TIME FOUND HER OUT

her so, and the moment for do- course." her so, and the moment for do-tag so had come. The fluffy "No, dear. Do it for me—only inipened and Ella Staunton entered.

the everybody declared would make tis fortune in his profession, and ton's simple, honest letter lay open betretty Nellie Saville escaped, glad to fore her. Jealousy had quickened her ide her flushed cheeks from her cou- memory. She knew it by heart. un's jealous eyes.

ato the depths of an easy chair.

"So I have found you at last, my to "Ralph Stanton, Esq.," and sealed it fear Raiph. I have been seeking you carefully. for the last hour."

late marriage robbed his nephew of he quarter of a million which he had aught him to expect would one day e his.

asked curtly.

strange in that?"

"Most flattering of you, my dear unt, I am sure."

"Don't call me that hateful name. remember that I am not yet 25. By the way, Nellie Saville quits the teens hext week."

"Indeed!" hole of a parsonage where that girl's | could never be? parents live you would feel grateful to me for my compassionate generosity | porter, and so his reflections came to In taking her from it for a little an end, but only to awaken into lively while. Are you going to Lady Camp- interest. From a second-class carriage bell's this afternoon?"

"No. I detest tea and tennis." "So do I. Besides, I have headache-Will you prescribe for me?"

After the majority of Mrs. Oak- curls. brook's guests had departed for Campbell House Dr. Stanton was pacing

He came to her at last, but it was with a serious face and an open telegram in his hand.

"My sister has met with an accident. Levison wants me to go at once." "Oh, Ralph! Is it serious? You will

return here?" "I think not," he returned, replying

to the latter question. "You will come to Melton Willows at Christmas, Ralph?"

"I really cannot promise. Good-by!" She sat there until the sound of the horse's hoofs had died away. Then the crossed the room and looked at the notes he had written. One was for his hostess-apology and explanation, of course-but the other was for Miss Saville. A moment's hesitation; then

she tore it open. "Dear Miss Saville:-Before you see this you will know the reason of my sudden departure. But I cannot wait until our next meeting for the answer



DICTATED A GUSHING LETTER.

to the question I should have asked you this morning if Mrs. Stanton's entrance had not prevented me from doing so. I want you to be my wife, Nellie; my loved and honored wife. Will you? Write yes or no soon to days, one for each sex. The male your loving but impatient Ralph."

A small fire burned in the grate. She ed the envelope. * * *

"I want you to write to him for me, put aside and boys and girls respect-Nellie. He promised to let me know ively receive presents according to how his sister was, but I suppose he their station. has not had time. He does not know | The birthday of the Emperor, or | C. Evans, residing in Kansas, who your handwriting, I think."

a gushing, affectionate letter, and with anese everywhere. The houses are all blanching cheeks Nellie had written decorated with flags, and in the even- story:

It aside. There is only one other that the morning the highest authorities go need be written now."

wearily.

wants me to open the Brixton bazzar, how or other, congratulate their monbut I really don't feel equal to the arch on having added another year to task. I must write to decline. But he his age. always laughs at nerves, and I do so hate being laughed at." "My Dear Friend: I have thought-

fully considered the subject and must decline the honor. I am grieved beyoud expression to disappoint you; but, feeling as I do, I cannot act otherwise. However, I feel confident known to saw a twig as thick as a pany, a man named Harris Colby, at that you will meet with one worthier | walking stick in this manner. than I that what I cannot grant she will Je fully concide. Only one thing I ask-that this shall in no way interfere with the friendly relations which have always existed between us." "I think it is making too much of a

137 E loved her. He meant to tell little thing, Ella. You will sign it, of

tolden head was very near, a few tials. How singular that they should bords had been spoken, when the door be alike, is it not-Ella Stanton and Elinor Saville? There, now, dear, just A frown clouded the brow of Dr. run upstairs and see if Louise has stanton, the eminent young physician mended that lace I tore last night." A moment more, and Ralph Stan-

Refolding it, she enclosed it with Mrs. Stanton threw herself languidly that other in an envelope addressed in Nellie's pretty, graceful caligraph

It was necessary to destroy the mis-He hated this woman, in spite of her sive originally intended for Ralph, tark, witching beauty. His uncle had and to indite another one to Mr. Grapund that beauty irresistible, and by ham if discovery was to be avoided.

Two years later Dr. Stanton was journeying northward. The London season was over and the famous phy-"What did you want with me?" he sician had been on the point of starting for his holiday-when he was "You are cross. I wanted your soci- summoned by telegram to Sir Chrisrty-nothing more. Is there anything topher Knott, a wealthy patient brimming over with gout and crochets.

Thinking? It was dreaming-dreaming of a slim, petite figure and fluffy It was Mrs. Stanton's turn to frown. golden hair and gloriously blue eyes! Yes, though she refused him he loved If I did marry your uncle, you might her still. Her home was at Grim-

Would he see her? What folly! Doubtless she was married, and, if not, had she not told him in the cruel "Yes. Charming girl, Isn't she? Real- little letter, which was even now in by, Ralph, if you should see the dismal the breast pocket of his coat, that it

"Grimstone! Grimstone!" shouted a a girl alighted—a girl in a neat little hat and gray dust cloak. Underneath that hat was a piquant little face and a clustering fringe of fluffy golden

Nellie was alone in the drawingthe lawn with Sir John Dobby, smok- room. Suitors had wooed in vain. She ing cigarettes and talking politics, and was the orthodox clergyman's daughindoors his relative occupied a velvet ter, with her duties to perform as they lounge and tried to read the last new rose fresh each day, and in the past a nameless disappointment.

Her thoughts had turned on that visit to Oakbrook two years ago when the waiting maid brought in a card-"Dr. Stanton."

"This is, indeed, a pleasant surprise," she said with a rosy flush that told its own story. "I am sorry that mamma is not at home."

professionally and could not leave without calling on you. It is the privilege of friendship, and you desired one-half of the world's product of that we continue friends."

Nellie looked puzzled. "I do not understand you. What do tons. you mean?"

"I beg your pardon for the allusion, Miss Saville, but you cannot have forgotten? The words were in your letter-a letter I have kept because you wrote it, in spite of its contents."

"Indeed, you are under a mistake. never wrote to you in my life." "Then you never wrote this or re-

ceived this?" And he placed in her hands the two

unfortunate letters. * * * When the primroses looked like stars in the grass and the air was filled with the odor of violets, a wed ding took place at Grimstone church. And three months later a society journal announced that Mrs. Stanton, widow of the late George Stanton, Esq., of Melton Willows, Berks, had bestowed heart and hand upon Count Horenza, an impecunious Italian noble man.—Waverley.

Birthday for Each Sex.

With the exception of the Emperor there are no individual birthdays in delightfully interesting Japan. The people, however, make up for this neglect by having a sort of general birthday of everybody in common, which is celebrated with great rejoicing.

There are two of these general holi birthday, which is known as the "celebration of the boys," occurs on the put the letter into her pocket and burn- third day of the third month and the "Dear Ralph," murmured the lady, fifth month. These days are generally

Ten-o, as he is more properly styled, Very soon Ella Stanton had dictated is also a general holiday for the Japing the streets are gay with the lights "Don't close it now, Nellie, Throw of innumerable colored lanterns. In to the palace and offer their congratu-"What is it?" Nellie asked, a trifle lations in person and the lower degrees offer them vicariously to their supe-"Why, you know, dear, Mr. Graham riors. All the Japanese would, some-

Beetles Ese Saws. twig with their deeply toothed jaws only thing I got out of the enterprise and whirl round and round until the was this same \$10 piece, which I bortwig is sawed off. They have been rowed from the president of the com- Press.

A Change. Her headgear now is strangely great; It tilts and veers in mad delight. She queries, "Is my hat on straight? For if it is it isn't right!" -Washington Star.

BUTTONS GROW ON BUSHES.

ENERGY SERVE S Nuts Furnish Many of These Needful Articles for Wearing Apparel. No, the ivory buttons you wear do not represent the death of an elephant

in the wilds of Africa; your pearl but tons were probably never nearer than you took them to the shell of a bivalve mollusk, and the probabilities are that no rubber tree was ever tapped to produce the hard rubber but- id in that land of splendor and squaltons that adorn your overcoat, says Popular Mechanics. Down in Central America there is a fruit-producing palm that has quite metamorphosed the button business and formed the nucleus for one of the most important industries in the United States. The seed of this fruit contains a milk that is sweet to the taste and relished by the natives. The milk when allowed litory, virtually a million enumerators to remain in the nut long enough becomes indurated and turns into a substance as brittle and hard as the ivory plant. Most of the buttons now ivory, pearl, rubber, horn or bone, come from this ivory plant. Thus the probabilities are that your buttons are made from a vegetable milk and they grow on bushes.

The ivory plant is one of the marvels of the age and is rewarding the are brought to the United States by the ship load and hauled across the lircle are listed, block lists are preclassification of button.

discovered in California, but the nut Ingredients, forming the substance it produces in its wild state is of in- with which the number is to be paint ferior quality and will not make good ed. Even in this simple detail, how buttons. It is believed, though, that ever, racial difficulties are encounterwith the proper cultivation the fruit ed: in Hyderabad objection is made to would be as valuable as the Central |tar because of its color, and red ocher American. If so, the growing of but- is substituted; in some other localities, tons in America would become an in- on the contrary, the natives consider dustry of importance second only to red ocher unlucky, and if it is used the growing of corn, wheat and cot- they carefully erase the figures. On ton, for everybody wears buttons.

States of Colombia, where by some it and also when objection is made, on forms a globular head about twice the size of a man's head and weighs from twenty to twenty-eight pounds. The head is a kind of cluster of bulbs and are usually treated with great respect in all contains from fifty to sixty by the natives. seeds. The seeds are allowed to dry and are harvested several times a year by the natives.

The Apparel Gazette, the great dealers' authority on everything that people wear, says: "The ivory nut is used almost solely in the manufacture of buttons, though some factories also make poker chips from them. The nut, however, has superseded the archaic mud, rubber and bone buttons in vogue formerly. It admits of wider and more varied treatment for this "I am staying in the neighborhood purpose than any other known substance and is easily worked. The United States consumes more than ivory nuts and nine-tenths of the vegetable ivory is manufactured into but-

> "When the nut reaches the button factory it is cut into three slabs. In the process of cutting out the button is partially shaped. Afterward the thread holes are drilled and countersunk. The button is then sent to the polisher, who uses the shavings and powder made in drilling to polish them in their white state. Afterward they are sent to the designer, who traces on the buttons in indelible dyes the designs needed to make them match the various weaves, coloring and textures of fabrics. After receiving these outlines, if the buttons are to remain smooth and receive another coat of coloring, they are put into dyes. If they are to be stamped with a segregated pattern they are put into pressing machine fitted with dies of the pattern desired."

STORY OF A GOLD PIECE

Found in the Stomach of a Cod and Claimel by a Man in Kansas. fishing down at the Fishing Banks. His and he supposed he was done for, he a cod was found a \$10 gold piece, with was when he killed Turner. After all, two diamonds set on one side and the speaking musingly, reviewing his life. thought would be the end of it, and there are some cases for which it the matter slipped from his mind and seems to be the only remedy."-New was forgotten. But Tuesday of this York Tribune. week he received a letter from Patrick claims the \$10 piece as his own, and

Mr. Levy will surrender it to him. Mr.

Evans in his letter tells the following

"I some days ago saw in a St. Louis paper an item about your catching a codfish which when you opened it gave up a \$10 gold piece, on one side of which was a couple of diamonds and on the other the letters 'P. C. E.' The coin is my property, Mr. Levy. The coin is valuable to me, for the following reason: I was fool enough about five years ago to go into a 'wildcat' gold anything about it? mining scheme in Colorado. I paid the Some large beetles are as good as cir. piper to the tune of \$4,000 before I cular saws. They seize a branch or found out what I was up against. The Leadville, Col., having only a check in my pocket at the time and being shy of ready money. As it happened, I did not change it, and the next day the mine busted up. So I said I would keep the coin as a warning to me not to be played as a sucker by any man or

CENSUS TAKING IN INDIA.

A Colossal Work Accomplished Decennially by the British.

In India census-taking is a colossal ask accomplished decennially, with aoteworthy success, by the British rovernment. Even among those who ind descriptions of census methods lry reading at best, interest must be twakened by the difficulties surmountor, vast population, and innumerable aces, languages and religions.

The population of India is 294,266, 701-a figure so vast that it is better realized by considering the fact that there are more than 715,000 villages and towns scattered over an area of one and a half million square miles. To nake the enumeration of this vast terare required.

The successive steps of census organzation are the enumerator's "block," the "circle," "the charge," the district, used in America, whether termed the province, and finally the Imperial Census Commission. A charge comprises two or more circles, a circle is composed of ten or fifteen blocks, and the block contains from thirty to fifty

The provincial superintendents begin the work of organization a year in growers with vast fortunes. The nuts | idvance of the census date. Officers are designated, the villages in each continent to the big button factories, pared, and every house is numbered. from which they issue forth in every in some provinces the census authoriconceivable design, color, grade and ties determine in advance the Lize of the number, and specify the propor-The ivory plant has recently been tions of red ocher and oil, or other buts of wattled bamboo a small space The best ivory nut for commercial is plastered and then whitewashed, to purposes is found on the banks of form a background for the number. the River Magdalena, in the United In the case of huts made of leaves, is called the Tagua palm. The fruit account of caste restrictions, to the touching of houses by enumerators, the numbers are painted on bits of tin. tiles or pots conspicuously placed, and

In this immensely populous and remarkable empire the census schedule is framed to meet a wide variety of local and racial conditions. It is printed in no less than seventeen different languages, and includes, in addition to the ordinary inquiries, questions conerning religion and caste.—Century.

Water as a Cure.

A well-known physician says that the girl who has not a clear complexion and wishes one has a simple remedy right at hand if she cares to use it. And it is water, applied not outwardly, but inwardly. That is not

so much outwardly as inwardly. This authority says that the sallow girl should drink two quarts of water between rising and retiring, but not a drop at meals. More than this, the water drunk must not be too cold. Ice water does not help the cause of beauty. Cool spring water, if it is to be had, is better, or, at least, water

of the temperature of spring water. The drinking of too little water he believes to be the cause of many ills. Surely here is a way to attain beauty of complexion that is simpler than many of the cosmetics prescribed, but its very simplicity will keep it from being much used, for there are in the and a number of people who believe n complicated prescriptions that puzzle them, but in nothing that they understand.

Gen. Clay's Courage.

General Cassius M. Clay fought many duels in his day, usually with his long-bladed knife, meeting pistol or rifle equally with that trusty weapon. His physical strength was gigantic. He was accustomed to the use of weapons, and he was always cool Some few weeks ago A. E. Levy, of and never lost his judgment. For ex-529 Broadway, New York City, went ample, when an adversary shot him, luck was not exceptionally good, but inflated his lungs to the full, conscious when he reached home and the catch that he would live as long as he could had been cleaned he found that he had hold his breath. Then he drew his broken the record. In the stomach of | 'snife and did his bloody work. That initials "P. C. E." on the other. Mr. he confessed to a reporter, when he Levy was so amazed that he sent the was about 84, that he was opposed on story to the papers, and it was copied principle to the duel, thinking it a the girls celebrate the fifth day of the throughout the country. This he savage way to settle a difficulty, "but

> Only Temporary Idleness. "I assure you, madam," said he, "that I would not be begging my bread from door to door if I could but procure employment at my profes-

> "Poor man," replied the good woman, as she handed out a pie, "what is your profession?" "I am an air ship pilot, madam."-

Tit Bits.

Not Out of the Ordinary. Cadley-I must confess I was pretty cranky yesterday. Did the girls say Kandor-Oh, no.

ny behavior. Kandor-I guess they didn't see anything unusual about it.-Philadelphia

Cadley-Strange they didn't notice

Part of the Population. Paris uses 200,000,000 snails as food innually. And yet the town is not so slow.-Washington Star.

Women and opportunity like to make

calls when you are out.

NCREASE IN VIVIDNESS AS EACH NEW ONE COMES OUT.

Solid Color Weaves and Figured Maand Designs Are Prominent - Lace Is Much Used on Evening Gowns.

New York correspondence

rimming. This impression is corrobora- softest, most filmy sort.

VELVETS ARE BRIGHT dish interest. Lace embellished with the fringe being woven in with the mesh of the lace. And these and other like tricks are indulged even in gowns already almost smothered in lace.

Bodices seem not to bear more of such embellishment than they have of late, but skirts are decked out with increased terials Are Ali Strikingly Tinted liberality. Lace insertions appear on skirts between pleats and tucks, and bands are bestowed with a free hand. Both bands and insertions are wide, some of them strikingly so. Ruffles for the foot of the skirt account for much of the exvelvets in penditure for laces, though such may be crease in vivid- arranged in modest proportions. On the ness with every other hand are skirts all lace ruffles but addition the shops for a yoke of contrasting stuff, and still make to their sup- others in which the lace web extends plies. This ap- away to the belt. Much variety prevails plies as well to in the arrangement of the lace. Standreal velvet of the ards for dress-ups make it easier to profinest quality and vide place for an immense amount than to the various to accomplish a fine result with a scant sorts of velvet supply. A pretty disposal of flounces and eens, some of ruffles is shown in the small picture put which are mate- at the head of this depiction. They were rials of decided black chantilly on black crepe de chine. worth. All the The gown in the center of the next picgrades show bril- ture had white chantilly upon white sife liant tones in the net, the whole over violet silk. At thesolid colorweaves, left of this gown is shown a lace and the brightest trimmed evening wrap-guipure upon of them are dis- heavy brocaded white silk. On fine played in such wraps is more of the heavier laces, but quantity that they plainly are intended even here, in garments marked by a look s the material for gowns, not merely as of cozy warmth, are seen laces of the

ed by study of model dresses, in which In the field of embroidery recent re velvets of the brightest possible changes have been more in the character hade. They are handsome get-ups, made than in the amount of the ornamentation.



LAVISHNESS IN LACES AND EMBROIDERY.

ing placed wherever the goods comes vidual taste. There may be little ext the wearer's neck, face or arms, much. A modest, inconspicuous design, mi this trimming serves quite as much little more than an edging or a narrow relieve the skin from too close contact band, will suffice, or the material may be ith the vivid shadings, as it does to almost hidden. What is permitted in the rnament the gown. This point is one way of showy treatment is suggested in at should have very careful considera- the wrap at the right in the second picon by purchasers. Few complexions ture, which was white cloth embroidered on stand contact with these brilliant col- with white silk cord. At the right in the sings, and none can stand them all. So concluding picture is another white cloth be intending buyer should either choose wrap with white cord embroidery disarely one that is safe, or else have well tributed less lavishly. Quite as often the mind some general scheme for fencing embroidery is upon bands or pieces of erself off from it. The latter process contrasting goods that are then applied. on be attained with entire success, com- Such bands or pieces may be extensive. ning stylishness, beauty and an out- or may be limited to small dimensions. y quite in harmony with the cost of the appearing at cuffs and edges. Many to velvet that may be in the gown it- gowns include tiny jackets of the contrasting material entirely covered with



STREET AND EVENING ATTIRE BOTH ENRICHED WITH LACE.

quickly, and this change is being effect- outlay. d according to this rule. Valenciennes s much favored, but the available list is ong. It takes in mechlin, chantilly, point de Paris, milanese, filet, point d'esorit, lierre, Paraguay, Mexican and bruges, with many more less well known, at with beauty to recommend them. Elaborate dressers are not content with the use of such laces in simple fashion. but must trim them to the end that the whole result appear more complex. The to a considerable advance in price. ruchings. This trick has an endorsement live under a white cloth garment, the whose cordiality amounts almost to fad- frills of the lining falling below the cloth

On evening gowns and wraps the use the embroidery. Cords, braids and pas of lace is to be lavish. Its employment sementeries in large variety, but chiefly s not characterized by the set design and of the smaller sizes, are employed very stiffness that often marked last winter's freely in this way. Bands are often empplications, especially those that were in broidered with silks and flosses of the the medallion way. Almost all of it has heavier sorts. Much of the more attract a look of softness, and while the treat- ive and serviceable ornamentation of the ment of a year ago was handsome, the winter fashions lies in such banding newer arrangements seem even more Its uses constitute one of the best of seautiful. New fashions that plainly are current chances for the home dressmake an improvement on the old take hold er to attain stylish finish without great

> Fashion Notes. Yak lace in several shades is very smart.

Black, white, cream, ecru and champagne are the shades in which the new silk laces will be conspicuous. Ermine will be favored among the

white furs, though its scarcity has led designs of the lace are outlined with A plaited green chiffon lining is effect-