

and pressed it to her lips.

"You will make me happy!" she cried.

"Oh, sir, God in heaven bless you; and

from him, and drew toward his writ-

He then folded the document and

"There," he said, "if I have done

She stooped over him and touched her

lips to his forehead in utter silence.

The groom brought her horse, fed

and refreshed, to the door, and assisted

her to the saddle. Helen went out and

took her hand. There was a suspicious

moisture in the eyes of this wild girl

that the damp fogs of night did not

"I love you, Miss Trenholme," she

said gently. "I admire so much your

courage, and your faith in the man you

love. I do hope you will be in time. And

some day I mean to know you better.

The groom loosed the rein and

through the gloom rider and horse

vanished from the sight of Helen Ful-

CHAPTER VII.

OV. FULTON need-

ed not to have urg-

ed Agnes to use ex-

pedition; she re-

quired ono incentive

to haste, beyond her

own terrible anxie-

ty. The good old

thought himself of

his want of gallant-

ry in permitting

be-

gentleman

leave alone on so

dangerous a journey, soon af-

Between the hours of ten and two!

rang constantly in her ears. What if

Still her horse staggered on, but his

She looked at her watch. Half past

Only for a moment. The anxiety

looked around her. She was very near

sounded like the sigh of a human be-

fallen snow.

Good-bye."

her to

she revered Archibald Fulton.

CHAPTER VI .- [CONTINUED.]

a warm heart under all her careless taught you mercy in the cause of jusguise, and she soon had Agnes fed, | tice!" dressed in a suit of her own clothes, and snugly tucked up in bed in her own chamber.

The weary girl fell asleep, and when moments, signed his name at the botshe woke she found it was past sunset | tom of the sheet in bold characters, and and Helen Fulton was sitting by her affixed the great seal of the state.

"Papa has come," she said; "so get up and brush your hair, and let me nes. put this cluster of rosebuds in your curls-papa is not so old that he has lost all taste for beauty."

down to the library by her young host- Lynde Graham for eighteen months, her could not tell whether or not the during the ten months, ending October

The governor was a tall, well-pre- his favor, he shall be executed! Take served man of 45, with a pleasing ad- it and lose no time. Remember if you were of her son and came down at once dress, a keen gray eye, and a face do not reach Portlea by 10 o'clock on to nurse her, and when, after ten days rather handsome than otherwise. Helen Christmas morning, this paper for of stupor, her disease culminated in led Agnes up before him.

"Pana, this is Miss Agnes Trenholme a dead letter!" of Portlea. She has come here with a special errand to you."

cously.

"I am pleased to see Miss Trenholme. I know Mr. Ralph very well. To what am I indebted for this agreeable surprise?"

Agnes swallowed down the sobs that were rising in her throat by a brave effort. She had wondered what she should say to this man when at last she should get an audience, and now that the time had come she had forgotten everything she had intended to urge. Her courage, so brave and strong, had subsided to positive weakness. She slipped down to her knees on the rug

before him, and burst into tears. "My child," he said, kindly laying his hand on her head, "what means this emotion? Speak out. Surely you are not afraid of me"

"No, but I feel so tired, and so nearly hopeless! And I dread that you will refuse me, But you must not! Indeed you must not, for I will take no denial! I will stay here at your feet until you grant my request!"

"You forget that you have not made

"I came to ask so much of you! I have traveled nearly 200 miles aione, braving the displeasure of my friends, and the scorn of the world-I have come to ask you to spare his life-the life of Lynde Graham."

The governor's brow grew dark. "Miss Trenholme, he is a murderer!" | ter she departed, and he immediately

"Ltell you he is not! Never call him dispatched one of the servants on horsethus! You wrong him. He is innocent, back to escort her. The man was well I tell you, before God, that if you let | mounted and he overtook her a few him go to the gallows, some time you miles on her way and they rode towill repent in dust and ashes the mur- gether until the evening of the 24th. der you yourself have committed! He | when she dismissed him. She preferred never did that dreadful deed. He would to go on alone. She halted until after not have harmed a single feather of midnight to rest her horse, and then a view of disposing of them advantagthe lowest bird in the woods. I do not set forth. She had seventy-five miles to ask you to pardon him-O no, I am ride before ten in the morning. content with asking his life-a little respite from death until God sees fit to bring the real assasin to justice!"

"My poor girl," he said, sorrowfully, she were not in time? O, what if she "I regret that this has happened. I pity | were not? The thought was agony. She you, for I suppose you love this unfor- urged on her jaded horse by every to obtain more satisfactory terms than tunate young man; but I cannot grant | means in her power. Ten miles from | those who have not. The steamship your request. From my soul I believe Portlea, it seemed as if the animal was Frisco, according to present arrange-Lynde Graham guilty!"

happy and care free. Now see the most seized her. If Jove gave out, then close at 2 p. m .- London Truth. change this terrible grief has wrought, all was over. She seemed, even then. Your daughter pities me; her innocent to hear the jeers of the cruel crowd. het feels for me! You do not know to the mocking shouts, the heartless what strait she may yet be reduced. laughter. Be merciful to me as you would want mercy shown to her!"

Helen crept into her father's arms, foam stood upon his flanks like newly and laid her soft cheek against his.

"Papa, it will not hurt you to let this man live, and it will make her so happy. I'll go without a new bonnet whirled round before her. There was a this winter, if you'll do what she great roar in her ears, like the rush of wants." And she pinched his cheek.

"Madcap! Helen, how can you trifle so dark she could not see. She grasped so?" asked the governor, trying to the neck of her horse for support, her frown. "This is too solemn a thing to confused head falling on the pad of the jeke upon. I believe that death should | saddle, be the fate of all murderers."

The face of Agnes grew stern as his within brought her to herself. She own. Her voice had a steel-like ring.

"And so do I, with my whole soul! If | Portlea. There were many people mov-I thought him guilty, I would not ing to and fro. A great crowd filled the speak a word to save him. I loved the streets. She took a road to the jail yard. murdered girl as fondly as I could have The crowd was terribly dense, but Agloved an own sister, and I would give nes saw nothing save that horrible half my life to have the real murderer frame work of timber, raised high suffer for his crime. But in this case above the stone walls of the jail, and the law has fastened on the wrong per- standing on the platform, a very prince now comes a petition from Crete reson, and a curiously strong chain of among them all, the tall, erect form of circumstantial evidence has so closely Lynde Graham! wound itself about him, that it was impossible for the jury to do otherwise almost to bursting. than convict him. But for all that he is "Yet a little more, Jove, and it is tims." In a little while it may no year. Excepting 1890, before the Mconly for one little year! Many things could do no more-he reeled and sank key; the empire of the Ottomans will back to 1883, before the Morrill tariff may be revealed in a year."

"It is impossible!" "Only for one year! O, sir, I will not | ing in despair. let you go until you yield!" She looked up into his face, her eyes streaming dashed through the excited crowd. ing lessons. Aren't you scared?

with tears. Helen stole an arm around his neck. ed at last the foot of the souffold. The away from bargain counters.

rope was already adjusted, the carpen- FOREIGN WOOL FACTS. ter stood ready, waiting the sheriff's word to let the drop fall, and the sig-

The voice of Agnes rang out, over and above all the confused noises of the motley gathering:

"A reprieve! A reprieve!" She held aloft the paper-they saw

the great seal of the state. "A reprieve from the governor," she said, and fell senseless, even as she spoke, into the arms of old Dr. Hudson, who rushed forward to receive her.

The sheriff read the reprieve aloud, and then removing the rope, he led the kiss you nor pull your whiskers again prisoner down the steps of the scaffold. as long as I live! I swear it by the In all his captivity no one had ever heard Lynde ask a single favor, but

"Grant me this. Miss Trenholme has saved me a little longer to life-allow into her throat. She caught his hand me to pass near enough to her to touch her clothes."

The sheriff stared, but indulged the wish. Graham went up to where she The governor's hoyden daughter had some time you will thank Him that he lay, a gread crowd around her, and Dr. Hudson and a brother physician applying restoratives. He stooped down The governor rose, put Helen away and looked into her face. Oh, how very white and deathly she looked! Graham ing materials. He wrote rapidly a few lifted the soiled mantle she wore, and touched the hem reverently with his lips. Then he turned away, and went All other, 1,919,785 542,235 901,710 1,603,885 back to his dreary prison house.

Agnes was taken to the residence of gave it into the waiting hands of Ag- Dr. Hudson, and cared for as well as could be. But she had endured so much. both mentally and physically, that life wrong, I hope heaven will pardon me, hung upon a thread, and for days she but no man in his senses could resist lay in a stupor so closely resembling Agnes submitted quietly, and was led two such women. I have reprieved death that at times those who watched and if in that time nothing turns up in breatn still lingered.

> Mrs. Trenholme braved the displeaswhich you have dared so much will be brain fever of the most violent type, bined. That year we had bought 50 position across the top rail of the fence she wrote thus to her son:

"Ralph, Agnes is sick unto death. If you could sit beside her as I do, and The governor greeted her court- Only God knows how much at that time listen to her unconscious ravings, and through them learn how terribly she had suffered, you would forgive her. Oh, Ralph, by the memory of your dead father, I implore you to come to us! "Your Mother."

But Ralph, still haughty and unrelenting in his cruel pride, answered: "Mother, it is useless to plead for her, She has brought our honored name to disgrace by the course she has taken. I cannot forgive her! Ralph."

But that night, when he retired to rest, no sleep came to Ralph Trenholme. He saw the pale face of Agnes as he had last seen it. She laid a little cold hand on his arm and with a sweet, sad voice asked him to pardon and love her. He started up, his brow wet with a chill perspiration, his heart beating loudly. But at last he slept, and, sleeping, a vision came to him. He stood in the summer house at the foot of the garden. The time was June, for there were roses in bloom at the mouth of the arbor. Directly, there floated upon the roseate air the face of Marina. He saw the blue eyes, and felt the thrill of the golden hair as it swept against his cheek.

"Ralph," she said, "dear Ralph, put aside vengeance. It belongs unto God alone, and he will bring it to pass! Also put aside wrath, and go to your sister. She is calling you, and I, your guardian spirit, bid you obey the summons!"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Labouchere's Little Joke. Notice-Several influential dowagers have combined together to charter the steamship Frisco, 6,000 tons, for the purpose of conveying a cargo of disappointed British girls to America, with eously in the states. Attention is earnestly requested to the circumstance that presentation at court is desirable, The fearful words of the sentence since importance is attached to this social formality across the Atlantic, and ladies who have attended a drawing room may, therefore, be expected about spent. He trembled, staggered ments, will sail from Southampton for "Do not say so. You crush out hope and was about to fall, but Agnes sprang New York on October 15 next. All inin my heart! O, I cannot, cannot go off and soothed and encouraged him quiries as to terms, etc., should be adback over that weary road without the with voice and hand, and then by-and-dressed to the secretary, 225 Belgrave paper I want! Look at me, Governor by mounted again and went on. O, how square, S. W. Office hours, 10 a. m. to Fulton. A few little weeks ago I was heavy her heart was! Despair had al- 6 p. m. upon week days; Saturdays,

Safe There.

When Col. Ingersoll was in England first time. As he was contemplating the

breath came hot and thick, and the temb of Wellington the guide said: "That, sir, is the tomo of the greatest military 'ero Europe or the 'ole and more than four times as much as world hever knew-Lord Wellington's. in 1894. The imports of woolen cloths 10! If she should be too late! The world This marble sarchophagus weighs 42 very nearly equaled the total imports tons. Hinside that is a steel receptacle of 1892 and 1893 combined. weighing 13 tons, and hinside that is a | Manufacturers can readily see that a the sea upon the rocky coast. It grew leaden casket 'ermetically sealed, policy of protection for wool growers weighing over two tons. Hinside that is infinitely preferable to a free wool is a ma'ogany coffin, 'clding the ashes policy for manufacturers. The largest

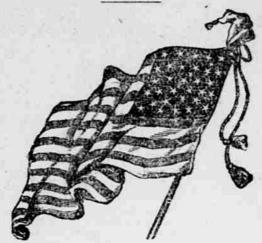
of the great 'ero." ing a while, "I guess you've got him. single year was \$15,567,244 in 1890 be-If he ever gets out of that, cable me at fore the McKinley tariff became operamy expense."

The Sultan's Troubles. As if the sultan's cup of bitterness were not full to overflowing, with the spirit of revolt stalking through Armenia and Macedonia, and even in the shadow of his palace at Constantinople.

At a Safe Distance. Agnes sprang from the saddle and | Clara-All the girls are taking box- months of 1895.

nal would have been given in another EFFECT UPON CONDITIONS OF WOOLEN MANUFACTURES.

> Imports of Forign Goods Larger than in Any Previous Period-Every Line of American Trade Seriously Injured -a Fraud.



Imports of Woolen Goods-Ten Months Ending October 31. Carpets ..\$1,356,307 \$614,421 \$1,266,327 \$1,303,718 Clothing 1,296,210 673,038 948,374 1,203,657 Cloths21,807,899 4,775,874 10,683,294 11,803,471 .19,528,051 6,566,170 12,834,060 15,250,431

Total. \$49,899,717\$13,981,398\$28,580,986\$32,674,437 Time and again, the free trade papers have asserted that our imports of woolen goods were no larger in 1895 than in 1892 and 1893. It is well to disprove this deliberate and intentional falsehood, so we have given above our imports of all classes of woolen goods

Shawls ... 370,264 69,553 Yarns ... 1,632,852 236,388

31, of the last four years. It is easy to see that our total imports of foreign woolens last year were

60 per cent over 1893 and of nearly 300 per cent more than our imports of knit goods in the corresponding months of

The imports of yarn were almost three times as much as in 1892, more than three times as much as in 1893 and seven times as much as in 1894.

Even the increased values given do not represent fully the increased quantity of goods imported, because prices of genuine woolens are cheaper now than a few years ago. We have also bought enormously of shoddy stuffs ranging from 25 cents a yard upwards, and these rag goods have done more to injure the honest woolen trade than anyting else.

Imports of Wool.

1895211,057,038 \$29,035,341

Pounds.

Value.

10 months

to Oct. 31.

1894 83,223,270 9,649,648 1893106,234,209 13,320,290 1892140,175,114 18,135,153 American sheep raisers can see that we paid to foreign countries, for free wool, nearly \$20,000,000 more than in 1894, nearly \$16,000,000 more than in 1893 and almost \$11,600,000 more than in 1892. Taking the average of the three years, 1892-94, at \$15,000,000, the free trade in wool policy has sent out of the country, to foreign sheep farmers, \$14,000,000 more than under protection to American wool. Adding this to the extra \$2,000,000 paid for additional shoddy, and we have a total of \$16,060,-000 that would have been saved to American wool growers, in ten months of last year, had the McKinley tariff for protection been undisturbed.

An Editor Who Straddled.

The proprietor of one of the leading trade papers that is interested in cotton larger than the combined imports of and wool has for a long time past been 1892 and 1894, or of 1893 and 1894 com- straddling. He finds, however, that his per cent more than in 1892, nearly 75 | is, at least, uncomfortable. It happens per cent more than in 1893 and 250 per | that he owns, or is interested in, a con-

Capturing the Markets of the World.



cent more than last year. In ten | pie of sheep farms in New England, months of 1895, under free wool, our where he is raising blooded stock for imports of foreign manufactured goods | breeding purposes. Possibly the value have been larger than in any full year of his stock is depreciating. It has since 1873, excepting only 1889 and just dawned upon him that if farmers 1890, when extraordinary quantites are compelled to sell their sheep bewere shipped here in anticipation of cause they cannot sell wool at a paying the enactment of the McKinley tariff.

We have imported more foreign carpets than in 1892 or 1893 and more than twice as much as in 1894. The same is stock. true of ready made clothing, excepting that this year's product had not up to October 31 quite doubled those of a

year ago. Of woolen cloths our imports, under he visited St. Paul's cathedral for the the boon of free wool granted to our manufacturers, were almost double the value of the 1892 imports, more than double the value of the 1893 imports,

previous value of woolen cloths ever "Well," said the colone!, after think- imported into the United States in a tive, so that a free wool policy has enabled foreigners to secure, in ten months only, \$6,250,000 worth more of the American market for woolen cloths than they ever formerly possessed in a full year.

Of the American market for dress goods, the foreign manufacturers were questing the powers to intervene in the enabled to obtain last year, under our affairs of the island and put an end to free wool policy, over 25 per cent more She was in time! Her heart swelled anarchy, accompanied by murder and than in 1892, 50 per cent more than in ing the last eleven months of this year, rapine, of which the Cretans are the vic- 1893 and 200 per cent more than last reached the following gigantic figures: on his knees, with something that fall asunder through sheer rottenness. was enacted, to find any record of such large imports of foreign dress goods, in a full year, as has been shown in ten

Our imports of knit goods for the ten They parted before her, and she reach- Young Bachelor-No; I always keep months of free wool were larger than in any full year since 1885. They show an increase of 50 per cent over 1892, of

price in competition with free wool, then there will be no sale whatever and no use for the wavering editor's blooded

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