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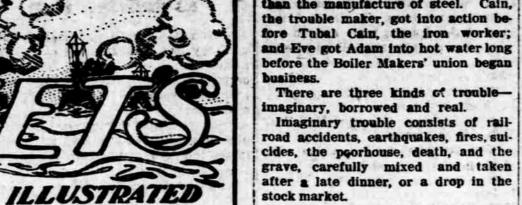
CHAPTER I. A Sleeping Nation.

Apathetic and unprepared the counry stood on the verge of war. The wheels of many closing factories had droned a final protest, idleness was spreading, and throughout the land the subject of the impending conflict was gravely discussed. Distinguished orators in great cities predicted dire losses in prestige and honor, and every hamlet had its prophet of woe. The nation's position as a first-class power, even its very integrity, seemed at stake.

And in all this ominous unrest, this clamor for action, the administration at Washington sat unmoved, smiling what seemed to the country and the world at large a fatuous smile of complacency. It was then endeavoring, as in previous crises, through the use of high-sounding words, to avert an actual clash at arms.

For some years there had been mooted questions between Japan and the great American republic, due in the first instance to troubles of a purely racial character. The Pacific coast, which for many decades had been compelled by its geographical situation to face an economic invasion from the orient, wanted none of the small men from across the water.

Other complications followed. Janan by example and precept rejuvenated the sleeping giant which spoke ber sister tongue and had with her an offensive and defensive alliance that could be invoked in time of need. and by further adroit policy maintained a similar compact with Great Britain. She waxed prosperous, demanding trade concessions where once she had begged them. Nor had she neglected the perfecting of her



that others might overhear their

"Same old thing," he commented,

in reply to her look of inquiry. "The

Gazette has just learned that not even

coaling orders have been issued, and

this from no less a person than the

secretary of the navy, who has been

goaded into free speech by the con-

stant pricks of criticism. I wonder if

"Guy," she retorted, "I don't think

it altogether fair to speak of the men

at the head of the government as in-

sane until they have been proved in

error. Let's talk of something else."

topic, was glad to lead into more per-

sonal subjects. He thought of the

old inventor whom he had not seen

"How is your father now?" he

For the first time she showed some

embarrassment. He watched her, and

"Oh, he is well, but very overworked

looking out through the vines to

"Norm," he said, leaning toward

plied, but with a look of such appre-

hension that he almost doubted her

for the first time in all their friend-

ship. "Father is all right, only he has

worked very hard, and- Oh, please

don't insist on my telling you any

more! Believe me, I should be frank

with you, of all persons in the world,

Impulsively he stretched his hands

across the table and seized hers. The

hum of conversation had died out in

the room back of them, most of the

if I could; but I can't he-quite."

and tired," she replied finally.

asked. "Is he improving in health,

And he, worried and tired of the

these people are insane?"

for months.

and where is he?"

told me where he is."

whispered comments.

and laid it aside.

can.

Borrowed trouble is the kind we get from our relatives. Its principal ingredients are visits, borrowed money, birthday presents, advice and expectations. But the real article is produced as follows: Put the sandals of endurance on your feet, take your life in your hands and follow by turn the navy. These latter seemed discussing How-to-Be-Happy Philosopher, the the situation from a more confidential Preacher of Physical Culture and viewpoint, and held their heads close the Apostle of Diet .- Puck. together now and then as if fearful

stock market.

Ready with the Answer.

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Unhappy World.

Trouble making is an older industry

Miss Baxter, feeling the effects of a "All criticising the government," Guy muttered, indicating one group ing to arouse the interest of her lan- forget to thank Providence for it. with a slight nod of his head. "They guid class by giving, as she supposed, can't understand it any more than we an interesting talk on the obelisk. After speaking for half an hour she She looked at him sharply as if found that her efforts were wasted. about to speak, and then after an in-Feeling utterly provoked, she cried: lanta Constitution. stant's hesitation closed her half-'Every word that I have said you have parted lips and advanced to the seat let in at one ear and out of the other. she desired. A white-clad waiter You"-pointing to a girl whom she noserved them and deferentially brought ticed had been particularly inattentive a newspaper still wet from the press "Thought you'd like to see the latest what is an obelisk?"

extra, sir," he explained, as he left The pupil, grasping the teacher's them; and Hillier, with a look of last words, rose and promptly anweariness, glanced at the headlines swered:

"An obelisk is something that goes in one ear and out the other."-Success Magazine.

ENGLISH HUMOR.



She-Pooh! What is a kiss It is nothing.

He-Well you once said you could refuse me nothing, you know.-Chips.

A Multiplicity of Fathers.

Ardyce had been learning to sing hear people exclaim how anxious they "America" at school and was trying are to see a certain play, or anxious

LAME BACK PRESCRIPTION

The increased use of "Toris" for medical fraternity. It is an almost inthan the manufacture of steel. Cain, fallible cure when mixed with certain other ingredients and taken propfore Tubal Cain, the iron worker; erly. The following formula is effecand Eve got Adam into hot water long tive: "To one-half pint of good before the Boiler Makers' union began | whiskey add one cunce of Toris Compound and one ounce Syrup Sarsaparilla Compound. Take in tablespoon-

ful doses before each meal and before retiring." Toris compound is a product of the

cides, the peorhouse, death, and the laboratories of the Globe Pharmaceugrave, carefully mixed and taken tical Co., Chicago, but it as well as the after a late dinner, or a drop in the other ingredients can be had from any good druggist.

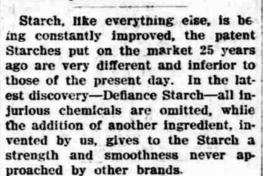
> News from the Settlement. "We are not exactly happy on the way, but we are not too mean to shout 'Amen' when the rest of the world cries 'Halleluia!' "Just how the editor knew we had

'possum for dinner last Tuesday is more than we can tell, but he came just in the nick of time and dined with us.

"We have much for which to be thankful. We raise our own turkeys, but turkey for dinner is so common torrid afternoon in June, was attempt- in our settlement that we sometimes "There is no news to speak of, except that we'll all build up this old country if we keep the saw in the log, and keep the sawdust flying."-At-

Grown-Up Children.

It is not only the frivolous whom the spirit of childishness is just now throughout the entire lesson-"tell me, | leading astray. Silliness is the fashion even among the wise. Women especially affect a kind of childish shrewdness in talking of serious subjects. Like-children who have the habit of romancing, they lose the sense of reality, and because they never talk exactly as they think they begin to think exactly as they talk .--London Spectator.



Not Anxious at All. "One word of our language that is almost always misused," said the particuiar man, "is 'anxious.' You will



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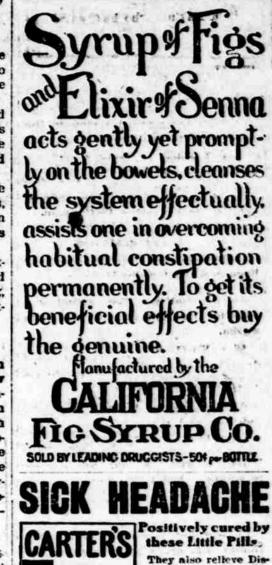
Side, TORPID LIVER.



Work with a Will.

We are not sent into this world to do anything into which we cannot put lame back and rheumatism is causing our hearts. We have certain work to considerable discussion among the do for our bread and that is to be done strenuously; other work to do for our delight and that is to be done heartily; neither is to be done by halves or shifts, but with a will; and what is not worth this effort is not to be done at all.-John Ruskin.

> The Split Skirt. Patience-I see half of the people call them sheath skirts, and the other half call them directoire gowns. Patrice-Yes; I was sure there'd be a split about it.



navy, which from the time of her war with Russia had been one of the most capable. Now it equaled in size and probably excelled in fighting efficiency that of the United States.

In the Philippines the racial war came to such an acute stage that Japan demanded immediate adjustment, although following the same diplomatic methods which characterized her career as an advanced nationpit ally pleading to the world at large that she was a small power whose on wish was for peace; invoking sy: pathy on the one hand and preparing to strike before hostilities were an cipated on the other.

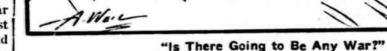
And in the midst of all this turmoil of mind and passiveness of accomplishment, Guy Hillier, secretary of the British embassay in Washington, found other and more personal annoyances. The particular vexation was a we nan's perversity.

He brooded over his love affair more than the welfare of nations, as he stood in the great railway station of the capital on this night, watching for the arrival of the Florida special which was to bring to him Norma Roberts, after an absence of nearly a m. nth.

With some bitterness he recalled that it was not the first time within six months that he had loitered in this station. To him it seemed that since he first had known the girl he always had been waiting and longing. Sle had held him in thrall since the night he met her more than a year be ore, when half reluctantly he had accepted an invitation to a reception gion to her father; and yet in all that aftertime he had been in perpe ial suspense. The reception had been much like other receptions, and was given in honor of another inventlog by "Old Bill Roberts," as he styled hin self and was known to his intimates.

Cuy had gone through mere curiosity, wishing to see at short range a man who only a few years before had been dubbed a "harebrained crank," but whose work had proved him otherwise. He remembered the lights of the drawing room, the throng of guests, and that Roberts had forgotten the event and kept some of the most distinguished men of the Lation. including every member of the cabinet, waiting till he could be dragged from his laboratory at the end of the garden.

good quality all the time. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill. Everyone had taken the remissness perspired past nim, the whistling with American good humor, laughed brakes gave a harsh grind and the and chatted till a search could be 11112 DIS train came to a hait. To feign a virtue is to have its opmade, and then given way to the in-Guy hurried back with quick, imposite vice.-Hawthorne. KIDNEY ventor's entrance, which was not tri-RHEUMATISMAS patient steps to the Pullman, where umphal. It was effected with something Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children testhing, softens the guns, reduces in famination, allays pain, cures wind colic. Ec a bottin. negroes dropped carpeted steps, in approaching a lack of proprieties. time to see the one for whom he There had been the sound of a highwaited emerge, calm and immaculate strung, snarling voice in protest from **JITTLE WORLD OF THEIR OWN** 75 "Guara The blind population of Great Brias usual, but with such a gladness of For "Last Best West" pamphlets, maps and information as to how to secure lowest rail-way rates, apply to Superintendent of Immi-gration, Ottawa, Canada, or the authorized the lower end of the drawing room, welcome in her eyes that he could tain is about 40,000. which was luxuriously furnished and presided over by Norma. There had barely resist taking her into his arms. gration, Ottawa, Canadian Government Agent: Inhabitants of Ascension Island Live pigeons. Even the will donkeys are Time might drag, but it always found been a moment's silence, then an ex-Are your shoes going down hill? They haven't lived up to the under government con ol. They are in State of Socialism. her unchanged. In sudden awkward-W. V. BENNETT, clamation loud enough to be heard by listed on the books of the paymaster, 891 New York Life Bailding. ness he took her lighter luggage and those who were curiously expectant. "Well, I couldn't help it," the petu- wrap and walked with her to the exit alesman's say-so. and are handed over at slock taking. Now and then one hears of out of The population consists of a few of the noisy station, finding all his the way places where the conventions Take our say-so this tim PADREPS 33 ant words came. "I got tired of waitbluejackets, a company of marines and stylish White House Shoes. carefully formulated sentences for- of life, as they are understood, do not ing around, and went back to work. some Kroos from Sierra Leone. You got me into this mess. You know gotten, and listening to her rather | exist. One of these is where money They fit from tip to counter. There a marine can do anything. than saying anything himself. is useless. This is Ascension island. From welt to top face, they meet the graceful shape of your foot. And they hold that shape. I don't like dress affairs, and hate The muleteer is a marine: so are the Almost the first question she asked in the Atlantic. dress suits. Working clothes suit me gardeners, the shepherds, the stockhim was of the war; and at this he felt This island is the property of the best. So there!" men, the grooms, the masons, the car-Everyone had looked at one another a tinge of disappointment. It was too British admiralty, and is reverned by renters, and the plumbers. Even the WHITE HOUSE SHOES. understandingly and smiled when the impersonal a topic for a man who had a capta a of the reval racy. There is island trapper, who gets rewards for eminent scientist and inventor had waited a month for an opportunity to --- livate property in land; so there the tails of rats, is a marine.-Sunday \$4.00, \$3.00 and \$6.00. FOR WOMEN, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00. been led into the room. Guy, craning | speak of affection. He would rather the no rents, taxes, etc. The flocks Magazine. his neck in a sudden desire to see this, she gave first thought to what be had and herds are public property, and the r Rown Blue Ribbon Sheet for youngstern. Ask your dealer for them. Bramieted with } Thompson's Eye entry, had a confused picture of a been doing, what he was rous to do meat killed is issued in rations. So Vain Man. THE BROWN SHOE CO., Makers man with a shock of white hair and and what he wished to do. Lyen when are the vegetables grown on the A man cannot show his "anity in a ST. LOUIS long eyebrows, from beneath which they reached a ware quiet place away farms. W. N. U., OMAHA, NO. 50, 1908. tight skirt which forces him to walk glared eyes of great restlessness, and from the din of railway traffic and Here, it would seen, is real social- sideways down the staircase; but let **PUTNAM FADELESS** also remembered that the dress suit aside from the r i of outgoing pas- ism. When a fisherman makes a catch the match be between the respective which had caused so much worry was sengers, she turn d loward him with a he brings it to the guard room, where vanities of the largest beard and tightstained with freshly spilled chemicals. grave face and asked for "the real it is issued by the sergeant major. The est skirt, and here, too, the battle chiy private property is fowls and would be to the strong .- Get ge Eliot and that even as he came the inventor | latest news."



was furtively wiping a pair of grimy "Do tell me," she said, "not what

not the man nor the suppressed tit- out, but the real inside situation. Is ters of laughter that he recollected there going to be any war?" best; it was the girl who escorted him

arm, the daintiness of her costume of a clash, and backs up its manifesenhanced by the marks of the work- toes by making no preparation whatshop on his coat. She walked smiling- ever. There has been no attempt to where the lights of the city gleamed ly forward, completely self-possessed, mobilize a fleet in the Pacific, nor to below and stretched out into the with head thrown back, and making assemble other vessels from foreign no apologies. Had it not been for the ports; but our own advices are that conversation at the door, overheard war is inevitable and may come at any within the room, none would have moment."

supposed that she wished a more ceremonious appearance. She challenged with her eyes as she passed her reverie and contemplation of his guests, and to Hillier's surprise, bound words. Nor did she express surprise in conventionality as he always had and interest when he gave her a seat

of it there was nothing inappropriate them beside the station gates. Not nor incongruous.

Then came that later hour when he was introduced to the savant, and the latter had looked him squarely in the eyes and given him a handshake that was surprisingly strong. And the

girl! At the first word spoken by her his heart gave a great leap, insistently starved, and am going to drop all this demanding that he should know her better. It had been easy to yield to its call, and he made occasion to be as near her side throughout the evening as was possible. He was to learn later that she always was with her father, nearly always inaccessible, and sometimes wrapped in such thought that he could scarcely probe her mind. The evening of their meeting had ended as do all evenings; but thenceforth he had sought her. Their acquaintance grew to a more friendly basis, and went steadily forward until lection. She leaned out to look ahead on his part at least it culminated in as they approached it, looked con-

love. Sometimes he had the courage to believe it returned. At other times and eagerly stepped within when the he grew despondent in his assault on attendant swung open the doors. the portals of her heart, but now that war and separation threatened, he was resolved to bring his siege to the issue and gain an answer.

A long-drawn whistle of increasing volume vibrated through the dusk; one headlight stared more steadily than the others which gleamed across the network of steel rails beyond and came swiftly, picking a trail to the great arched shed. With a final clanging of its bell, the big locomotive

as she hesitated before answering began to wonder if there was not something concerning Roberts which she was endeavoring to conceal from him.

hands on his handkerchief. But it was people say, or what the officials send "I am afraid so," he answered,

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gloomily. "The government is still in-She came leading her father by the sisting that there is not much danger

blackness beyond. her, "is there anything wrong with him? All your letters come from

Miami. There's a sanatorium there. She did not respond, but seemed It can't be that your father is-" almost to have forgotten him in her "No-no-no; it isn't that!" she re-

been, it suddenly seemed that in all in the brougham which waited for

till she heard him order the driver to take them to a fashionable cafe did she return from the land of abstraction and become vivacious again. "Where are you taking me?" she

asked. "Did I understand it that we are going to an old friend? I'm half war subject for a while."

diners having departed. It had grown When he told her their destination she clapped her hands and showed her so quiet that they could hear the approval by saying: "That's good. strains of a band from one of the Do you remember the little balcony parks, playing as gayly as if war was overhanging the street where green an unknown contingency.

things grow and we used to sit last "Norm," he said pleadingly, "take summer when we wanted to be alone me into your full confidence! Tell and talk? May we have the balcony me what it is that troubles you! table?" His smiling assurance that Something does, I'm sure. I have read he remembered and that it was to it in your letters, and in your eyes that very spot he was conducting her when you come to me. Let me share brought forth her applause at his se- it with you! You know I love you, and a part of love is to share each other's troubles."

tented when they alighted before it, They walked across the carpeted floors and between tables where others were dining, and everywhere as

they went she was recalled to the sterner things of life by a conversation which had no other topic than war. Here and there she recognized men occupying more or less responsible positions in the government, and a few whose uniforms proclaimed wait."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



morning his father heard him shout- trip to Europe, when they are not anxing: "Land where my papa died, land | ious at all, but eager or desirous. If where my papa died.'

Wayne, not that way. It is 'Land often." where our fathers died.""

Wayne's expression could not be "But you haven't answered all my described as he tipped his head sidequestion," he insisted. "You haven't wise, and in a very surprised tone gravely asked: "Two of 'em?"-De-She remained silent, toying with lineator. one of the rings upon her hand and

> Laundry work at home would be nuch more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wear- all be gone in a week if I didn't buy ing quality of the goods. This trou- quick." ble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its great-

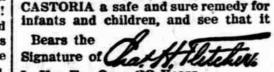
The Changing Times.

or strength than other makes.

Times have changed since 450 years ago, when Halley's comet, for whose reappearance astronomers are now looking, was in the heavens. Then the Christian world prayed to be deliv- be less wear and tear of the goods. ered from "the devil, the Turk and the and it will be a positive pleasure to comet." Now it says the devil is not use a Starch that does not stick to the as black as he has been painted, the iron. Turk is a negligible quantity and the comet would be rather welcome than

otherwise.-Boston Transcript.





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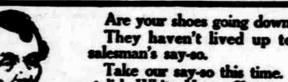
Perhaps. "He caught me in the dark hall last night and kissed me."

"I guess that will teach him to keep out of dark halls."-Houston Post.

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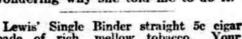
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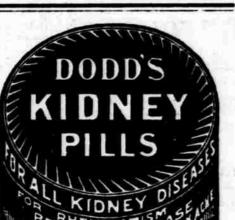
What Worried Him. "Maud told me to call her father 'old man.' She said he'd like it." "Did he ever like it?" "Never mind about that. I'm busy wondering why she told me to do it."



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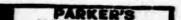
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He tried to hold her hands; but she withdrew them tremblingly. She turned her face away toward the lights of the night, without looking at him. For what seemed a long time he waited. "Oh, I wish you had not

said that to me-just yet," she answered at length. "You make it very hard for both of us now. I want to be honest with you, want to give you my

confidence and my-but I can't. I can't tell you anything. You must them to be officers of the army and