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MINOR MENTION.

N. Y. P. Co. Eurhoru's for watches.

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The trial of jury cases in the superior court will begin today. Wanted-An active, competent lady cashier temporarily. Address M, Bee office, Peari st. some repairs necessary to make it water proof. The roof of the court house is undergoing

Permit to wed was yesterday given Fritz Westerman of Milis county and Eliza Gret-chen of this county.

Nephi North was arrested vesterday on the complaint of his wife, who said he threatened to assassinate her. Justice Hendricks heard the case and dismissed him.

The Merchants Retail Commercial agency holds its bi-monthly meeting this, Wednes day, evening, in the board of trade rooms Merriam block. The meeting will be called promptly at 8:39.

Postmaster Treynor announced yesterday that arrangements had been perfected for the exchange, of a mail pouch between Council Bluffs and Avoca via the Rock Island limited passenger. This train heretolore has never carried mail. The arrangements will afford much better facilities between the property of the property o much better facilities between the two points.

The police stationed on Cut-Off island are obliged to pay motor car fare in bringing prisoners to the city jail, fare not only for themselves but for the prisoners. There seems no fund from which to get these incidentals back, and the officers do not feel dis-posed to pay them out of their meager earn-

The Biltgen case was called in the superior court yesterday morning. A host of witnesses had been summoned by both sides and the defendant's atterney was anxious for an immediate trial. City Attorney Stewart, representing the prosecution however, and the case was continued until next Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

Late Monday afternoon Mrs. Mary North applied to Justice Hendricks for protection. She stated her husband, Nephi North, had been drinking very hard of late, and recently had threatened her life on numerous occasions. Monday afternoon he armed himself with a razor and made several attempts to reach her, but she managed to escape him. Constable Forman arrested North and landed

him in the county jail. The Holder girl concerning whom there has been such a controversy, was night before last secured in Omaha by her newly appointed guardian, a man named Alexander. She was attending a dance, in company with ome of her friends, and there was quite a cene when the officers, acting by orders of Alexander, compelled her to accompany her guardian to Council Biuffs. The girl is motherless, and has been living with an aunt here, but her uncle, on the other side of the house, objects on the ground that her aunt's home is not the proper place for her. By the uncle's request the court appointed Alex-ander, who is no relative, but who seems to take a Pyely interest in the controversy.

Officer Beswick yesterday arrested a fel-low who gave the name of J. J. Kinzie, and lodged him in the city jail without putting a charge against him. The arrest was made upon information furnished the officers on Sunday night when an old German named Schmidt was drugged and robbed by a stranger whom he met in a Lower Broadway saloon. The stranger claimed to be hunting for a room, and Schmidt, who rooms on Madi son street, invited him to go home with him and look at a vacant room in the same build-ing. The offer was accepted, and the stranger remained with him all night. They had a little beer before retiring, and shortly after drinking it Schmidt fell asleep and knew nothing more until morning. He then real-that he had been drugged and robbed of a gold watch and chain, an overcoat and several dollars in money. Schmidt gave a good description of the fellow, and Officer Beswick succeeded in finding him yesterday. Detective Vaughan of Omaha saw him in the city jail during the afternoon, and promptly recognized him as an all around crook. The officers are satisfied that he is a confidence rebberies, and are working up a strong case against him. It was ascertained that he was living on Tenth street with a woman he claimed was his wife, and yesterday a search warrant was issued for the purpose of search

warrant was issued for the purpose of search-fing the place for stolen goods. Nothing of importance was found, but Kinzie will be held to await further developments, which are supposed to be near at hand.

Mrs. Clara Colby addressed an audience composed of about two hundred intelligent and attentive people who gathered at the and attentive people who gathered at the First Baptist church last evening to hear her lecture on the "Social Evolution of Women." The lady was pleasantly introduced by Mrs Amelia Bloomer, and was supported on the restrum by the presence of Mrs. Bloomer, Mrs. Osborne and Mrs. McBride. Mrs. Colby is a vivacious, energetic speaker, with a stage manner that compells attention before a word is uttered. She began her speech on apology, informing her audience that had mislaid her lecture on the social evolution problem and would have to give in its stead a straight, orthodox woman's suffrage discourse, which would be based upon the suggestive text, "The Disfranchisement of Women." What she chose to announce as an orthodox lecture did not prove to be of-fensively so, but abounded in strong and brilliant pictures of the influence of women in the home and in all the walks of life. She based her assertions that the influence of women would be beneficial in politics upor the proofs of her devotion to correct princi the proofs of her devotion to correct princi-ples in the home. She made a strong point when sbe recalled the fact that the people of South Dakota had re-fused to grant political franchise to women, but were willing to give it to the In-dians and inquired with a good deal of energy what her auditors imagined the people of Dakota thought of the situation now when half of the United States army is engaged in

first and truest advocates of the political reform desired. The audience was highly pleased with the lecture and warmly ap-plauded the lady when she concluded. "A Wonderful Toy Department." That is what every man, woman and child says when they look through Elseman's third floor. It feasts the eyes of every body, not only in the great variety of goods on exhibition, but when they learn the low prices. Ordinarily merchants who handle fancy goods ask big profits, but Eiseman's are selling their toys so cheap that \$1 goes further toward buying a supply than \$2 elsewhere. The assortment is so immense that it would be impossible to enumerate them. It would take more than the entire columns of this paper to enumerate them. We have everything ornamental useful for boliday presents. Come and hem. Price them and you will surely f. HENRY EISEMAN & CO.,
Broadway and Pearl street,
Council Bluffs, Ia.

half of the United States army is engaged in

subjecting the Indians. She paid her compliments to Mr. Rosewater for his remarks t

Mrs. Anthony on the occasion of her recent secture in Omaha, and gave Mrs. Bloomer a

high compliment upon her many graces character and the fact that she is one of t

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

W. W. Loomis has gone east on a business trip.
C. S. Clark, who for years was connected with the press of this city, and who for some time has been on the reportorial force of the Milwaukee Daily Journal, has been promoted that paper. He is to the city editorship of that paper. He is recognized as one of the "smoothest" on the lake shore. His many friends will rejoice to learn that he is winning success.

The musical loving people of the city will have the pleasure of hearing the celebrated male quartette, the "T. K.," Thursday evening at the Presbyterian church. The tickets have been placed at 25 cents so that all may attend. Tickets for sale at the corner book atore, the Council Bluffs carpet company's and at V. Badollet's.

C. A. Beebe & Co. are going out of thereft tail trade and will close out their fine line o ladies' writing and office desks, book cases chiffeniers, parlor tables, parlor and chamber sults, folding beds, plain and fancy rockers, cabinets, mirrors, etc., etc. for less than cost.

The Manhattan sporting headquarters, 418

THE NEWS IN THE BLUFFS.

J. O. Terry, While Showing a Patent Pire-Escape, Falls Fifty Feet.

CUT AND BRUISED, BUT NOT KILLED.

H. H. Hawley, a Burglar in the County Jail, Had a Scheme-lisot-Leggers in Limbo-Levee Talk -Minor Mention.

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock the people on the streets in the vicinity of No. 3 engine house on the corner of Main and Bryant streets were treated to a spectacle that caused cheeks to blanche and hearts to cease

beating for an instant. From the top of the dizzy tower that overlooks the creek a man had suspended himself by a single strand of cord that looked to be about the size of binding twine. His feet were resting on the window sill of one of the little windows fifty-two feet above the pavement. He stood for several moments way.

ing his hands and gesticulating. When the attention of everybody within sight had been attracted, the man stepped off from his frail perch and began to descend, paying out the cord from one hand while waving the other. He went down slowly for a distance of two feet and then the cord snapped. He turned half way over, as he flashed downward like a meteor and struck on his head and shoulders on a little shed roof at the foot of the tower and disappeared from sight,

Instantly a great crowd collected. The door to the shed was locked by a padlock and one of the firemen had the only key. It was hurriedly procured and the door opened. Instead of finding the man crushed beyond recognition, they found him sitting up rubbing his head and looking around in a dazed sort of manner. sort of manner.

The unfortunate man was J. C. Terry of

Tyndall, S. D. He is in the city for the purpose of exhibiting a patent fire escape, a simple device known as the Haight escape, invented by a South Dakola man. Mr. Terry has been en gaged by Haight to go around the country and exhibit his escape. He arrived in the city Monday afternoon, and yesterday he exhibited his apparatus at the fire houses. He concluded that the high tower of No. 3 offered as fine an opportunity as could be desired to exhibit the life-saving device, and at 3:15 he he attached the hook to the window sill of the upper window. The apparatus used was a little model intended to show the principle and was not designed for use. It consisted of a friction block about two inches square, which is less than half the size of the article intended for actual use. Instead of a rope such as commonly used, he had run a com-mon sash cord through the block and desired to show that even with that little device small enough to be carried in a map's pocket he could safely make the descent from a tail building. When he threw his weight upon the cord it gave way where it run across the

the cord it gave way where it run across the sharp corner of the window sill and let him fall a distance of My reet.

The only thing that saved him from instant death was the shed roof, which was composed of inch lumber grooved together. When he struck the spring of the lumber partially broke the force of his fall. Nine of the boards six inches wide were broken together with the 2x scanding that supported gether with the 2xi scantling that supported them. Immediately beneath him in the too shed was several large coils of wire that had been unbound, and these helped to break the fall by acting like a spring mattress.

The mar was helped out and was able to walk into the engine house. Dr. Cleaver was called by telephone and rendered him

was called by telephone and rendered him medical service.

His face was badiy cut and bruised and there was scarcely a point where the end of a finger could be placed that did not show an abrasion of the skin. One finger on the left abrasion of the skin. One flager on the left hand was broken, as was also one of the floating ribs. These, with the exception of a scalp wound an inch long, were the extent of his injuries unless some internal trouble develops that is not now apparent.

Mr. Terry is apparently a very intelligent man of about thirty-five years of age. He explains that the accident was due to the deception practiced was by a merchant in Neels In

practiced upon by a merchant in Neola, Ia., of whom he purchased the roll of sash cord. He is nearly blind and could not see that the says he has frequently made descents of 100 feet with a common sash according

feet with a common sash cord.

'Terry was formerly a physician, but was compelled to abandon practice on account of failing eyesight. The only thing he seems to suffer from at the present time is the chagrin over the failure of his fire escape to work properly. To convince the reporters that it was perfectly safe and reliable he was very anxious to make another descent, crippel as auxious to make another descent, crippled as he was, asking only to be assured that he be given a piece of sash cord that was not rotten. He was dissuaded from making another attempt upon the pledge of the reporters that he should be given a "square deal."

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Very respectfully, Fotheringham, Whitelaw & Co. Boston Store, Council Bluffs, Ia.

A Harness Thief Caught. Deputy Marshal Fowler had occasion to visit the establishment of Tom Decrweister on Broadway yesterday for the purpose of looking after some business. While there a young man came in carrying a set of heavy work harness tied up in a gunny sack. The fellow wanted to sell the property, and after

exhibiting it to the proprietor effered to take \$5 for the lot. Fowler was convinced at once that it was stolen property and began to question the young man. He told a story about having just soid a team and wagon for \$275, but had reserved the harness. "Where did you sell the team i" inquired the efficer. "Out here on the street a few moments ago." "Did the man who bought the team take the wagon also!" "Yes." "How did he get the wagon away without the harness!" The fellow dropped his eyes and appeared very much confused, and a moment later when the officer accused him of having stolen the harness he frankly him of having stolen the harness he frankly admitted it.

He was placed under arrest and taken to

the central station, where he gave the name of F. Birmingham. He told contradictory stories about where he stole the harness, naming Omaha and South Omaha. A tele-phone message was sent to the Omaha officers and during the afternoon Detective Vaughan came over. The theft of a set of harness had been reported by a grader living near South Omaha, and when the detective questioned the boy and described the locality where the theft had been committed he confessed and gave the officer all the details. He expressed a willingness to accompany the detective across the river and volunteered to assist in carrying the big load of leather, and they left the station bearing the burden be tween them. Birmingham is evidently but half witted, and seemed to take great interest in assisting Detective Vaughan in getting him across the river.

Before purchasing holiday gifts attend Trinity fair in Masonic temple you will find something to please you there.

The "T. K." Concert.

The "T. K." quartette will give a concert in the Presbyterian church Thursday night for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian association. The quartette is fully capable of furnishing a full and delightful evening's me, and will be assisted by hom

Supper will be served each evening a Trinity holiday fair from 5:30 to 10 p. m.

Dolls Given Away. With every misses' or child's cloak purchased at our store this week we will give a beautiful doll for a present, besides saving you at least 25 per cent on the cloak. Take advantage of this offer, and trade at Else-

Buy your coal and wood of C. B. Fuel Co.

A general invitation is extended to all the clerks in the city to patronize Trinity fair on Saturday for dinner-from 11:30 a. m. unti

Eiseman's store is the center of attraction at the present time. The real live Santa Claus will arrive at their store tomorrow Monday evening, and will make his head quarters at their store. Children who wish to write to him must bring or send their let-ters addressed to "Santa Claus," care of Eiseman's store.

Special Sale of Blankets and Comforters. This week. Prices way down. They must go. We have too many of them and must sell them. Call at Eiseman's,

The Scheming of a Burglar. A scheme to blow a safe at Holdrege, Neb. was discovered by the vigilance of Sherit O'Neill in watching the prisoners in the Council Bluffs jail. One of the prisoners who gives his name as H. W. Hawley, ha lately been trying to fend some letters out of the jail to some of his pals. These letters were seized, and they contain some interestwere seized, and they contain some interesting reading. Hawley was arrested here a
few months ago, while in the very act of
burglarizing Badollet's grocery store, on
Broadway. Realizing the fact that
the evidence against him was
such that he could not save
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nimseif, if tried in court, he began his manipulations to escape justice in some other way. In the captured letters to his pal he reveals his pians confidentially. He requested that his comrade procure for him two kinds of acid, which he said he needed to take the temper out of the steel bars. These bars he had examined evidently with the eye of an expert, and he expressed the opinion that they were not chilled. He was very particular about the kind of acids to be got for him and described them minutely. He also wanted four saws, the description of got for him and described them innately. He also wanted four saws, the description of which he also gave in detail, and the make. He wanted them very fine toothed, as it was necessary to do the work quietly. In making necessary to do the work quietly. In making the request of his friend to furnish him with these means of escape he said that he could not hope to get cleared in court, and that he was in a desperate strait. He also outlined the manner in which the articles could be got to him. Toe saws were to be dlaced in a long plug of tobacce in which a hole had been been deced to tobacco, in which a hole had been bored to receive them. The acids were to be packed in a bag of smoking tobacco. He directed that the stamp over the mouth of the bag be steamed, so that it could be removed without breaking, then when the bottles were packed inside the stamp could be replaced, and thus no suspicion would arise. Hawley wrote many other interesting things, among which wcre his opinions of the Pottawattamie county jail, which he pronounced as anything but a delightful resort, under the present management, as it gave little opportunity for escape. He ojected strongly to the revolving feature, as it revolved too often to permit him to work on the bars, except at night, and then it was difficult to do such

vork without the noise being heard.

The most sensational revelation in the le ters was the plan to break into a bank or loan office at Holdrege, Neb. He explained to his friend that he had intended to work this scheme himself, so soon as he found a fello to help him, but that whisky had upset h to help him, but that whisky bad upset his plans, for while in Lincoln, planning on this Holdrege trip, he got full, and was himself "touched," losing all his money. If it had not been for his being short he said he would not have thought of breaking into Badollet's, for there wasn't enough in this job to pay for the risk. He didn't happen to come across anybody that he knew, and thus not being able to get help he broke into this store, just to get a starter if he could. Situated as he now was, there was no immediate prospect of his being able to work the job at Holdrege, and so he turned it over to his friend, with such information as he had in the matter, and recommended as he had in the matter, and recommended that his friend work it. If he made a success and got the "stuff" he would expect to have a part of it, in return for the information thus given. If his friend could in this way thus given. If his friend could in this way raise him some money, before his time for trial came, he might be able to fix some of the witnesses and thus get off. If not, he would have to go across the state. He enclosed a roughly drawn diagram, showing the location of several buildings and streets in Holdredge, accompanied by a description of just where the building stood and the location of the safe, which were to be proken into. The safe was which were to be broken into. The safe was described with name of make, etc., and the assurance given that it would not take mor than half an hour "to knock it off." building referred to was but one block the depot, and diagonally opposite the hotel, and it was indicated on the map by the word "box." He advised his friend to "clear your

hands of everything but the stuff itself," and warned him not to attempt to carry any tools on himself. He further informed him that the man who owned the "box" bought notes, etc., and that he kept from \$1,500 to \$2,000 in cash in the safe all the time. Hawley signed his name as "Red," but gave strict instructions to his friend to write to him under the name of Hawley. He said that letters going out of the jail were all ex-amined, so he had to sneak these out, but letters coming to the jail were not opened. In one of these respects Hawley seems to have been a little mistaken, and the correspondence being officially captured, the "box" at Hol-dredge was not worked, and the expected

dredge was not worked, and the expected wealth did not come to his relief.

Hawley's time for trial came yesterday, and neither acid, money or saws had arrived. There seemed no way of escape, so he pleaded guilty, and threw himself on the tender mercies of the court. His sentence will not be pronounced for a few days yet.

Neckwear, silk mufflers, plush caps, etc., for holiday presents. Ottenheirier's, 414 Broadway.

Attend oyster supper at Trinity fair Thurs-See the elegant Christmas cards, thousands

Talks About the Levee. Considerable public interest is felt in the

councilmanic discussion of the levee problem

which has been induined in some time. Only

the western portion of the city is directly in-

torested, as the property, which will be sub-

ject to taxation to pay for the improvement, is defined as lying in sewer district No. 2, which comprises all of that lying west of Twelfth street. It is estimated that the cost of widening and strengthening the old levee will be almost as great as that involved in the construction of the flow, and when it is completed it will only be in the nature of a temporary improvement. T. J. Evans, J. W. Paul and others who own large tracts of land north of the old embankment are among the prominent pushers of the enterprise, and if the new oank is built their property will bear a large share of the cost. It cannot be taxed at all for the purpose of defraying the cost of widening the old levee, because it will not be benefited by it. They claim that the tax realized from this property claim that the tax realized from this propert will about equal the increased cost of build-ing the new levee, making the burden no heavier upon the general taxpayers.

These are facts of which all the member of the council are conversant, and they will have a great deal of weight in forcing the conclusion that it were better to abandon the old scheme and apply the cost of it upon the Gypsie carnival at Trinity fair Saturday Fine Holiday Presents. Every person in the city and surrounding country is invited to call and examine the fine line of holiday goods at the old reliable business house of E. Burhorn, 17 Main street.

Our Mottoes. "Best Quality of Goods for the Least Money," "Special Effort Made to Please Every One," "No Trouble to Show Goods and Give Prices," "Prices to Snow Goods and Give Prices," "Prices to Suit the Times," "Live and Let Live," Read and profit by buying your holiday goods at the old established house of E. Burborn, 17 Main street.

J. C. Bixby, steam heating, sanitary en-gineer, 943 Life building, O.naha; 200 Mer-riam block, Council Bluffs,

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During this week at Eiseman's. The ladies of Trinity M. E. church heliday fair December 18, 19 and 30, in storeroom under Masonic temple.

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Fur Muffs Given Away. With every cloak bought at Eiseman's this week you will receive an elegant muffa for

Wanted-Boys at American District Telegraph office. Remember Fairies entertainment at Trinity fair Friday night.

Holiday Gifts. See those beautiful silk umbrellas at Eiseman's. Just the thing for a holiday gift from a lady to a gentleman, or vice versa.

Buy your holiday gifts at Trinity fair. Hotel For Kent.

Ogden house, Council Bluffs, at low rental. Inquire at hotel. WENT UP IN SMOKE.

A \$6,000 Stock of Wall Paper and Paints Destroyed.

Fire broke out last night about 9:30 o'clock in the wall paper and paint store owned by Joseph S. Christensen at 616 North Sixteenth street and almost totally destroyed his stock, valued at about \$6,000. The fire originated in the basement among the cils, but the cause of the blaze could not be ascertained. The loss is fully covered by insurance. The grocery stock in the adjoining store, owned by A. L. Root, was considerably dam-

For a few moments after the fire was discovered there came very near being a panic among the guests of the Hotel Esmond, among the guests of the Hotel Eshnond, which occupies the north end and the entire upper part of the same block in which the fire originated. The prompt arrival of the free department and the assurance of the firemen soon quieted the frantic people in the sleeping apartments encouraging them to go

AT THE PIT'S MOUTH.

Men say it was a stolen tide-The Lord that sent it He knows all But in mine ear will aye abide The message that the bells let fall, And awesome bells they were to me, That in the dark rang, "Enderby.

-Jean Ingelow. Rudyard Kipling in the Chicago l'ribune: Once upon a time there was a Man and his Wife and a Tertium Quid. All three were unwise, but the Wife was the unwisest. The Man should have looked after his Wife, who should have avoided the Tertium Quid, who, again, should have married a wife of his own. after clean and open flirtations, to which nobody can possibly object, round Jakko or Observatory Hill. When you see a young man with his pony in a white lather, and his hat on the back of his head flying down hill at fifteen miles an hour to meet a girl who will be properly surprised to meet him, you naturally approve of that young man, and wish him taff appointments, and take an interest in his welfare, and as the proper time comes, give them sugar-tongs or side-

saddles according to your means and generosity. The Tertium Quid flew down hill on horseback, but it was to meet the Man's Wife; and when he flew uphill it was for the same end. The Man was in the plains, earning money for his Wife to spend on dresses and four-hundred-rupee bracelets, and inexpensive luxuries of that kind. He worked very hard, and sent her a letter or a post card daily. She also wrote to him daily, and said that she was longing for him to come up to Simla. The Teritum Quid used to lean over her shoulder and laugh as she wrote the notes. Then the two would ride to the postoffice together.

Now Simla is a strange place, and its customs are pecular; nor is any man who has not spent at least ten seasons there qualified to pass judgment on circumstantial evidence, which is the most untrustworthy in the courts. For these reasons, and for others which need not appear, I decline to state positively whether there was anything irretrievably wrong in the relations between the Man's wife and the Tertium Quid. If there was, and hereon you must form your own opinion, it was the Man's wife's fault. She was kittenish in her manners, wearing generally an air of soft and fluffy innocence. But she was deadily learned and evil-instructed; and, now and again, when the mask dropped. men saw this, shuddered and-almost drew back. Men are occasionally particular, and the least particular men are always the most exacting.

Simla is eccentric in its fashion of treating friendships. Certain attach-ments which have set and crystallized through half a dozen seasons acquire almost the sanctity of the marriage bond, and are revered as such. Again, cer-tain attachments, equally old, and, to all things and hubbies who write stupid

appearance, equally venerable, never seem to win any recognized official status; while a chance-sprung acquaintance, not two mouths old, steps into the place which by right belongs to the senior. There is no law reducible to print which regulates these affairs.

Some people have a gift which secures them iddinite toleration, and others have not. If she looked over the garden wall, for instance, women taxed her with stealing their husbands. She com-plained pathetically that she was not allowed to choose her own friends. When she put up her big white muff to her lips and gazed over it and under her eyebrows at you as she said this thing. you felt that she had been infamously misjudged, and that all the other women's instincts were all wrong; which was absurd. She was not allowed to own the Tertium Quid in peace; and was so strangly constructed that she would not have enjoyed peace had she been so permitted. She preferred some semblance of intrigue to cloak even her

most common place actions. After two months of riding, first round Jakko, then Elysium, then Summer Hill, then Observatory hill, then under Jutogh and lastly up and down the Cart road as far as the Tara Devi gap in the dusk, she said to the Tertium Quid: "Frank, people say we are too much together, and people are so horrid."

The Tertium Quid pulled his mustache and replied that horrid people were un-worthy of the consideration of nice peo-

ple.
"But they have done more than talk—
they have written—written to my hubby -I'm sure of it," said the Man's Wife, and she pulled a letter from her hus-band out of her saddle-pocket and gave it to the Teri'um Quid.

It was an honest letter, written by an honest man, then stowing in the Plains one 200 rupees a month (for he allowed his wife 850), and in a silk banian and cotton trousers. It said, that perhaps, she had not thought of the unwisdom of allowing her name to be so generally coupled with the Tertium Quid's; that she was too much of a child to under-stand the dangers of that sort of thing; that he, her husband, was the last man in the world to interfere jealously with her little amusements and interests, but that it would be better were she to drop the Tertium Quid quietly and for her husband's sake. The letter was sweet-ened with many little pet names, and it amused the Tertium Quid considerably. He and she laughed over it, so that you, fifty yards away, could see their shoul-ders shaking while their horses slouched along side by side.

Their conservation was not worth re-porting. The upshot of it was that, next day, no one saw the Man's Wife and Tertium Quid together. They had both gone down to the cemetery, which, as a rule, is only visited officially by the inhabitants of Simia,

A Simia funeral with the clergyman riding, the mourners riding, and the coffin creaking as it swings between the bearers, is one of the most depressing things on earth, particularly when the procession passes under the wet, dank lip beneath the Rockcliffe hotel, the sun is shut out, and all the hill streams are wailing and weeping to-

gether as they go down the ualleys.

Occasionally folk tend the graves, but we in India shift and are transferred so often that at the end of the second year the dead have no friends-only acquaint ances who are far too busy amusing themselves up the hill to attend to old partners. The idea of using a cemetery as a rendezvous is distinctly a feminine one. A man would have said simply, Let people talk. We'll go down the Mall." A woman is made differently, especially if she be such a woman as the Man's wife. She and the Tertium Quid enjoyed each other's society among the graves of men and women that they had known and danced with aforetime.

They used to take a big horse-blanket and sit on the grass a little to the left of the lower end, where there is a dip in the ground, and where the occupied graves die out and the ready-made ones are not ready. Any self-respecting In-dian cemetery keeps half a dozen graves permanently open for contingencies and incidental wear and tear. In the hills these are more usually baby's size because children who come up weakened and sick from the Plains often succumb to the effects of the rains in the hills, or get pneumonia from their ayahs taking them through damp pine woods after the sun has set. In Cantonments, of course, the man's size is more in request; these arrangements varying with the climate

and population. One day when the Man's wife and the Tertium Quid had just arrived in the cemetery they saw some coolies breaking ground. They had marked out a full-sized grave, and the Tertium Quid asked them whether any sahib was sick. They said that they did not know; but it was an order that they should dig a sahib's

grave. "Work away," said the Tertium Quid, "and let's see how it's done." The coolies worked away, and the Man's Wife and the Tertium Quid watched and talked for a couple of hours while the grave was being deepened. Then a coolie taking the earth in baskets as it was thrown up, jumped over

"That's queer," said the Tertium uid. "Where's my ulster?" What's queer?" said the Man's Wife. "I have got a chill down my backjust as if a goose had walked over my "Why do you look at the norror en?" said the Man's Wife. "Let us

then?"

go. The Tertium Quid stood at the head of the grave and stared without answering for a space. Then he said, dropping a pebble down; "It is nasty—and cold; horribly cold. I don't think I shall come to

the cemetery any more, I don't think grave digging is cheerful," The two talked and agreed that the cemetery was depressing. They also arranged for a ride next day from the cemetery through the Mashobra tunnel up to Fagoo and back, because all the world was going to a garden party at Vicere-gal Lodge, and all the people of Masho-bra would go, too.

Coming up the Cemetery road the Tertium Quid's horse tried to bolt up-hill. being tired with standing so long, and managed to strain a back-sinew. "I shall have to take the mare tomorrow," said the Tertium Quid, "and she

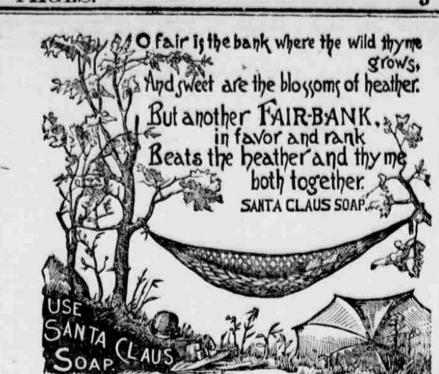
They made their arrangements to meet in the Cemetery, after allowing all the Mashobra people time to pass to Simla. That night it rained heavily, and when Tertium Quid came to the trysting-place he saw that the new grave had a foot of water in it, the ground being a tough

will stand nothing heavier than a snaf-

and sour clay.
"Jovel That looks beastly," said the Tertium Quid. "Fancy being boarded up and dropped into that well," They then started off to Fagoo, the mare

playing with the snaffle and picking her way as though she were shod with satin, and the sun shining divinely. The road below Mashobra to Fagoo is officially styled the Himalayan-Thibet road; but in spite of its name it is not much more than six feet wide in most places, and the drop into the valley below may be anything between 1,000 and 2,000 feet "Now we are going to Thibet," said the Man's Wife merrily, as the horses drew near to Fagoo. She was riding on

the cliff-side. "Into Thibet," said the Tertium Quid



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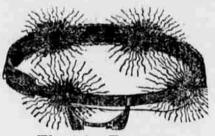
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letters. With you---to the end of the A coolie carrying a log of wood came ound a corner and the mare went wide to avoid him---fore feet in and haunches out, as a sensible mare should go

"To the world's end," said the Man's

Wife, and looked unspeakable things over her near shoulder at the Tertium He was smiling, but while she looked the smile froze stiff as it were on his face and changed to a nervous grin---the sort of grin men wear when they are not quite easy in their saddles. The mare seemed to be sinking by the stern, and her nostrils cracked while she tried to realize what was happening. The rain of the previous night had rotted the drop-side of the Himalayan-Thibet road and it was giving way under her.

"What are you doing?" said the Man's Wife. The Tertium Quid gave no an-swer. He grinned nervously and set his spurs into the mare, who rapped with her fore feet on the road, and the struggle began. The Man's Wife screamed, "O Frank, get off!" But the Tertium Quid was glued to to the saddle -his face blue and white-and he looked into the Man's Wife's eyes. Then the Man's Wife clutched at

the mare's head and caught her by the nose instead of by the bridle. The brute threw ap her head and went down with a scream, the Tertium Quid upon her, and the nervous grin still set in his face The Man's Wife heard the tinkle tinkle of little stones and loose earth falling off the roadway and the sliding roar of the man and horse going down Then everything was quiet and she called on Frank to leave his mare and walk up. But Frank did not answer, He was underneath the mare, 900 feet below, spoiling a patch of Indian corn. As the revelers came back from Viseregal Lodge in the mists of the even-ing they meta temporarily insune woman on a temporarily insane horse, swinging round the corners with her eyes mouth open and her head like the head of a Medusa. She was stopped by a man at the risk of his life and taken from the saddie a limp heap and put on the bank to explain herself. This wasted twenty minutes and then she was sent home in a ladies' 'rickshaw, still with her mouth open and her hands picking at

her riding gloves. She was in bed for the following three days, which were rainy, so she missed attending the funeral of the Tertium Quid, who was lowered into eighteen inches of water instead of the twelve to which he had first objected.

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