the

Cuban bill, if it goes through, will

work that way, no matter what senti-

ment of supposed honor or generosity

is felt by any of its advocates. Mr.

Reed opposed the Cuban tariff reduc-

tion in these incisive words: "For

the republicans to desert the beet

sugar interest is to desert the farmer

in the one conspicuous and clear case

where his industry is fostered. Under

the tariff as it now is all the sugar

needed by this country can be made

by the people of this country. That is

in accord with our system. When we

throw our markets open to the world

in all things, then it will be time to

do it for sugar.' Mr. Reed was a

statesman of long experience in Con-

gress. Senator Allison, with similar

training, said recently: "Reciprocity

is a beautiful theory, but I am convinc-

ed that it cannot be put into practice.

Reciprocity has grown a little more

definite in one respect. It is demo-

cratic ammunition, and seized by

them with eagerness as a national

campaign draws near and finds them

without an issue. Republicans de-

cline to hand them an issue on a reci-

procity free trade platter.-St. Louis

Bad for Cuba.

Globe Democrat.

Canada's grain-producing possibilities are practically unlimited. The total acreage of the lands in Manitoba and thence west to the Rockies, and ranning 600 or 700 miles north of the boundary line is 2,230,000,000 acres. Of this about 25,000,000 acres are bethe action of Congress yet to come. As ing utilized or have been transferred far as the democratic party is conby the crown to railways, for homecerned, it is fighting protection, not teads and other purposes of production. Of these 25,000,000 this year Thomas B. Reed's last magazine article, published after his death, which only 3,123,663 acres were under cultivation. The actual yield of grain of occurred less than a year ago, was a all kinds this year was 110,000,000 powerful argument against reciprocity over last year. The wheat yield was as far as it had been defined within 7.163,032 bushels, an increase of his experience. "If you will examine about 4,000,000. reciprocity in detail," he wrote, "you

As rapidly as immigration can be in duced and lands placed under cultivation these countless millions of acres are to be added to the wheat-producing area of North America. It is the dream of Canada to become the great wheat-producing country of the world. Reciprocity in natural products would greatly hasten the realization of this dream. Already large numbers of farmers from the United States are moving over to the Canadian Northwest and locating upon lands within reach of railroad transportation. There will be more railroads, more accessible lands, more farmers rushing over to take and till them. That is what Canada wants. It is not, however, what the American farmer wants. He prefers to retain as long as possible the advantages which the for exports. The second bill relates present tariff gives him in the matter of a profitable market for his food stuffs. Hence his opposition to reci-

procity in natural products. Is it unreasonable or unnatural that another great body of American farmers should be unwilling to relinquish the advantages which the Dingley tariff gives them, and to surrender to foreign competitors the control of the immense market for their sugar cane their sugar beets, their early fruits and vegetables, their oranges, lemons and pineapples, and their tobacco?

Some books are to be tasted, others As for the Cubans themselves, it to be swallowed, and some few to be yould almost be a crime against civ- chewed and digested.-Bacon.

SEVENTEEN ARE DEAD.

cial inducements for the dumpage of Rock Island Trains Mest Near Wil-

lard, Kan., with Fatal Results. TOPEKA, Kan.-Seventeen persons vere killed and fifty-seven injured in the Rock Island wreck at Willard Wednesday morning. Most of the inured are in hospitals at Topeka. The octors announce that all will recover.

Carelessness of trainmen caused the vreck. Instructed to meet a special rain at Willard, the engineer and conductor of the ill-fated passenger, noting that a freight train stood on the sidetrack at Willard rushed through, thinking that the cars they pectation of profit, properly assured had seen were the ones they had been instructed to pass. Failure to scrutinize the number of the engine was Had the engineer compared the number of the train at Willard with his orders the accident would have been

Upon seeing at Willard a freight rain on the siding Engineer Benjamin threw open the throttle and under the impetus of full steam the passenger train leaped out into the darkness at a rate which the passengers declare to have been fully sixty-five miles an hour. Not a note of warning of fearknown to the sufferers.

General Superintendent Gruber of the Rock Island made this statement to the Associated Press.

"The engineer of the passenger rain had orders to wait at Willard for the extra stock train. He passed on, mistaking a freight train on the siding at that station for the extra stock train. This caused the wreck. Nobody else is to blame, so far as our information goes."

TO ANSWER REYES NEXT WEEK.

Secretary Hay Has Completed Revision of Reply to Colombia.

WASHINGTON-Secretary Hay has completed his final revision of the answer to be made by the American government to the protest filed by General Rafael Reyes, the Colombian minister, against the action of the United States regarding affairs on the isthmus.

The communication is a long one and sets out in detail the position of the administration on the various points raised and grievances recited by General Reyes in his note submitted to the state department in the latter part of December. The reply has been given very earnest consideration by the president, Secretary Root, who assisted in its preparation during the time Secretary Hay was ill, and by Secretary Hay himself. The paper, to gether with General Reyes' note, it is expected, will be sent to congress probably next week.

REPORTS ARE DISQUIETING.

Threatening Activity of Russian Cruizers at Vladivostok.

TGKIO.—The Russian reply to Japan has not been received. It is reported from Vladivostok that the Russian squadron there is preparing for action.

An extra edition of the Official Gazette has been issued, containing army and navy orders prohibiting the publication of any reports about movements of troops or war vessels from this time on. Otherwise the Japanese authorities are not interfering with press messages.

According to another report, a Russian cruiser has left Port Arthur with a small military force on board, its destination is unknown, but is probably Chemulpo, Korea.

ARBITRATION CONFERENCE.

Prominent Speakers to Advocate The Hague Tribunal.

WASHINGTON-The international arbitration conference is to meet here next Tuesday and on the afternoon of that day at the Lafayette theater a mass meeting will be held in furtherance of the arbitration movement. Prominent persons from all over the country are expected to speak on that occasion, those already having promised to do so including Cardinal Gibbons, Andrew Carnegie, Rabbi Hirsch of Chicago, President Wilson of Princeton, Governor Durbin of Indiana, Edward Everett Hale and Clark Howell of Atlanta.

The object of the conference is to consider the question of the adoption of a treaty between the United States and Great Britain by which the two nations will agree to resort to The Hague tribunal in a certain specified class of cases.

To Revise Drawback System.

WASHINGTON, D. C .- Representatice Lovering (Mass.) introduced two bills for the revision of the drawback provisions of the Dingley law. One bill is designed to encourage the export trade in drugs and chemicals by remitting the internal revenue in the shape of a drawback on domestic atcohol used in manufactured articles to drawbacks on imported raw masuch raw material is finished,

Sues Captain Lemly. WASHINGTON -- Robert Burton

Rodney, a pay-naster with the rank of lieutenant commander on the retired list of the navy, has brought suit for \$50,000 damages against Captain Samuel C. Lemly, judge advocate general of the navy, for alleged long continued pecuniary and naval grade losses and indignities. The complainant aleges that Captain Lemly has usurped practical supremacy in the naval department and is depriving the complainant of legal rights.