The Main Bid, \$116.8898, Made by a Syndicate of Bankers of New York, London, Philadelphia and Boston-It is for the Entire Issue—The aggregate Bids amount to About \$150,000,000.

Big Demand for Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26. - Secretary Carlisle shortly after noon to-day held a conference with treasury officials for the purpose of deciding whether the bids for the new issue of \$50,000,000 of gold bonds should be opened in public or private. At 12:45 o'clock a large delegation of bankers and representatives of the press assembled in Assistant Secretary Curtis' office to hear the bids announced. In the corridor outside was a large gathering of correspondents who could not, owing to the limited capacity of the room, be admitted. Among the bidders present were J. Pierpont Morgan of Drexel, Morgan & Co., bankers of New York; Robert Bacon of E. Rollins, Morse & Co., bankers, Boston; Albert Stethemier, broker, New York; F. W. Reimick, with Kidder, Peabody & Co., bankers, Boston; Pliny Fisk of Harvey Fisk & Co., bankers, New York.

The main bid was by a syndicate of bankers of New York, London, Philadelphia and Boston and was for the entire issue at \$116.8898 on the \$100. The bidders included Drexel, Morgan & Co., the United States Trust company of New York and the large New York banks.

The reading of the bids closed at 1:50 p. m. The aggregate, including both bids of Drexel, Morgan and company, amounted to about \$155,000,000 or, counting only one of them to \$105,-000,000. The \$50,000,000 bid provides that \$40,000,000 of the bonds are to be delivered in New York, \$3,000,000 at Boston, \$3,000,000 at Philadelphia, \$2,000,000 at Chicago and \$2,000,000 at San Francisco.

The bid was made by the United States Trust company at New York; Drexel, Morgan & Co.. New York; the First national bank of New York and Harvey, Fiske & Sons. They added that the following parties were interested with them: Drexel & Co., Philadelphia; J. S. Morgan & Co., London; National bank of Commerce, New York; Chemical national bank, New York; Fourth na-tional bank. New York; National City bank, New York; Hanover National bank, New York; First National bank, Chicago; Mutual Life Insurance company, New York; Gallatin National bank, New York; Merchants National bank, New York; Manhattan company, New York; Morton, Bliss & Co., New York; Heidelbach, Eckelheimer & Co., New York; J. and S. Wormser, New York; J. and W. Seligman & Co., New York; Blair & Co., New York; Vermilge & Co., New York; F. S. Smithers & Co., New York; Edward Sweet & Co. New York; Kountz Bros., New York; Laidlow & Co., New York; Bowery Savings bank, New York; Knickerbocker Trust company, New York: Greenwich Savings bank, New York; Cooper, Hewitt & Co., New York: A. Reno, New York: A. Orr, for Brooklyn Savings bank; Brewster, Cobb & Estabrook, Boston; Winslow, Lanier & Co.; Brooklyn Trust company; E. Rollins, Morse & Bro., and Blake Bros. & Co.

A second syndicate bid by the same parties was submitted for the full \$50,000,000, all or none, at \$117.077, being a shade below three per cent.

JUSTICE JACKSON HOPELESS.

The Jurist Will Never Return to the

Bench-Successorship Gossip. WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.-The latest intelligence from Justice Jackson of the United States supreme court, who lies ill at Thomasville, Ga., is that his return to the bench at any time is not to be expected. His friends entertained hopes that a winter's rest in the Southern climate might restore his health so far as to permit of intermittent service, but his days of usefulness appear definitely to have ended. Not much hope can reasonably be entertained of one stricken

Gossip regards the prospective vacancy as assured. Mr. Wilson's name has always been suggested. Again it is said that Justice Jackson, realizing the impossibility of recovery, will presently resign, and that Mr. Carlisle will go on the bench and will give Wilson the treasury. For all the rumors there is no present disclosed basis of fact.

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Receiver Failey's Acts to Be Investigated and His Removal Asked.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 26 .- It is probable that the allowances in the Iron Hall receivership will be investigated and preliminary steps have been taken to secure the court's action of the matter. It will come before Judge McMasters of the superior bench, who has just succeded Judge Winters, who made the allow-

It is reported that a petition reciting the facts and alleging extravagance, excessive payments to both receiver and attorneys, pay for services that were unnecessary and inexpedient and failure to account for large interest on the deposits in the bank, has been prepared and will be presented to the court. The removal of Mr. Failey as receiver will be asked and the reduction of expenses generally demanded.

Dangerous \$20 Counterfeit.

Washington, Nov. 27. - Chief Hazen of the secret service has received from Newark, N. J., one of the most dangerous counterfeits seen in a long time. It is a \$20 United States note with the "Morris" head and small scal check letter "D." The execution of the word is exceptionally fine in every particular. The penalty clause in the left space of the reverse side of the note is entirely wanting, also the words "Series of" on the face. But for these deficiencies the character of the note would be almost impossible of detection

PORT ARTHUR FALLS.

Japs Capture It After Eighteen Hours Fighting.

CHEE Foo, Nov. 26.-Dispatches have been received here stating that the Japanese captured Port Arthur on Wednesday last, after eighteen

hours fighting. The second Japanese army, under the command of Field Marshal Count Oyama, minister of war, consisted of about 30,000 men, and when this promontory it was divided into two detachments, one of which, aided by against Talienwan, while the other directed its movements against Kin Chow, on the western side of the promontory, some miles north of Port Arthur. Talienwan and Kin Chow were both captured, after which the army again combined and the march on Port Arthur was commenced. Several engagements of minor importance took place along the route, but according to the reports the Japanese were invariably successful. The roads leading northward from Port Arthur were supposed to have been mined by the Chinese and the Japanese commander therefore declined to take the risk of marching his troops along them. Consequently, they were compelled to cut roads through the forests to allow the passage of their artillery, ammunition trains, etc. The march was thus necessarily slow.

Dispatches received a few days ago stated that the Japanese were close to the city, and had attacked the Chinese outposts, driving them back to their entrenchments. It was also said that the Japanese attacked the entrenchments three times, but were repulsed each time. It is evident that later attacks must have been made and that the outposts were compelled to fall back upon Port Arthur. Several times the town is reported to have been captured, but later dispatches have shown that these reports were inaccurate, and that the Japanese were conducting their operations against the place with great carefulness, and that they intended when the real attack was made that it should be successful. Che Foo, from which place the dispatch announcing the fall of Port Arthur is sent, is a Chinese city on the north coast of Shang Tung Promontory, some ninety miles south of Port Arthur, from which it is sep-

TERRITORY OUTLAWRY.

Marshal Crump of Arkansas Instructed

arated by the Gulf of Pe Chi Li

to Exterminate the Desperadoes. Washington, Nov. 26.—It has been the Indian Territory is not such as to warrant the secretary of war in calling out United States troops and the authorities in the territory have been so notified. This, however, does not mean that the government is to abandon or in any degree relax its their efforts to bring the Cook gang of outlaws to justice. On the contrary, United States Marshal Crump of Arkansas, who has made a reputation for himself in dealing with the tough element in the Southwest, will continue with increased vigor his pursuit of the marauders, it is believed that with the liberal instructions which have been given him as to the employing of deputies he will not fail in his mission. The presence of any considerable military force it is not doubted would have a salutary effect in quieting the fears of the inhabitants, yet it is thought it might defeat the ends sought by scattering the ontlaws and thus making their capture difficult, if not impossible. Marshal Crump, with a force of deputies, will pursue the same tactics as are followed in fighting the Indians. They will keep on their trail night and day until they are exhausted and forced to surren-

THINGS LOOK BRIGHTER.

Trade Improvement Still Continues,

Though Slowly. NEW YORK, Nov. 26.-R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: There is some change for the better. The gain is slow and in some directions not very distinct, but the signs of it are a little more definite than last week. The most important of them is the larger employment of labor, answering a better demand on the whole for manufactured products.

The wheat market has lost this week the cent it gained last week, receipts being larger and the Atlantic exports are also larger, 576, bushels, against 703,026 last year, but these are of small account compared with the great visible supply. Foreign reports this week have been rather more promising, though the fact remains that the world's crop outside the United States is probably the largest ever grown. Corn has declined half a cent, receipts having much increased.

A Veteran Editor Passes Away. WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.-E. S. Hamlin, founder of the Cleveland Leader, and a member of congress from Ohio before the war, died here vesterday. aged 86 years. His death was due indirectly to an assault two months ago by a negro who attempted to rob him. He was one of the first free soil editors in the United States.

WICHITA, Kan., Nov. 26. - Sherift Tom McGee of Hemphill county, in the Panhandle of Texas, was shot and mortally wounded last night by three outlaws, who held up the agent of the Santa depot at Canadian City and were proceeding to rob it when Mc-Gee, who is a brave man, arrived upon the scene. He was shot through the bowels. The outlaws escaped.

Deputy Marshals as Desperadoes. PERRY, Ok., Nov. 26.-United State. Deputy Marshal Snoddy and Frank and James Brown, J. R. Knight and

Charles Kitchens had a regular battle at Winton, several miles west of here, Thursday. Winchesters, shot guns and pistols were freely used and after the smoke cleared away Snoddy and Frank Brown were found to be dying. The men were foes of the marshal and while drunk at-

tacked him. It is well to hope for success, but much better to deserve it.

INDIANS NOT ADVANCING.

Agents in Nebraska Make Discouraging

Reports. WASHINGTON, Nov. 26. - James Ciements, agent of the Santee Indians in Nebraska, in his report to Secretary Smith, says: "Having spent nearly six years in the service on Rosebud agency, where the Indians maintain that of their tribal relations, I had come to the conclusion that these Indians were easily force arrived off the Regents' Sword | managed, but on assuming duty here where they have become citizens, I have changed my mind and I found, part of the Japanese fleet, operated | them more difficult to manage than I expected. Agency control and rules conflict with the state laws and citizenship. We are under county. organization and the Indian is told that he is a citizen and has all the rights of a citizen. He pays taxes on his personal property, still the county objects to paying the cost on Indian misdemeanor cases. And the agent has no power to punish except to discriminate against him in issues. But the trouble arises from intoxication. They have but little trouble to get what they want. The Indian loves liquor and will sell anything to get it. In some of the neighboring towns they rather encourage than discourage the traffic. The complaint then comes that the agent is not doing his duty by allowing these Indians to get drunk, but they do not try to stop the man who sells it to them. In this, the state laws of Nebraska conflict with the federal, so the agent is powerless. From what I see and learn from responsible parties there has not been much advancement made in general in the past few years, morally, financially, or otherwise."

As to Indian payments, the agent says: "Although I am but a short time in charge here, yet I believe I can safely say that it would be to the interest of these people to pay them in cash in lieu of annuity and agricultural goods. They make but little use of the clothing; they trade it off for what they can get. You will but few men wearing the issued clothing. And I think it would be also better to give them cash in place of cattle, as they have but a limited outlet and trouble arises from tresspass on their white neighbors' property. They will dispose of them at less than half their cost in order to get rid of trouble. Giving them what is due them in cash would, I believe, help to advance them in civilization. I believe the issuing of goods and rations is only making so many trained beggars and has a demoralizing effect."

Captain William H. Beck, Tenth cavalry, acting agent at the Omaha decided that the present situation in and Winnebago agency in the same state, gives the following rather discouraging view of Indians, which were supposed to be in quite a state of advancement: "The Omahas and Winnebagos both continue to earry out many old customs, which are in antagonism to civilization. The older members of both tribes keep up their dancing--war dances, medicine dances and others-at which they appear costumed as they were years ago. They antagonize the form of marriage under the state law: they require the younger people to return to the Indian mode of dress, even after they have been away from the reservation to school. They object, in the majority, to any but 'medicine men' of the tribe attending the sick or in-

Armenians in Revolt.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 26. - A rising against Turkish rule is reported from Van, Armenia, in which district the recent massacres occurred. The outbreak is said to be due to the failure of the Porte to convene the Armenian national assembly to elect a new patriarch in succession to Mgr. Achikiam, who resigned in consequence of a dispute with the Turkish govern-

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS

Quotations from New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Elsewhere. OMAHA

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Lumbermen Swindled Out of \$500,000. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 26.-One of the shrewdset and most gigantic swindles ever perpetrated in the West has been brought to light, and detectives have unearthed in this city a large amount of the swag. The case envolves the Pennsylvania land and lumber company and the leading lumber dealers of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Canada, who have been swindled out of over \$500,000.

over estimated.

HER FIRST CAKE.

She measured out the butter with a very The milk and sugar also and she took the greatest care

To count the eggs correctly and to add a little Of baking powder, which, you know, beginners

oft omit. Then she stirred it altogether and she baked it full an hour-But she never quite forgave herself for leav-

ing out the flour! -Springfield Republican

A Passive Crime.

BY "THE DUCHESS."

CHAPTER VIII-CONTINUED. "What is it, my lamb?" she says, bending down to her with deep concern. .. What distresses you? All day long you have been fretting, and now, even as evening falls upon us, I find you weeping again! Why I could help you." is this, my precious? What has happened?"

my head aches." "Or your heart, perchance. Yet why? He has come back to you. that young Penruddock, safe and sound. Your conscience, therefore, must be free of offense. Saumarez has been true to his word, and has spared him: yet, in spite of all this, you are openly unhappy. The boy is alive. It is I should weep for

that, not you." "Esther," says the girl, suddenly, sitting up, and confronting her with flushed cheeks and angry eyes. "you must not speak thus-you shall not: | and if you persist in hating him, I shall learn to bate you!"

doubt!" mutters Esther, bitterly. Her tone smites her listener to the heart.

"I was wrong," she says, with contrition. "How could I speak to you like that?" She slips a warm, soft arm round the woman's neck as she speaks, and Esther, turning, kisses her little hand with passionate love. "How could I hate one who has taken care of me all my life, and even saved me from death once, as you have told me? But of what kind you have not said. Death from starvation, was it?"

"No: from sudden death." "Why have you never told me

about that?" "What?"

rescue?"

'I shall some day "Why not now?"

"I shall wait till you are more

sensible." "I do not understand you." "I mean till you have learned to

forget Penruddock, and to love another.'

"Then I think I shall never hear that story," says the girl, very

"Tut! Does love, think you, last forever? Time will teach you more than that." "It would take a very long time

indeed to teach me to forget Dick." "So you think now; but when a year has gone by, and he has forgotten you, and found a fresh idol, then you will come to believe in my words, and then you shall hear the story of your deliverance from death."

"I don't want to hear it," says Maud, wilfully, drawing back from Esther.

She was silent for a few moments, and then asked, in an anxious tone, "Are men really so fickle as you say, nurse? "Fickle, and worse. Cold and

cruel." "But not Dick, I am very sure," says Maud, with tears in her eyes

"He is his father's son, and will no doubt follow in his father's foot-

steps, notwithstanding that his mother was, really and truly, a saint upon earth. "Was she?" eagerly. "Then I

think he must be like his mother." After which she falls to weeping again bitterly, with the little crumpled note, so precious to her, hidden in her small, feverish hand. Her tears seem to drop like molten lead upon the woman's heart. She gets up impatiently, and paces the room in a restless fashion, stopping at last close to the chair where her darling sits lamenting.

"Do not cry," she says, tapping the back of the chair with nervous eyes and wear away your heart-

now? Tell your old Esther." not be ashamed. I want to be born into the arms of Morpheus. in the same society as-as Dick's. fondly, how truly I love him!"

all in vain."

woman, dreamily.

past.

how bear it. and live?"

would not marry him against his terview thus granted. father's will. I have still'-scornfully-"some pride left."

things.'

to lower his tone!"

words. "Nothing. Never mind me. Yet it kills me to see you unhappy, when

"Help me! Oh, nurse, if you only could." says the girl in deep agita-"It is nothing," says Mand, evasive- tion, kneeling down before Esther, "A foolish fancy: and, besides. and leaning her arms on her knees while gazing with intense earnestness into the dark visage above her. "Sometimes your manner is so strange it makes me believe you are suppressing something. Dear nurse -dearest Esther, help me in this matter if you can! Mr. Fenruddock dressing Mrs. Neville, he adds, in a is coming here to-morrow with Dick. | labored tone, "It would make mat-

then, dear Fsther, if only for the sake of your own peace, help me!" There is a whole world of entreaty nouncing Maud's name that makes in the large blue eyes, that gaze up- Mrs. Neville angry and indignant. ward through a veil of tears. Esther, "Ay, that will be my reward, no ful struggle with herself, makes a her wish and mine that she should gesture as though resigning some- be a listener to it," she says, slowly. thing that for years had been sweet | "Therefore, do not hesitate, but comlips fondly to Maud's white brow. Is you please, that which you have she not as her own child-dearer to come hither to speak. her than anything the world can offor? Shall she not, for her darling, Penruddock returns, calmly: "and,

see me miserable, I know: help me.

relinquish her pet scheme? "Perhaps the time is come she says, slowiv. "Tell me, child, is Gilbert Saumarez in town?"

out. Why do you want that dread- your adopted daughter." ful man, nurse?"-with a blush and a shudder, as she remembers that sat silent and almost motionless, last meeting with him, in which starts into life. She rises to her Esther had borne a part.

sleep, or you will be in a high state | Penruddock. "You know what I mean-that of fever to-morrow, and unfit to en- "Reserve your disapprobation, counter any one," says Esther, with 'sir," she says, in a voice low but disauthority, not answering her ques- tinct; "there is no occasion for it. tion. "And" meaningly "there is still less for your consent to my much before you more than you marriage with your son. As he will form any idea of."

CHAPTER IX. All Known.

Next morning, sitting in her own room, discussing the post and her chocolate, Mrs. Neville grows suddenly serious over a letter just opened, and which not only disturbs. but very greatly perplexes her. It is from Mr. Penruddock, demanding an interview, and begging her to name an hour in which he may speak to her upon a subject of much importance, both to him and her. There is no mention of Maud in the letter; yet it so unmistakably means business in every line, that Mimi feels uneasy, and, ringing the bell, summons Esther to her aid-the woman having proved herself of sound judgment upon several occasions, when Mrs. Neville found herself in want of good advice, and knew not

where else to look for it. For two long hours she and Esther remain closeted together, at the end of which time Mrs. Neville, opening the door, comes out into the corridor with an air of open triumph and gladness in her whole demeanor, that contrasts rather oddly with the pink lids and heavy eyes that betray the fact of her having been crying bitterly. In her hand she bears a letter, which is addressed to George Penruddock. Fsther, going to Maud's room, after some persuasion, induces her to send a note to Dick, desiring him to come to South Audley street at a particular hour—that | The Woman Tried to Have Her Daughis to say, at nine o'clock that even-

nearly repulsive.

"All is vanity!" repeats the sister-in-law. Mrs. Penruddock's most in tears. large, pathetic blue eyes are gazing Her thoughts seem far away, lost down upon him, as so often they in dreams that belong to a curious gazed in life, sweet and earnest, and just now, as it seems to his distorted of being very stingy." "To-morrow," goes on Maud. sad- fancy, something more than all this. lv. smoothing out the crushed note Is it that he has grown superstitious then." with tender fingers, "he is coming within the last few moments, or do again to ask me to be his wife, and they wear a reproachful look that Love can be misunderstood, but never | ter that we shal be strangers for- tiful face eager and expectant, as day."

ever, and how shall I bear it? Oh, though she would demand at his hands the little one left to him in "Then marry him, if your heart is trust? Recovering himself by a so set upon it," says Esther, sullenly, great effort, he goes up to Mrs. "Do you think I would do him Neville, and says something formal such an injustice? And besides, I to her about his gratitude for the in-

He is perhaps going to explain why the meeting was solicited, when How can you possibly know that the abrupt entrance of his son cheeks Penruddock would seriously object?" him for the time being. A quick "By this letter, though the thought shade of anger crosses the young is well disguised, and by many other man's brow as he sees his father. Instinctively his glance turns to where "So still proud." says the woman. | Maud is sitting, so far apart from the scornfully. . Yet the day is fast ap- rest: but she is so enveloped by the proaching when he will be compelled shadows falling from the lowered lamps, that he cannot distinguish "What do you say. Esther?" hast- her features with any clearness. He ily cried Maud, wondering at those would have gone over to her at once, but Mrs. Neville, by a sharp gesture of command, stays him and brings him to her own side.

"Stay, Dick," she says, quietly. "Your place is here-as yet!" So he stays by her, as in duty bound, though sorely troubled at

"After all that I have urged, you have come,' he says, coldly turning to his father.

"Yes; to say that which I told you vesterday I intended to say!" retorts Penruddock, stubbornly. Then, ad-Help me to meet them. Oh, do, ters much easier if I might speak to pray do. You could not endure to you alone, without the presence of

-Miss Neville!" There is a covert insolence in the hesitation that he shows before pro-

"If what you have come here to after a moment's hesitation and fear- | say refers to Miss Neville, it is both to her, and, stooping, presses her mence at once, and let us hear, if

"That is as you desire, of course," indeed, it is but little of your time I shall require. I would merely remark that I shall never, under any circumstances, give my consent to "I don't know; but you could find an alliance between my son and

At this, Maud, who until now has feet, and, though still keeping well "Now lie down again, and try to in the shadow, turns to confront

himself inform you, I have already told him, and very distinctly, that

such a union is utterly impossible." Dick makes a movement as though he would go to her, but Penruddock

detains him. "You hear what she says?" he exclaims, eagerly. "She has refused you. Let it rest there. It is all at an end. Surely you would not press the matter? Have you no selfesteem? Have you no pride?"

"In this case, none," says the young man, sadly. "It is my happiness, my life, for which I plead." "But she tells me plainly that with her own lips she has rejected

"If." says Dick, earnestly, going up to Maud, and taking both her hands in his, "if she will also tell you, not only with her own lips, but honestly and from her heart, that she does not love me, I shall then resign all hope of ever gaining her. I shall cease to weary her with my presence and my sincere protestations of affection, and leave her free to wed a happier man; but never until she has told me that. You may therefore spare yourself all further trouble on my account."

He pauses, as if overcome by emotion, and then goes on again in a voice that trembles slightly. "I await my sentence. Maud, speak!" TO BE CONTINUED.

CALLED DOWN.

ter's Engagement Ring Appraised.

A salesman in a Philadelphia jewelry store was approached by a The lamps are carefully lowered, woman of the fashionable world and the curtains drawn. There is suf- her daughter, a few days ago. The ficient light to discern objects, but latter looked somewhat embarrassed. hardly enough to read the features . I desire to get a ring for my daughof Maud Neville, who, reclining in a ter," said the woman. The salesman low chair at the upper end of the looked at the young lady. "Not room, sits idly gazing into vacancy, this one-another daughter. It is whilst swinging slowly to and fro a to be a surprise." She was shown fingers. "Why will you spoil your huge black fan. Upon a table under- case after case of diamond rings. neath Mrs. Penruddock's picture two but none seemed to suit her. Finally strings? What is it that ails you lamps are burning dimly. Mrs. she said to her daughter: "Show Neville is lounging on a solemn arm him yours, dear." Blushingly the "It is a hopeless wish," says the chair and is to all appearance enjoy- girl took off her glove and girl, mournfully; "but I want to be ing life in its greatest intensity. slipped a sparkling ring from her as other girls are-I want to have a which, to speak more plainly, means engagement finger. "I want to get father and a mother of whom I need that she is slowly but surely falling one exactly like that. How much will it cost?" The salesman looked The sound of a bell rings through at the ring, and the girl watched and to be his equal. I don't want the house, there is a pause, and the him as bravely as she could. He money; I only want to be raised door opens slowly, and Mr. Penrud- recognized it as one he had sold to above the finger of scorn. Oh. dock comes in with the heavy, de- Mr. Blank a few days before. So he Esther, come near to me! I must termined step of one who has a handed the ring back to the daughtell it all to you. I never knew righteous cause to be adjusted, and ter and said: "The cost of this ring. until to-day, when he seemed given with his countenance stern and madam, was a confidential matter back to me from the grave, how white. It is at all times a forbid- between Mr. Blank and myself. We ding countenance, no one has ever haven't another like it in the house. "Alas-alas! that things should thought otherwise, though strangely I understood from his remarks that have gone so far!" mutters Esther, handsome, but to-night it is very he thought the ring would not be valued at its intrinsic worth. How-"When I saw him again, and felt He advances to where Mrs. Neville ever, if you wish to know its value. his hands in mine, a great well of (who has suddenly aroused from take it to some pawn shop, and joy sprang up within my heart. It slumber to a full sense of the situa- multiply what they will offer you by was as though he belonged to me, tion) is sitting, but pauses on his three and you will get pretty nearly was mine forever-as if nothing way, and shudders, perceptibly, as, the correct price." The mother could ever part us again; yet it is looking up by chance, he sees that flounced out of the store in great he is before the portrait of his dead wrath. Her daughter followed, al-

Nothing Stingy About Her.

"Mrs. Robinson has the reputation "I should say report belies her,

"You think so?" "Think so! Why, she presented for the last time I shall say no. Af- thrills his whole being? Is the beau- her husband with twins the other