## A FATAL ACT.

(By Laurana W. Sheldon.)

ECIL GEOFfreys paused a moment as he passed library door and glanced admiringly at the pichis ture made by cousin Jessie. was standing motionless before the window with her

back to the door, but with her head turned a little, so that the clear, dark profile stood out boidly against the light, while her beautiful eyes were fixed in a dreamy reverte upon a vine that clambered above the sash.

She wore a riding habit that made the proud, voluptuous figure even more majestic and commanding. In one gloved hand she held her riding whip, and in the other there was a square of white, so like one of his own monogramed envelopes that Cecil found timself wondering vaguely about it ony after the picture had vanished from his vision. For Mabel was awaiting him at the edge of the drive, and purte naturally he could not tarry long to admire his cousin's loveliness. Fire minutes after the two eques-

trums passed outside the library window. Mabel, her fair hair floating in the Willed, and Cecil, with his proud eyes fixed upon her face, but neither of them thought to even glance at the dark-eved girl who watched them leal-

after they had passed. "He has nei-

stop her tears. Laying period for a moment as if her heart Then, as if made deswrate by a sudden thought, she sat ect, and laying the envelope that she -ld upon the table began by much

warefully and the smile that lighted her wager face betokened a genuine satis-

Lown the viriou spurring her favorite the lovers. They were riding side by nder Cent half leaning from his saddle as he bent to whisper in Mabel's ear. but with an extra cut of the whip upon like an arrow, while she turned with a

But this last sharp cut had been too much for the spirited brute that she was now miling. With a bound he sprung from his rider's hand and fled like mad along the road. "Quick Cecil catch him or she will

be killed." Mabel cried frantically, as gether they started in a mad pursuit

mis on the maddened brute, while Maall folders, but more poorly mounted:

lecti had resoned "Riack Tom" by half a length and was just shouting to has saided to her terror, the poor girl suddenly let go her hold and was Thron Tom rushed on like the very print of venz-ance, but Cecil, spring-

a me Manada hav conking with sweat. ar into this good man's house and see shut can be done. he said gratefully. as an nonest farmer who had seen her

the young girl's life. She picked up the envelope and thrust it in her pocket. names now and a moment more she of loves and rate

For Mabel had often longed for Jes-



"MABEL DARLING," HE CRIED. cousin, and what less could a flancee after his cat. desire than the friendship and affection of her lover's family.

But Jessie had always refused her advances. Not by any angry words, but by a quiet, frigid manner that quite congenied the young girl's warmer nature. She could never exactly under-

glameed at the inscription. "How

thought what the letter would probably tell, and for a moment even Jessie's awful fate seemed to fade before her pleasure. She whipped up her horse and started on. "No need to mail a letter to myself," she whispered laughingly, as she unhesitatingly broke the

The message was short, so short that the fair girl almost reeled in her saddle as she gianced it over and fully realized its awful purport.

Could it be true that Cecil did not love her and had taken this manner of saying so rather than a more manly method of communication? Yes, the words were plain and unmistakable, and he had furthermore added

insult to injury by saying "it was consideration for her love of him that had made him neglect this painful duty."

cruel words seemed burned into her ble nightmare that was fast driving her

life of pain? If so, she envied her now all is ready two patriarchs from each with all her heart, for life, that an side enter with the "lay-out," consist-

seemed hardly worth the living bathed her head in the placed water.

throbbing madly in her puises. To be and worst of all, to live without him The thought was more than she could them with the bark shavings.

In an instant she had formed her plan and yielded to the water's invita-

card, she tucked it into her riding cap and laid it, with her whip and purse in a conspicuous place upon the bank then without viancing either toonght then, without glancing either to or left, she sprang fearlessly in the quiet water.

At that very instant the sound of Cecil's voice came suddenly to her

he dashed madly along the narrow path, and without a monent's thought. sprang boldly to her rescue.

ater, all dripping wet upon the bank. fered, but, oh, Mabel, your suffering fearful as it was, could not in any way compare with the misery of my dying ger had failed to lift or alter. He bent suddenly and lossed the trembling lips Then, catching the look of pity in the earful eyes, he added, sadly lessie is dead, the poor, dear girl, but before she died she insisted upon telling years, and how bitterly she had felt toward you since learning how I loved We begged her not to talk, but she pleaded over and over again that ! would try to find a letter she had dropped before you could by any means heavy sign. "I was too late to save you without intermission, the Indians appain, but, oh, Mabel, should we not repoice that I was not too into to save

penitently "Poor Jessie only wronged herself, while I wronged both myself and you by yielding to a moment's

### Whose ever it was it was of no conse- CAT CAUSES A SPOOK SCARE. was flying like the wind on her errand Evanston's Old Insane Asylum the Scene of a Midnight Mystery

siderable excitement in the northern Northam lives on the outskirts of the city, and next door to his place is a large brick house which years ago was a private insane asylum kept by Dr. Gray. Since Dr. Gray left the house has been unoccupied, and it is thought by the superstitious that live in the years or more no signs of life have been seen there, and on the night in question sounds like the moans of a little child were heard coming apparently from the attic of the old building. Later seen at the windows on the ground floor, and some time after its rays streamed forth from a little window in Then the mouning sound ceased, the light went out and all was | them, they have remained.

### TEST FOR DRUNKARDS. Boston Alderman Would Have Them

Spell or Walk a Chalk Line

Councilman Lane of Boston lately instand it, for she did not know of Jes- troduced in the city council a resolution sie's love of Cecil. She had never even instructing the committee on police to suspected it, and as for eCoil, if he ever report a measure that will compel the dreamed of such a thing, his own de- officers in charge of the different police for by their own efforts and out of the vector to another had made him half stations in the city to apply a test to a man when arrested on a charge of It was only after a physician had been drunkenness. In other words, the offisent to the injured girl and Mabel had cer in charge must by some means yet turned her herse's head toward Jessie's to be decided upon determine the size home to apprise them of what had hap- of the "jag" carried by the party arpener that she thought again of the rested. Mr. Lane claims that there are tan was being reviewed. The children unmailed letter. She was passing the daily cases where officers arrest per- were ready and anxious to answer the postoffice at the time, and checking her sons against whom they have a grudge, questions almost before the teacher Smiling at grief." locking them up on a charge of drunk- could frame them. The teacher asked: The she drew it from her pocket.

The she drew it from her pocket. The state of the s test would be to have a man walk a of the road?" Little Johnnie, who sel- she need not despair, for there is no man chalk line or spell some words. Failing dom speaks, raised his hand. The teach- so good that there are not others as chair line of spen some words. Faming dom spens that he did not give it to me in this he would be declared drunk. One er was pleased that Johanne had plucked good. You may be assured the coming

an illuminated keyhole.

### RECKLESS INDIANS:

GAMBLING AMONG BLACK RIV-ERS AND PUYALLUPS.

in Which They Are Engaged

Like one suddenly turned to stone of all they possess. It may be a month The Cape Canso buoy was torn from its she rode silently on her errand. Jes- before the game is concluded, but when moorings by heavy ice that drifted sie's fate was enviable to her now in the it is, either one side or the other will down with the Arctic current in Decemmisery of the present moment. She have parted with its last blanket, its ber, 1893. It followed the current for read the note again and again, until the last calico dress and its last of every- more than a month. It was first obthing that has value in Indian eyes. brain, and the sweet and sad experi- The Black Rivers may go home laden 1894. It then took a southwesterly course ences of the hour melted into one houri- with spoils, or they may walk sorrow- and drifted in that direction until Feb. She reached the house, and saw Jes- pany, for, in the excitement of gaming. sie's parents standing happily on the the Indian often wagers his "klootch- ing the steamship track and getting porch, but her heart was too full of its man," as his wife is dominated in the own bitterness to feel more than an mellifluous "Chinook." The Indian is

apathetic sympathy for their coming an inveterate gambler, and is what the white sport would call "blooded." About twenty of the Black Rivers of the young girl's fall, and then leav- have come over to the Puyallup stamping the horse she gathered her skirts ing grounds with all their worldly posabout her and started alone in bitter sessions and will remain there until they agony for a quiet hour in the neighbor- go home either stripped or loaded with spoil. The game is played in a frame On and on she walked, while her brain | shed, possessing but a dirt floor. Around was busy with its sudden revelation. the sides are the sleeping mats of the Oh, how she had loved and trusted Ce- visitors and their blankets, and in the il. and now to find that he had only center is a fire about which the players been making a farce of what to her and spectators are grouped, while a think of him was agony itself. them by a blaze of pitch knots burning and so, with an almost passive effort, on an ash-covered stool. The game be-Was she dead and free from all this often lasts until late the next day. When hour ago was bright and beautiful. Ing of wooden chips about the shape and but was hoursely blowing as well as twice the size of a silver dollar, and 120 She was nearing the border of a tiny tally sticks, all wrapped in gallydecorated mats. Two bags of thin bark with a sudden purpose. She tossed spread before the fire and two men from longer than that of some famous dere-But a fever such as here could not be adherents of rival players range them- marked it in dotted red lines on the silenced by mere touch of water. It selves in the rear and watch the game latest chart. It has been seen fourteen that was scorching her brain and One of the players takes ten chips, one pitled by him-to be scorned by him. by a white ring, and divides them into had reported it. two equal piles and carefully mixes

He then grabs one pile, shavings and all, in each hand, and moves his hands in a circle rapidly from right to left, while one of the opposite side guesses in which hand he holds the white-ringed chip, or "queen," as it is called. If the Lepage, who died lately, was pursued taken from the player's pile and given youth in his efforts to study art. His to the guesser, but if wrong the guess- mother worked in the fields to keep the er's pile suffers. Each side started with sickly boy at school. At 15 he went sixty sticks and when one side has won alone to Paris, starved for seven years. them all the game will come to an end. painted without success, but still-The Puyallups are now thirty-six ahead. painted. but the end is not yet in sight. Bets He had just finished a picture to send one of the many things in the customs the Pacific coast Indians that in-

dicate contact with the Asiatics at some he players, who are all deeply interested in the outcome, because of hading staked their worldly wealth upon it. encourage them, and assist in every way possible. The women appearato be as interested as their lords. They arof the players and occasionally break the peculiar movements that pass for dancing among the American aborisines. All night long this is kept up picture parently being incapable of fatigue. To the mere spectator the game is most of the play. In former days, when tribes dreds and even thousands on each side, introduced by the whites were unknown | ing artists.-To-day. them, and they had only their native articles to wager; when they were scene must have been far more wild and picturesque. Now the men wear woolen shirts and overalls and the women are dressed in bright callco dresses Evansion, Ill., was the cause of con- with shawls over their shoulders and colored handkerchiefs on their heads.

## CATS PATROL A POSTOFFICE. Washington Three of Them Are Con-

The Washington city postoffice has peculiar way, as mischievous urchins service that all matter consigned to these boxes must be taken to the postoffice; thus a small boy who throws his cap into one can only reclaim it from the postmaster. So, as no exception was mentioned in the case of cats, the collectors obediently lugged them to the postoffice, where, nobody quiet about the place. The affair caused In fact, they are quite welcome, for

considerable talk, and the next day although a comparatively new build-Northam does not believe in spooks, erable damage unless kept down by will to the extent of \$1,000,000. and it was decided to ask him to ac- their feline police force. There is one sie's love. She was attracted to the company them in the search. As soon of the trio, nicknamed Tammany, who stately girl as the weak are always at- as he was told of the mission, however, makes his headquarters in the delivery practed toward the strong. They were he was able to throw light upon the department and has become a great pet Prediction As to the Role of the equally beautiful in face and form, yet mystery. His pet cat, he said, had en- of the clerks. He was so named beof such distinctly opposite types that tered the building during the day and cause of a remote resemblance to the in Mabel's gentle mind, at least, all when night came refused to come out, famous tiger of New York politics, but recought of realousy was impossible, and set up a mournful howl. Mr. in wality he is built more like a dachsblure than that, Jessie was Cecil's Northam lighted a lantern and went hund, having a very long body and short, crooked legs. He is a comicallooking cat, but death to rats and mice. and when not engaged in his official duties he is quite playful. Only one pleasantry which he positively will not an, no doubt, is responsible for its repermit is rubbing his fur the wrong way and nearly the whole office force bear on their hands the marks of Tammany's claws. There is no appropriation yet for feeding those four-footed servants of the public, but they are well provided

> clerks' lunch baskets.-Exchange. Only Street Accidents He Knew Of. In one of the primary Sunday school

he was run over by a 'lectric car."

### ROVING THE SEAS Travels of the Whistling Buoy That

Broke Adrift from Cape Canso. There are several whistling buoys

now drifting about in eccentric fashion

with the currents and storms of the North Atlantic. Two of them are still whistling, according to the logs of steamships that arrived at this port last of the Primitive Game of Guessing month. The most notable of the lot was originally anchored by a heavy chain cable at Cape Canso, the extreme easterly point of Nova Scotia. This buoy A great game of chance is in progress has two whistles which have been blowon the Puvallup Indian reservation, ing since December, 1893, and have Washington, and has been kept up doubtless caused many mariners who steadily for the past three weeks. The have encountered the buoy on dark Black Rivers are trying to clean out nights or foggy days to think that they the Puyallups, and will keep it up until | were out of their reckoning, and to be they succeed or are themselves stripped fearful for a moment for their vessels. fully to their native heath without even | 3, when it came within the influence of about 180 miles southwest of it. It then drifted in a northeasterly direction and struck the steamship lane again late in April. It followed the lane for more than 700 miles, and on July 5, 1894, it took a leg east-southeast. Currents and storms sent it flying northward on Aug. and it went completely across the steamship track again. It was seen on 100 miles above the European side of the steamship track; then it was driven and was last sighted on Feb. 9 by the British steamship Mab, which was bound from a European port to Galter of derelicts, knocked out by the February hurricanes within 400 miles of the Irish coast. The captain of the Mab rewhen it drifted away from Cape Canso. The sign on its side "Cape Canso" was probability is that this record might be of them distinguished from the other doubled if all craft that had passed it

## ACCIDENTAL FAME.

### Circumstances Do Sometimes Make, or Bring Out, the Man.

The great French painter, Bastien

are constantly being made, not on the to the Salon, when Paris was beseiged separate plays, but on the outcome of and he rushed with his comrades to the the game, and will be settled at the trenches. On the first day a shell fell absolute want, painted cheap fans for a living. One day a manufacturer of sembles the Chinese game so closely as some patent medicine ordered a picture from him to illustrate its virtues. Lepage, who was always sincere, gave his best work to this advertisement. He painted a landscape in the April sunlight: the leaves of tender green quivered in the breeze; a group of beautiful young girls gathered around a fountain from which the elixir of youth sprung in a bubbling stream. Lepage believed there was real merit in it.

"Let me offer it at the Solon?" he asked his patron. The manufacturer was delighted But first paint a rainbow arching ever the fountain," he said, "with the

name of my medicine upon it.

Lenage refused. came together to the number of hun- ted. Its great success insured Lepage a when such forms of wealth as have been | work a place among the greatest of liv-

## MILLION FOR A MUSIC TEACHER. Legacy From a Woman Site Was Kind

time past has been a guest at the Brune. wick hotel. New York, but who of late street, is alleged to have fallen heir to at least \$1,000.000. When she received the news of this windfall she fainted and the services of a doctor had to be called in. Heretofore Miss Epplewhite has been comparatively poor. She is a brilliant musician. Two summers ago she visited Port Jervis, where she received her board at a hotel for looking after the musical entertainments. She became acquainted with a Mrs. Heindricks, a wealthy widow residing in some hold up the fullness of each Philadelphia. Mrs. Heindricks was a paralytic, and used to lead a lonely life, most of which she spent in a bath chair. She became infatuated with Miss Enplewhite's musicales. At the close of the season the women parted, each with a certain amount of regret. They have never met since. Miss Epplewhite received a letter from Bennett & Baxter. Policeman Huber and several men de. ling, the postoffice has already been in- attorneys at law, informing her Mrs. cided to make an investigation. Mr. vaded by rats, which would do consid- Heindricks had mentioned her in her

# SHALL WOMAN PROPOSE?

ing Woman in Love Affairs. Have women as much right to hunt hushands as men have to hunt wives? While this matter has been discussed more or less for a long time-ages, possibly-it is becoming quite lively of late and promises to be one of the social topics of the future. The coming womvival, because she certainly will insist upon her right to choose a husband for herself. Can you blame her? You remember the sketch of the woman who couldn't make her love known. as given by Shakspeare in "Twelfth

"She never told her love. But let concealment like a worm i' the great. bund Feed on her damask cheek; she pined

choly She sat like Patience on a monument,

There is no sense in any woman actfly solf instead of carrying it all the councilman suggests asking each man up courage, and she said: "Well, John- woman will not sit "like patience on a to tell the time of day or night through nie, you may tell." "Please, Miss A-, monument smiling at grief." She will not be built that way.

## ACUTE DYSPEPSIA.

SYMPATHETIC HEART DISEASE OFTEN ATTENDS IT.

Clarence, Iowa, for the past twentywhat she considers rescue from premature death. Her narrative follows: a constant sufferer from acute stomach trouble. I had all the manifold symptoms of acute dyspepsia, and at times other troubles were present in complication-I did not know what it was to enjoy a meal. No matter how careful I might be as to the quality, quantity and preparation of my food, distress always followed eating. I was desponinsanity at times, and would have could not sleep. Sympathetic heart trouble set in and time and again I moment's warning.

My troubles increased as time wore on and I spent large sums in doctor bilis, being compelled to have medical attendants almost constantly. During 892 and 1893, it was impossible for me retain food, and water brashes plagued me. I was reduced to a skele-A consultation of physicians was unable to determine just what did all The doctors gave us as their opinion that the probable trouble was ulceration of the coats of the stomach and held out no hope of recovery. One doctor said, "All I can do to relieve your suffering is by the use of optum. About this time a friend of mine, Symantha Smith of Glidden, Iowa, told me about the case of Mrs. Thurston of Oxford Junction, Iowa. This lady said she had been afflicted much the same as I had. She had consulted total physicians without relief. and had gone to Davenport for treat-Giving up all hope of recovery. Williams' Pink Pills. The result was almost magical.

felt better than I had for a dozen years. I am now almost free from rouble, and if through some error o diet I feel badly, this splendid remedy sets me right again. I have regained my strength and am once more in my usual flesh. I sleep well and can eat without distress. I have no doubt that owe my recovery to Dr. Williams' Williams' Pink Pills contain all

Rehearsing Fits.

man was watching them. The boys who were doing the siapning and rubbing looked out from un- JAPAN'S IMPROVED POSITION. der their tangled hair and grinned at the reporter, a little at first, and then The

"What is the game" the reporter asked a newsboy who was also watch-"lem kids is pract'sin a fake." he

"Sure, having fits t work guys. Any old guy takes pity on a kid wid de fits and gives him a nickel. See?

for months, and the painter had long large pages, admirable typographically and generously illustrated, are now

> heavy and lustrous, and the skirt, ias brought promptly from various which flares well, has a medium train, full and fanlike in effect, but not as long as those worn last season, writes have obtained. As to the effect upon Isabel A. Mallon in the April Ladies' the Japanese people themselves, the Home Journal. The bodice is a draped one coming to a short point in the front the superiority of the modern and Ocand at the back and arching over the hips. This portion of it is outlined by small pearl beads. The skirt trimming consists of wide folds of table draped in curves as high up as the knees, each curve being caught by a bunch of orange blossoms. The very full sleeves shape into the arms and come well over the wrists in sharp points defined by small beads like those on the edge of the bodice. Tulle is draped across the corsage and caught by very small bunches of the bridal flower, while a knot of tulle and a bunch of the biossleeve near the shoulder. The hair which is arranged high on the head, is dressed with orange blossoms.

Service Magazine.

When the heart gives, the gift is always Green, bright hunter's green, is once

Rallroad

H. W. P. Agt, Omaha Heb

## POINTS ABOUT HORSES.

Qualities of Equines.

From Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Republican. Mrs. V. Curley who has resided in two years, tells an interesting story of For ten years prior to 1894, I was dent and blue. Almost to the point of been giad to die. Often and often I was obliged to call a doctor in the night to relieve sudden attacks of sufficestion which would come on without a

I was led to try them from her experience, and before many months I

the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are for sale by all druggists, or may be had by mai from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, \$2.50)-by addressing Dr. Williams six boxes for \$2.50.

rossing City Hall park one day a New York Sun reporter saw an Italian nov suddenly fall flat on his back on the pavement. Several companions instantly knelt by his side, some slapping the palms of his hands, some ruband his face. They were all laughing very much, and after a minute or two f this work the boy rose and in two or three more minutes repeated the game, this time all being serious, especially so when they noticed that the same

became serious again.

replied.

The publication of John S. C. Abbott's History of Napoleon Bonaparte began in 1851, as a serial in Harper's Magazine, and was continued during more than three years. Phenomenally successful at that time (for, from first to last, it proved itself to be the most popular serial that had ever appeared in an American periodical, its place in the esteem of the general public was afterward assured by an adequate publication in book form. The two handsome volumes, containing almost 1,300 perhaps more than ever in request, as one result of the wide-spread interest in the illustrious subject of the work.

# The Easter Wedding Gown.

A new aspect of the war in the east is suggested by Colonel Maurice. He calls attention to the Chinese claim that there are massed 500,000 men around | a depth of twenty-nine feet, being near Peking. This force has aiready been | the house, when the little one went out there for some time, and it is likely to | alone to investigate. Somehow he remain for several months longer. It | managed to fall in feet first and was is an elementary maxim of military tactics that a large force of men should not be gathered until a short time before they are to be employed: otherwise an epidemic resulting from the enforced lack of sanitary arrangements is almost inevitable. Therefore, says be gotten out of the hole, so the neigh-Colonel Maurice, as soon as the warm | bors were all summoned and some weather begins in the spring there will be a most frightful outbreak of pestilence in some form or other, probably in many forms, but beginning with typhus in its most virulent shape. He suggests that while there is yet time all foreigners in Peking be withdrawn rescued, after being in its perilous conunder adequate protection. - United dition for twenty-three hours. Its

The man who cheats another robs him-

again in favor in summer silks. Winter Tourist Tickets Via the Wabash

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Honry Childs Merwin has a paper in

the Century on "The Horse Market," from which the following is extracted: And this brings us to consider what are the marks of a good, serviceab. horse, such as most peoble want to buy. The chief points are the eye and head; for, whether on thescore of safety or et leasure in ownership, the essential thing is to have a horse that is intelligent and gentle, or one that is intelligent and vicious, rather than stupid. for stupid horses are the most dangerous of all. Every horse shows his character in his head, and chiefly in the eye, just as certainly as a man shows his character in his face; although, as in the case of men, it is not always easy to read what is written in the equine features. But as to horses positive sharacter, positively good or positively bad, there need be no mistake. I once bought a mare of a dealer. for a woman's use, without even taking of all rattlesnakes on the North Amerher out of the stable. She seemed to be kan continent. The writer jumped sound, and I felt sure from her eye that she was spusually gentle and safe, and so she proved to be. On the other hand, out of six or eight horses shown to me at a sale-stable, on another occasion, I rejected one-the best in the lot otherwise because his eye, though not absolutely bad, was such as shovels. The men surrounded the arouse suspicion; and the owner afterward admitted to me that the animal was different from the rest in being a little "meail." I mention these instances to show that any person of average intelligence can learn. By taking pains, to read the equine character. Horse-dealers and trainers seldom make a study of this matter, because they do not care about it. What you should look for is a large, clear, luminous eye; what you should distrust is a small eye, a protruding eye, a sunken eye, an eye that shows the white, glancing backward, which indicates bad temper; and above all, a glassy, tremulous shovel was struck again and again by eye, which indicates stupidity. It is the snake's deadly fangs until large hard to describe, but easily recognized. drops of the venom discolored the There should be a considerable space hard wood. Here and there on the carriage of them are hardly less significant. Well-cut ears that move con-

ears planted either very far apart or gave a tremendous jerk and carried very close together, are to be viewed with great district Next in importance to the head come the feet. They should be of medium size, neither steep like a mule's, nor flat, but sloping at a medium angle. The best feet are "cup-shaped," that is, so formed that when you pick them up they will hold water. As " the other points of a horse. I shall not attempt to go into details, because I fear that they would convey information only to those who do not need it. But this may said generally by way of advice: Avoid a long-backed or thin-waisted. still more a long-legged, horse. Look he struck therattler's unprotected head for a compact, rather low-standing and killed it. The reptile was over beast, with a good head, good eyes, and well-shaped ears, and you can not go

tinually with a general tendency to be

lively disposition. Large ears, if well

New Civilization is Guiding Her in It seems to us that one of the most creditable acts of the present administration at Washington has been the negotiation of a new treaty with Japan. based upon recognition of the fact that Japan has attained the position of a maturely developed modern power. The treaty provides that after a few years more of the present system of consular jurisdiction the Japanese courts shall have the same authority to try cases which concern an American in Japan that the United States courts now have to try cases which concern a Japanese citizen in this country. Furthermore, Japan will be at liberty to arrange her customs dues without being bound by treaties which limit the rates of duty, says a writer in the Review of Reviews. The treaty provides for the extension of rights under the patent laws of each country to the citizens of the other. War is a terrible thing and its indirect effects upon the life and character of a nation are always in some respects both deplorable and exceedingly difficult to outgrow. Nevertheless, this particular war would seem in a great many ways

to be a blessing to Japan. So far as The material used is white satin, aer outward relations are affected, it lowers a respect and recognition which rears of ordinary diplomacy could not war has so completely demonstrated tidental methods over the ancient and riental ways that the reactionary party is practically whipped out of exstence. The new civilization which fapan had borrowed and only partially ussimilated has by virtue of this war seen made her own. Henceforth no me can say that Japan is playing at European ways or imitating western vilization. In testing her new panuply she has developed such skill in its see that it would be impossible to reurn to the discarded outfit or a genera-

# Bahy in a Ten-inch Well.

The 18-months-old child of Bill Gee, a farmer living near Tigertown, had a terrible experience on Tuesday evening, says a Paris (Tex.) special. A ten-inch bored well had just reached impaled upon the end of the boring machinery, a part of which was yet in the well. The frantic mother was a witness to the horror and immediately gave the alarm. The child could not et by of them went to work digging a great square hole near the well

This being completed to a depth on a level with the child, a tunnel was made from the hole to the well and the child plaintive cries. "Mamma! manima, come take me out." were neartrending. The child will recover.

# He Was a Girl.

times causes a deal of trouble to the wearer thereof. Said a deacon to a of difficulty in bringing nim to a resoyoung person, who leaving a wheel in the lobby, was stealing into the back seat of a country church: "You bad and wicked boy, why don't you take off your cap?" To this the bad and wicked boy replied: "If you please, sir, I'm

An American author says that the worst "copy" in respect to bad writing he ever saw he recently received from Miss Beatrice Harraden, author of "Ships That Pass in the Night."

Miss Harraden's Bad Writing.

### TRUE SNAKE STORY KILLING SIX - FOOT ROCKY MOUNTAIN RATTLER.

Three Men Attacked Him but He Made It Exciting for Them-Dog Died of the Poison in Fifteen Minutes-Feed ing a Reluctant Reptile.

From far-off San Diego comes this veracious story. The Californian who tella it save:

"There was a lively fight this week between a vicious old rattlesnake and three men out at the La Mesa reservoir. As the writer was descending the declivity on the west side of the rocky gorge in which the reservo. dam is being built he espied in the shade of an overhanging rock a huge brown coil, snugly established as if to enjoy a prolonged sleep. The diamond markings indicated that it was a Rocky back in terror from the death-dealing reptile. He had almost put his foot upon the snake. Fortunately its slumber was not disturbed. Assistant Engineer Hamilton Clark hastily summoned two laborers with long-handled sleeping snake. One of the men jabbed the sharp edge of the iron shovel into the center of the diamond-marked mass. Two streaks of rattlesnake shot out. There was fury in it. The cruei shovel held the brown streaks from dying into the faces of the men, while | LEANDER GERRARD, Pres't, the rattle buzzed furiously. Well did they know the meaning of that sound. The deadly head of the disturbed snake waved about viciously in an effort to strike the bodies of the human tor- John Stauffer. mentors. The long handle of the between the eyes. The ears and the handle were tiny indentations made by the needle-pointed fangs. powerful tail was wound tightly about the shovel handle for fully three feet. pricked forward indicate a good and The man helding the shovel was careshaped, are better than very small or less. He thought the snake was too

> unprotected and much astonished. The second man with the shovel quickly pinned down the snake again, but not C. E. SHELDON, Pres't. until it sunk its fangs into the thick boot of the third man. Luckily the leather protected the flesh from the snake's teeth. It absorbed the poison, else the man wearing the thick boot H. M. WINSLOW, would soon have been a corpse. The danger of continuing the fight was apparent. The third man procured a long club. At the proper moment six feet long, the circumference of the body at the thickest part being nearly nine inches. It had fourteen rattles. Having disposed of the first snake the San Diegan recalls other yarns.

E. S. Bahcock, manager of Hotel del Coronado, who returned recently from a week's hunting on the Santa Margarita ranch, brought back a rattlesnake measuring nine feet and five inches, with seventeen rattles. He ly tussie. One of the dogs, struck in the neck, died in just fifteen minutes. This instance of the extreme virulence of the poison of the rattlesnake indicates that when fresh from its winter slumber the rattler's venom is much A. ANDERSON. stronger and quicker-acting than after a season of wakefulness, when the venom sacs have been emptied

and replenished frequently.

tidious, every species being limited to one or two articles of diet and preferring to starve rather than eat anything suitable. Individual snakes, too, show strange prejudices in the matter of diet, so that it is necessary in every case to find out what the snakes pecultarities are before feeding him. Rather than lose a valuable specimen by starvation, however, keepers in zoological gardens now often use force. cramming food down the reptile's throat. This need be resorted to only occasionally, as a snake will he many weeks without food. The operation of feeding a snake is by no means easy as it shows its distaste by squirming about and it is often necessary to restrain the movements of the body by inclosing it in a bag. With large boas, pythons, and anacondas, however, this will not do, and the keeper can accomplish his purpose only by a sort of wrestling match on the door, the writhing folds of the excited reptiles being controlled with arms and legs alto-

It is not generally known that many serpents produce a chemical substance acid, which is secreted in a pure, solid state by the kidneys. This is salable to the manufacturing chemist for laboratory purposes, oringing as much as \$2.50 a pound.

# BISMARCK ON HAPPINESS.

He Has Had Very Little of It-Emperor William Had More.f At Leipsic the other day Prince Bismarck made a speech, in the course of which he said "In my long life I have rarely been happy. If I were to figure out the total

of the rare moments of happiness that I have had, I would find perhaps in all about twenty-four hours. In politics I have never had time enough to be happy. I have always had to struggle, and when I was victorious cares came with the victory, and I had to make the most of them. "In my private life I have had moments of happiness: first in my youth

when I shot my first hare, and then afterward when I became a farmer. I was also hanny with my wife and children. But to know how to enjoy good fortune -a peculiar gift that my old mastr, the emperor possessed in a high degree-The masculine style of dress some- it is necessary to be both phiegmatic and sanguine. I often had a great deal lution, but, once formed, it was solid. You could build houses on it. He placed truth above everything, and sometimes public affairs compelled us to remove ourselves a little from the truth. That was always hard for the old emperor. But he was very happy, and yet, for all that, how unfortunate he was"

All of which goes to prove that, so far as Bismarck himself is concerned. nowithstanding his wonderful achievements, the game wasn't worth the

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