

The Cerberus of the office brought in prditor once more, and he censed to rethe slip of paper and laid it on top of member the two in their far corner. the copy which the city editor was

reading. These slips are the only means by which to protect the time of the pa-, per against the host of men who would fritter away the editor's time.

The office boy waited while Mr. Standish gave the scantiest glance at the memorandum, just enough to gather that Mr. Wills Mayhew was without and that his errand was to find "journalistic employment." When he had hastily penciled on the slip of paper the terse formula "no possible opening" with which the messenger was to dismiss the several dozenth applicant that usual facility in putting the common enough incident out of mind.

An Englishman, of course, he reasoned from the name with a stile in the middle of it and shuddered at the bare idea of British journalism in a New York newspaper office, for Standish had been on Fleet street and knew the solemn reliance on the hooks and loops of stenography, which makes the Brit-

Possibly an hour had gone by when Standish passed on some errand of his work in the neighborhood of the big Englishman and the little Hindoo lad. Recalling the nature of their task, he remarked that the man had a bulky pile of completed sheets before him and

that his hand was still traveling rapidly over the paper without any interruption of his smoking. But Standish was attracted by the little Hindoo. He has familiarized among the western nations by the images of the countless gods of the peninsula. The lad's eyes day, Mr. Standish did not find his | were riveted on a ball of glass or crystwo hands, the fingers being interlaced speaking rapidly to his companion in a liquid speech which the editor could probably some one of the many Hindoo tongues. As he passed by them Standish found his glance caught by the glitter of the toy which the boy held, and ish journalist so very accurate and so in the moment of passing he seemed to very dull. But the boy was back again see a picture in the glitter, a picture as with the same slip, and across one end | of something happening somewhere. It

the entrance of one who was on terms of sufficient intimacy to be admitted to such freedom. The newcomer was stated in the account to be a woman-at least the feminine pronoun was used throughout. The identity of this second person, even by physical features, was obscure in the story, but there was manifest a psychic familiarity with

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her motives and passions. Passing over the commonplaces of such a meeting between intimate women, yet always showing as by a subordinate consciousness the black hatred and wild rage which gushed under the smooth words of the visitor, the Euglish journalist hurried on his dialogue to the point where the murder was done, done with the consent of the victim, gained by the trick of some specious pretext. The weapon was but a common hypodermic syringe, common enough now among the toilet appliances of women on whom social duties press heavily. The young girl shrank a little at sight of the weapon, but her companion assured her that it was no more painful than the prick of a cambric needle and that a single application would instantly cure the headache from which she was suffersat in the attitude which Indian art ing. The girl at once consented. A very graphic touch in the narrative was the simple way in which she was represented as passing her hand across her forchead while her companion took tal which he held in the palms of his the glittering implement of glass and silver from its blue bed of velvet in the in his lap. In a soft monotone he was | leather pocket case, carefully withdrew the bristle from the needle point and screwed the latter into place, havnot identify, but which he thought was ing first drawn the piston out to its fullest reach. In the syringe was not a drop of any fluid, nothing but the air of the room. While she was explaining that a charge of pure oxygen would be better, yet that ordinary atmospheric air would produce a satisfactory re sult, the young girl childishly bade her begin, for her courage was at the sticking point. A deft hand pressed the hollow needle beneath the skin of the girl's left wrist and gently slid it onward into puncture of the most prominently displayed blood vessel, a delicate blue vein in the clear white flesh, A very slight pressure in the ring of the piston forced a single bubble of air -oxygen would have been no better

for the purpose-into the vein. The girl was dead, dead in that instant. There the English journalist's story ended. Standish still held the last sheet of copy in his hand and looked with

astonishment at the double cross which showed the finish. It was as though some one who had seen and heard all these incidents had been speaking and had suddenly broken off.

This was a story which needed cautious handling, for Standish at once accepted it as true. With a family of ter what the prevailing regulations such position as that of the murdered may be. For this reason, save in a girl, herself already a figure in society, large general way, it is futile to lay no paper could afford any blunder. A down a cut and dried rule for a wedreporter was sent to investigate, and ding costume. It may be a scant skirt-Standish cautiously locked the manuscript in a drawer of his desk. The reporter's story was the account of such a career as may come to a young woman in her first year in society, a record of social successes. She had died suddenly that afternoon in her room. She had received a visit from her most intimate friend, who said that she had gown. complained of a slight headache, but that it had passed away while they were together. An hour later her maid had found her in her easy chair, limp and dead. The family doctor certified to heart failure, for the publicity of an inquest ceases at a certain social level. Standish seemed puzzled and read the latter part of this copy a second time. Then he unlocked a drawer in his desk, took out a mass of manuscript, turned up the last few pages and read them with care. Finally he called up a medical friend on the telephone, and this was his share of the conversation after the preliminaries incident to that mechanical convenience: "Tell me, doctor, what would be the result of the injection of a bubble of sight. These, when worn at all, apair into one of the veins of the wrist?" "Instantaneous, you say, and pain-

THE GOWNS, VEILS AND JEWELS OF THE OCTOBER BRIDES.

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The autumn crop of brides elect has already begun to get its fine plumage in order, and for an early fall wedding the most chic and lovely wedding dress is compiled wholly of white silk muslin, woven or broidered over with tiny dots or minute lily of the valley blossoms.

It is noticeable that the costumes designed for this important function,



CREPE DE CHINE WITH CHIFFON FRILLS. whether imported or made by domes tic talent, are all extensive as to train and in a number of cases show elbow sleeves and rather open throated bod

Brocaded satin, once typical of wedding splendor, is entirely superseded by plain duchess satin and by lvory white crepe de chine, and now, as ever, lace seems the most important garniture. The prettiest and most popular modern lace is Louis Quinze, which is more stable than blond, but possesses much of its fairylike fragility of charm.

It is an interesting and commendable feature in bridal fashions that the strict mode of the hour can be quite dispensed with in the designing of a marriage dress, and the object of every bride and her dressmaker is to work out some scheme of cut and drapery that will be highly becoming, no mated, short waisted relapse into the mode



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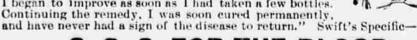
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of it was the simple word "news." The boy said that the man outside was two-that is, there were himself "and a kid, a sort of circus coon." The suggestion as to news secured an entrance for Mr. Wills-Mayhew and the certainty of at least a moment's hearing. News is what a paper traffics in, and no chance to secure it, no matter how unpromising, may be neglected. The man was seen to be of that type of the British subject for which there is but one adjective-well fed. The easily recognizable signs of his origin were sufficiently pronounced to be unmistakable, yet not great enough to attract to him uncomfortable comment in a crowd. In his companion, a boy in breeches, Standish saw a sight less usual in a newspaper local room. The boy at the door had spoken of him as a "sort of circus coon," but he was clearly not a negro. The hair showed that, and its evidence was confirmed by the regularity of the features and the transparent depth of the dark brown complexion. A little spot painted between the eyebrows showed the lad to be a Hindoo.

Wills-Maybew explained to Standish that he had the full story of a murder which had just been done in a residence street up town and that as he wanted a place he would write it up to show what he could do.

"But all that sort of thing," replied Standish, "is supplied us by regular channels of information. The police trial. It did not begin in a very promwill report the facts in the case, and then, after making our own investigations, we shall give it the space which it may deserve."

"This one is different," rejoined the Englishman. "Without this story of showed that the writer was both a mine you will never learn of the tragic man of wide reading and just as widenature of the death, for the body when | ly unfit to be allowed to write a story found will display no signs other than those which attend a sudden but natural death."

"Such a thing is most improbable," ish the interview. "I do not think that we need consider such a case."

"Still," said Wills-Mayhew, "it will do no harm to try. Just let me sit down nervous sentences, with the accuracy here and write up the story, and then of detail which only eyewitnessing you can see what it amounts to. You can form from it your own judgment. if written on the very spot of the ac-No other paper will know anything tion in progress. Standish worked about it, and over here you seem to at- backward to where the story itself betach considerable importance to that gan, laid aside the heavy introduction sort of thing."

distant corner of the room and sat on a young girl. Every needed detail down to write, the little Hindoo squat- was presented, the girl's name and adting with legs crossed on a chair at his dress were given, and her domestic and side. Standish watched them take their social relations were fully set forth. places and noticed that at the same The city editor recognized that it time that this man with the story of murder, and an exclusive murder at vinced of every point, for the social pothat, drew a bunch of copy paper be- sition of the girl and of her friends fore him he began to get out pipe and was of the highest. The graphic marpouch as one who prepares to do a rative continued with a slight account thoughtful piece of work. Then the of the trifles over which the girl was

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was just a flash, and he was far too much occupied with other things in think of returning for another look. Not long after this Wills-Mayhew

brought a thick heap of manuscript to the desk and laid it before Standish, who saw that, although it was written in a generous hand, there was matter enough for at least two columns.

"There is the story of the murder." said the Englishman. "You will find it all there except the name and the present place at which the murderer may be found. You can pay me for those at your best rates for good material, and I will come in tomorrow and clear up the mystery which still remains in the story. I cannot do it today, for Abdul is tired out, and I must take him to rest."

A rush of real copy came along just then, and in the hurry the Englishman and the little Hindoo went off together. It was not until comparatively later in the day that Standish found time to look at the copy thus left with him for ising way. There were many pages of an introduction which blanketed whatever story might be to follow. There was much moral theorizing, and the apt citation from classical sources

for an American newspaper. Disgusted at the preface, Standish hastily cut into the middle to see if there were really any story after all the overloaded said Standish, turning as about to fin- introduction. Here all was different, as different as the work of another hand, of another mind. There was indeed a story, and it was told in terse,

could give to an account and then only

and read with growing amazement the The Englishman went to a desk in a consistent account of a murder wrought would be necessary to be securely concares of the city desk pressed on the loccupied in her own sitting room at

less? Then what would an autopsy disclose as to the cause of death?"

"Well, then, if the heart should be found just as it is in certain well known pathological conditions there might be a possibility of foul play Would not the mark of the syringe be found?"

"Not one chance in a million, you say? Then that may be left out of account. Thank you kindly. Goodby. Ring off."

The regular reporter's story was printed the next morning. Possibly that discouraged Mr. Wills-Mayhew, for he never came again.

Standish now speaks with great re spect of the marvels of the Hindoos. He has not yet given up his search for a British journalist accompanied by a young Hindoo named Abdul. Judging from sample, a place could be found for the pair.

### His Way Out.

A certain Irish member of parlis ment, popular and a bachelor, 1 ad been very polite to the daughter of the house where he was visiting. When the time came for him to go, the too anxious mamma called him in for a serious talk. "I'm sure I don't know what to say," she went on. ""Tis reported all around that you are to mar-Letitia." ry

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An imported marriage robe is one delicate froth to the knees of small silk muslin flounces, and the remainder of the costume is in very heavy white crepe de chine embroidered in clusters of small lilles.

There is coming in a strong feeling against leaving the white gown and misty veil to serve in the great ceremony without the aid of jewels, and unless all signs fail there is good reason to believe that the bridal jewels at the forthcoming marriages will be one of the most interesting features of the tableau. Curiously enough, however, the jewels are being used at the expense of the traditional orange blossoms that have drifted almost out of pear in a tiny breast knot or inconspicuous tuft on the shoulder.

The brides of the day wear lace veils if they are procurable, and, lacking these, lovely yeils of the finest silk brussels net, with large lace figures and wreaths set into the mesh and forming the border, are preferred.



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They are one and all draped off the face and fall from a coronet shaped decoration in the hair straight out to the tip of the extensive train. A Parisian bride recently was married in a tulle yell into which fleurs-de-lis with silver threads were woven, and it will not be a surprise to see these silvery vells next winter in New York, where every good fashion gets a trial on its merits, says the New York Sun. from which these items and illustrations of bridal modes are greaned.

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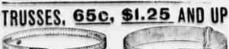
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