efficers in the year 1903, nor unless a ma jority of the electors voting at such election shall vote for the same to be in force and effect.

effect.
Section 7. At the general election for city officers to be held in the city of Omaha in 1933 the question of whether the said franchise and privileges as herein meationed and provided and upon the terms berein set forth shall be granted to Andrew Rosewater, his successors and assigns shall be submitted to the electors of the city of Omaha. The question shall, be submitted at said election in the following form: "Shall the franchise and privileges proat said election in the following form:
"Shall the franchise and privileges provided for and described in Ordinance Noentitled 'An ordinance granting to
Andrew Rosewater, his successors and assigns the right in, over, upon, under and
along the streets, boulevards, alleys and
public grounds of the city of Omaha, to
erect, construct, operate and maintain
wires, poles, conduits and other structures
and appurtenances necessary for properly
conveying, conducting and distributing
electric currents and energy for power,
lighting and heating purposes within said
city, subject to certain conditions, rules
and regulations, and also providing for the
submission of the same to the electors of regulations, and also providing for the plassion of the same to the electors of city of Omaha for the ratification or-tion, he granted to Andrew Rose-r, his successors and assigns as in said cance provided."

ordinance provided."

Said proposition shall be printed upon
the official ballot at said election. On the
left side of the ballot and immediately unleft side of the ballot and immediately underneath the said proposition shall be printed the word "For," and immediately underneath the word "Against." All electors desiring to vote for the proposition shall make a cross at the proper place on the ballot opposite the word "For," and those electors desiring to vote against said proposition shall make a cross at the proper place on the ballot opposite the word "Against." The vote upon said proposition shall be counted, canvassed and returned, and the result of the vote thereon declared by the same officers in the same manner as the vote upon the election of officers are counted, canvassed, returned and declared.

and declared.

If, upon the canvass of the returns of the vote upon said proposition, it shall appear that a majority of the electors voting at said election have voted for the said proposition, the same shall be deemed and considered as carried, and the result shall

But, if it shall appear that a majority of

This ordinance shall take efpassage, but the privileges and franchise therein mentioned are granted conditioned upon the ratification of this ordinance by a najority of the electors voting therefor as hereinbefore provided.

By Mr. Zimman.

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Notice of the sitting of the city council as a board of equalization of assessments for general taxes for the year 1903.

All persons interested are hereby notified that the city council of the city of Omaha will sit as a board of equalization of assessments for general taxes for the year 1903, as provided by section 141 of the Charter for Metropolitan Cities, 1837, on Tuesday, the 13th day of January, 1903, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. in the council chamber in the city call, for the purpose of hearing and determining all complaints of erroneous or unjust assessments for said year, and said hearings will be continued between the and determining all complaints of erroneous of unjust assessments for said year, and said hearings will be continued between the hours named from day to day for a period of at least five days, including the date of said first sittle.

All persons having taxable property within the city are requested to examine their assessments, so that if any error exists, or any injustice has been done in the assessment of venerity correction may be

ists, or any injustice has been done in the assessment of property, correction may be made by said Board of Equalization, it being the intention of the law that no correction shall be made after the Board of Equalization adjourns. The assessment books are now ready for examination in the tax commissioner's office. All complaints must be in writing; must centain a definite description or the location of the coverner. assessed; must state the amount of the as-sessment complained of and the amount complainant considers the fair cash value of such property, and must be filed with the city clerk on or before January 14, 1903, for the consideration and action of said board when convened.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Office of Lee-Glass-Andreesen Hardware Company, Omaha, Neb., Dec. 13, 1902.—Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Lee-Glass-Andreesen Hardware company that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company-will be held at the offices of the said company, corner of Ninth and Harney streets, in the city of Omaha, in the state of Nebraska, on Tuesday, January 13, A. D. 1903, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the company to serve during the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may be presented at such meeting.

H. J. LEEE, President.

W. M. GLASS, Secretary. STOCKHOLDERS'-MEETING W. M. GLASS, Secretary.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

To Whom it May Concern: The Andrews-Bones Can company has this day been dissolved by mutual and unanimous consent of all the stockholders and individuals composing said company. All persons having claims against said company shall present the same, at once, for payment, to Charles T. Kountze, trustee, at First National bank, Omaha, Nebraska, and the same will be paid.

Dated this 3d day of January, 1963. ANDREW-BONES CAN CO.

ECHOES OF THE ANTE ROOM

braska will meet in Omaha Monday, January 26, in annual session for the purpose of electing officers of the year and transcomposed of Masons who have been members of the order for twenty-one years or more and has representatives in almost every county of the state. The meeting at noon there will be spread a luncheon in the banquet hall.

This may be the last of the meetings to be held at the hall, as there is a feeling on the part of a number of the members that the meetings should be more of a social nature. This idea is carried out in a number of other jurisdictions and the much enjoyed by those who make it a habit annual meetings are held at the home of the retiring president, with the wives of the members present, and the day is given over to social pleasures, as the associations have little other object than perpetuating the ties of friendship and acquaintance between the veterans. The latest reunion of veterans to be held was that of the Detroit association, January ? Invitation to attend the meeting was sent to Gustave Anderson, an honorary member the Detroit association. It was held at the home of Burnham Tracy, the president and the invitations were a novel conceit

A meeting of the Masonic Temple Craft the organization owning the Masonic temple, was held Tuesday evening, at which time directors for the year were elected there being chosen Alfred M. Oleson, John N. Neeley, J. B. Rahm and M. A. Hall of St. John's lodge; John N. Westberg and John W. Lytle of Covert ledge, and Henry Hardy of Capitol lodge. The temple craft is composed of St. John's, Capitol and Covert blue lodges; Omaha chapter Roya Arch Masons, Mount Calvary commander; Knights Templar, Omaha council Royal and Select Masters, the Scottish Rite, and Vesta chapter, Order Eastern Star.

which attracted much comment.

The new pipe organ will be installed in Masonic temple within the next two weeks and the lodges which meet at the building

are very much interested, as the organ is expected to add greatly to the pleasure and profit of the work in the different degrees. It will be one of the best instruments of its kind in any Masonic hall in the country and will be among but few in

The Scottish Rite bodies are preparing for the spring reunion, which will be held this year four days, beginning March 25. The indications are that the class of novitiates will be larger this time than ever, as the blue lodges of the state have been working on more candidates during the last year than ever before during a similar length of time.

Tangler temple. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, has been doing considerable in the way of the relief of the poor during the last few weeks, and in the last fortnight has paid out \$500, while since the beginning of winter more than \$1,100 has been expended. This aid has gone to persons other than Masons and is paid out of the charity fund which is created by setting aside a certain percentage of all money received by the temple. There is a committee on charity which is assisted in its work by a number of philanthropic persons and societies who report cases which are investigated fully before charity is given. Of the money expended very little reaches its destination in the form of cash, the most of it going for groceries and fuel, while some was spent for clothing.

celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns has been issued by Clan Gordon, under whose auspices the celebration will be held Priday evening January 23, at Creighton hall. The program will open, as all Scotch programs should, with considered as carried, and the result shall be declared by the canvassing board accordingly. And thereupon the said Andrew Rosewater, his successors and assigns shall ordinance, subject to and upon the terms and conditions therein prescribed, with the right to use and only the same to himself, his successors and assigns. Provided, that said Andrew Rosewater ball, within thirty days from the date of such declaration, file with the city clerk his acceptance in writing of said ordinance and its terms and conditions.

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But, if it shall arrows that the city clerk his acceptance in writing of said ordinance and its terms and conditions. But, if it shall appear that a majority of the electors voting at said election have not voted for said proposition, the same shall be deemed and considered as not carried, and the result shall be declared by the canvassing board accordingly.

Section 8. The mayor shall give due notice of the submission of this ordinance in his preclamation call for the next general city election. by Miss Blanch Sorenson. Mr Delmore Cheney will sing "Somebody, Naebody,"

The program of the fourteenth annual

and f'I'm Wearin' Awa Jean," after which Rev. Thomas Anderson will speak of the "Old Home and the New." Cornet solos. "My Heart's in the Hielands" and "The Baotie Rows," will be rendered by J. J. Lapine, and William Kennedy will recite "Tam Sampson's Deid." This will be followed by a duet by Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Wilbur, "Oh, that We Two Were Maying. Clansman Adam Jamleson will sing, and Mrs. Fitt will sing "Here's a Health, Bonnie Scotland," and the concert will end by all singing "Auld Lang Syne," after which will come the dance.

Clan Gordon held its regular meeting Tuesday in the Continental building. There was a good turnout of members and two new men were initiated and one raised from honorary to active membership, Royal deputy then installed some of the new officers for 1903 and a spirited debate followed on the subjects, "Written Notice" and "Personal Visit." William Kennedy gave two recitations and a song, which were much enjoyed. R. G. Watson sang and the royal deputy said something. The chief made an eloquent speech and thanked year was the clan's most successful one. Burns' festival will be held in Creighton hall Friday, January 23.

Omaha camp, No. 120, Modern Woodmen of America, and Ivy camp, No. 2, Royal Neighbors of America, had a joint installation of officers last Wednesday evening. In connection with the installation a musical program was rendered, followed by an address by Judge W. W. Slabaugh, and n banquet. The officers of the camp are as follows: Venerable consul, H. D. Stone: worthy adviser, H. G. Stalder; banker, William Nollman; clerk, C. H. T. Riepen; escort, John Killian; watchman, F. E. Gates; sentry, John Benson; board of managers, C. F. Brosius, Charles E. Allen and E. B. Carter; physicians, Dr. L. A. Merriam and Dr. J. C. Bishop.

Ivy camp officers are as follows: oracle Mrs. W. C. Price; vice oracle, Mrs. W. F. Rice; recorder, Miss Olga Nollman; ceiver, Mrs. A. Dukes; chancellor, Mrs. P. Schuetz; marshal, Mrs. J. Harte; inner sentinel, Mrs. T. H. Miller; outer sentinel, Mrs. M. Culp; board of managers, Mrs. W. H. Derr; physician, Dr. C. F. Clark.

Gate City lodge, No. 14, Sons and Daughters of Protection, held a rousing meeting at its hall, Continental building, last Thursday evening. After the initiation ceremonies the following officers were installed by Supreme Vice President E. C. Gay: Past president, James Brophy; president, A. G. Ellick; vice president, Mrs. J. E. Walsh; secretary, F. H. Craig; treasurer, A. F. Mayne; chaplain, Mrs. E.nma Mahoney: marshal, Mrs. Hattie Shook; inner guard, Mrs. Nettle A. Karbach: outer guard, J. E. Walsh; musician, Mrs. Bertha Campbell; trustees, Mrs. D. W. Reid, Mrs. J. F. Davis and J. H. Mahoney; physicians Drs. Swoboda, Van Camp and S. H. Smith. After the thstallation ceremonies refreshacting other business. The association is meuts were served and a social dance enjoyed. The Sons and Daughters is a Ne braska order for Nebraskans only.

The members of Ben Hur lodge are prewill be held in Free Mason's hall, and paring to give a large progressive high five party in the lodge rooms in the Bee building next Friday evening, January 16. The order, which is fraternal and beneficiary, has been in existence in this city for six or seven years and now has a membership o between 400 and 500 members. Weekly meetings are held in the Bee building and

> Famous Horse Dead LONDON, Jan. 10 .- Ben d'Or, the famou race horse which won the Derby in 1880, dropped dead while exercising today.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on record Satur-day, January 16:

Warranty Deeds. Walter Hansen and wife to Newell Burton, lot 1, block Si, Florence. ... 13 R. Stouffer and wife to Insurance Building company, s21 feet of w90 feet lot 14, block S7, South Omaha.

South Omaha Land company to W. C. Lambert, lots 5 and 2, block 14, South Omaha.

Henry Housef and wife to Elsie Honnef, lot 101, Nelson's add. nef, lot 101, Nelson's add. City Savings bank to Minnie H. Judd. lot 5, Himebaugh Place. Minnie H. Judd and husband to F. L. 4,000 Joy, same.
Fannie B. Patrick and husband to G.
T. Morton. lot \$, block \$, Patrick's 2d
Saratoga add.
George Lohlein and wife to A. L.
Schnurr, lot \$6, Northside add...... 4,000

Quit Cinim Deeds. acob Kelser to A. L. Schnurr, lot 79, Northside add. rge Seligsohn to Elkin Seligsohn feet of wig lot 7, Preston & W.

Deeds. Bheriff to George W. Shields. lot 25, block 8, Hawthorne add.....



CHAPTER XXL Woman's Wiles.

"Look sharp!" cried the black-bearded 'im a settler 'Arry. He wants his nerves calmin' a bit!"

The fellow had seized my wrists, and I saw that one of the men who had sprung from his place of concealment was pouring some liquid from a bottle upon a sponge. caught a whiff of its odor-an odor faniliar enough to me-the sickly smell of chloroform.

Fortunately I am pretty athlette, and with a sudden wrench I freed my wrists from the they succeeded in pressing that sponge to of her errand. murder me.

As I sent down the man who had shammed illness his two companions dashed toward long as I could face them I intended to fight done. I had surely had a narrow escape talk to you about Ethelwynn." from their bullets, for they had fired at close range.

precaution, placed my revolver in my pocket | cealed a tempest of conflicting emotions. when I received a night call to a case with which I was not acquainted.

I had not disregarded my usual habit when I had placed my thermometer and stethoscope in my pocket previous to accompanying the girl; therefore it reposed there fully loaded, a fact of which my assailants were unaware.

upon by all three, the man with the sponge nostrils.

But as they sprang forward to seize me I raised my hand swiftly, took aim and fired straight at the holder of the sponge, the bullet passing through his shoulder and several feet from the ground. "God! I'm shot!" he cried.

But ere the words had left his mouth I fired a second chamber, inflicting a nasty wound in the neck of the fellow with the fact that I knew her secret. My intention Ethelwynn I can't tell. I do hope she'll black beard. "Shoot! shoot!" he cried to the third man.

but it was evident that in the first struggle, when I had been seized, the fellow's revolver had dropped on the carpet, and in remarked. the semi-darkness he could not recover it. Recognizing this, I fired a pot shot in the man's direction; then opening the door swiftly, sprang down the stairs into the

As I approached the front door and was fumbling with the lock, the third man flung himself upon me, determined that I should not escape. With great good fortune, however. I managed to unbolt the door, and after a desperate struggle, in which he endeavored to wrest the weapon from my hand, I succeeded at last in gripping him by the throat, and after nearly strangling him flung him to the ground and escaped into the street, just as his associates, hearing his cries of distress, dashed down the stairs to his assistance.

Without doubt it was the parrowest es cape of my life that I have ever had at the hands of malefactors, and so excited was I that I dashed down the street hatless-for I had left it in the house-until I emerged into Lisson Grove. Then, and only then it occurred to me that, having taken no note of the house, I should be unable to recognize it and denounce it to the police. But when one is in peril of one's life all other thoughts or instincts are submerged in the one frantic effort of self-preservation. Still it was annoying to think that such scoundrels should be allowed to go scot free.

Breathless, excited and with nerves unstrung I opened my door with my latchkey and returned to my room, where the reading lamp had burned low, for it had been alight all through the night. I mixed myself a stiff brandy and soda, tossed it off | mystery still remains unsolved." and then turned to look at myself in the glass.

and unkempt. My hair was ruffled, my collar torn open from its stud and one sleeve of my coat had been torn out, so that the lining showed through. I had a nasty scratch across the neck, too, inflicted by the fingernails of one of the blackguards, and from the abrasion blood had flowed and made a mess of my collar. Altogether I presented a very brillian

and entertaining spectacle. But my watch, ring and scarfpin were in their places. If robbery had been their motive, as no doubt it had been, then they had profited nothing and two of them had been winged in the bargain. The only mode by which their in the event of those wounds being troublesome. In that case they would consult a medical man, but as they would, in all probability, go to a doctor in a distant quarter of London, and further, as it would be impossible for the police to warn every medica to London, the hope of tracing them

by such means was but a slender one. Feeling a trifle faint I sat in my chair esting for a quarter of an hour or so; then, becoming more composed, I put out the study lights and, after a refreshing wash,

went to bed. The morning's reflections were somewhat disconcerting. A deliberate and dastardly attempt had been made upon my life, but with what motive? The young woman whose face was familiar, had I recollected, asked most distinctly whether I was Dr. Boyd-a fact which showed that the trap had been prepared. I saw now the reason why she was unable to describe the man's cham iliness, and during the morning, while at work in the hospital wards, my suspicions became aroused that there had been some deeper motive in it all than the robbery of my watch or scarfpin. Human life had been taken for far less value than that of my jewelry, I knew; nevertheless, the deliberate shooting at me while I felt the patient's pulse showed a determination to mother in the fears that she had expressed assassinate. By good fortune, however, I to me. I tried to diagnose her symptoms. had escaped, and resolved to be more care- but they were too complicated and contraful in future when answering night calls to dictory.

unknown houses.

Sir Bernard did not come to town that way; therefore, I was compelled to spend the afternoon in the severe consulting room at Harley street, being kept busy the whole time. Shortly before 6 o'clock, utterly But why was she masquerading so clevworn out, I strolled down to my rooms to erly? For what reason had old Courtenay change my coat before going down to the contrived to efface his identity so thor-Savage club to dine with my friends-for it | oughly? As I looked at her, mourning for

was Saturday night, and I seldom missed the genial house dinner of that most Bohemian of institutions.

man who was alive and well, I utterly

failed to comprehend one single fact of the

"Let me speak candidly to you Ralph."

she said, after we had been discussing

Ethelwynu for some little time. "As you

may readily imagine, I have my sister's

welfare very much at heart, and my only

instead of pining in melancholy as she

now is. I ask you frankly, have you quar-

all the more remarkable," she said. "For-

give me for speaking like this, but our in-

timate acquaintanceship in the past gives

me a kind of prerogative to speak my

she asked, with one of those sweet smiles

"Offended? Certainly not Mrs. Courte-

again," she urged. "I know how she adores

you; I know how your coldness has crushed

all the life out of her. She hides her

secret from mother and for that reason

and return to her; for it is a thousand

pities that two lives should be wrecked

so completely by some little misunder-

standing which will probably be explained

away in a dozen words. You may consider

this appeal an extraordinary one, made by

one sister on behalf of another, but when

I tell you that I have not consulted Ethel-

wynn, nor does she know that I am here

on her behalf, you will readily understand

that I have both your interests equally at

that you should be laced apart in this man-

truth." she asked in earnestness. "You

"I do," was my frank, outspoken answer,

CHAPTER XXII.

The pretty woman in her widow's weeds

"Now, take my advice, Ralph," she went

"You refer to her fresh lover-eh?" I in-

"Her fresh lover?" she cried in surprise

"But how do you know of his existence"

have heard nothing of him, and surely she

"Mrs. Henniker gave me to understand

that my place in your sister's heart has

been filled by another man," I said in a

"Mrs. Henniker!" she cried in disgust.

'Just like that evil-tongued mischlef-

maker! I've told you already that

leave their house and come back home.

"Do you think, then, that the woman has

"I am certain of it. Ethelwynn has never

a thought for any man save yourself. I'll

"But what object can she have in telling

"A very deep one, probably. You don't

You must try and persuade her to do so."

detest her. She was my friend

would have told me. All her conversation,

all her poignant grief, and all her regrets

'I don't understand you. Who is he, pray?'

"I'm in ignorance of his name."

"See her again before it is too late."

stirred slightly and settled her skirts as though my answer had given her the great-

A Message.

love her still-don't you?"

est satisfaction

guired bitterly.

have been of you.'

hard voice.

lied?" I asked.

vouch for that."

me an untruth?"

science-eh?"

mechanically.

prospect."

profession."

prosperity and happiness.

The widow smiled.

a view to reconciliation.

"You did!" she cried, joyously.

the earliest possible moment."

reply. I have asked her to meet me at

loves you with a fiercer and even more pas-

"If it is really destiny I suppose that to

try and resist it is quite futile," I remarked

"Absolutely. Ethelwynn will become your

wife, and you have all my good wishes for

I thanked her, but pointed out that the

"How foolish you are, Ralph!" she said.

Wedded poverty is never a pleasing

"But you have the world before you

I've heard Sir Bernard say so times with-

out number. He believes implicitly in you

as a man who will rise to the head of your

I laughed dubiously, shaking my head.

lost. In the professional world a new

"But that need not be so in your case,"

she pointed out. "With Sir Bernard as

her of my ideal of a snug country practice-

one of those in which the assistant does

people, while there is a nucleus of country

I had long ago talked it all over with

Ethelwynn, and she entirely agreed with

she cried angrily. "Depend upon it that

she has some deep motive in making the

slanderous statement. On one occasion

she almost caused a breach between myself

Taking her into my confidence, I

man rises with every moon."

people as patients.

"I only hope that his anticipations may

happiness I have no doubt, for I have

"Then you have all my felicitations,

and it was the honest truth.

heart. To me it seems a grevious thing

Then take my advice and see Ethelwynn

nay. We are too old friends for that."

mind. You won't be offended, will you?"

of hers that I knew so well.

"No, we have not." I answered promptly.

"Then if you have not, your neglect is

relled?"

Without ceremony I threw open the door scoundrel who had feigned illness. "Give of my sitting room and entered, but next instant stood still, for seated in my chair patiently awaiting me was the slim, welldressed figure of Mary Courtenay. Her widow's weeds became her well, and as she rose with a rustle of silk, a bright laught rippled from her lips, and she said:

"I know I'm an unexpected visitor, Doctor, but you'll forgive my calling in this manner, won't you?" "Forgive you? Of course," I answered;

and with politeness, which I confess was ruffian's grip, and hitting him one from the feigned, I invited her to be scated. True shoulder right between the eyes, sent him to the promise made to her husband, she spinning back against the chest of drawers. had lost no time in coming to see me, and To act swiftly was my only chance. If once I was fortunately well aware of the purport

my nostrils and holding it there, then all | "I had no idea you were in London," would be over; for by their appearance I said, by way of allowing her to explain the saw they were dangerous criminals and not object of her visit, for in the light of the men to stick at trifles. They meant to knowledge I had gained on the Nene bank two nights previously her call was of considerable interest.

"I'm only up for a couple of days," she me with imprecations upon their lips, but answered. "London has not the charm for ner, that the strong love you bear each with lightning speed I sprang toward the me that it used to have," and she sighed other should be crushed and your future loor and placed my back against it. So heavily, as though her mind were crowded happiness be sacrificed. Tell me the by bitter memories. Then raising her veil for life. Their desire was, I knew to at- and revealing her pale, handsome face, she tack me from behind, as they had already said bluntly: "The reason of my call is to

"Well what of her?" I asked looking straight into her face and noticing for the At Guy's many stories have been told of first time a curious, shifty look in her eyes, similar cases where doctors, known to wear such as I had never before noticed in her. valuable watches, diamond rings or scarf- She tried to remain calm, but by the nervpins, have been called at night by daring ous twitching of her fingers and of her thieves and robbed; therefore I always, as lower lin I knew that within her was con-

"To speak very frankly, Ralph," she said in a calm, serious voice, "I don't think you are treating her honorably, poor girl. You seem to have forsaken her altogether, and

the neglect has broken her heart." "No. Mrs. Courtenay: you misunderstand the situation," I protested. "That I have neglected her slightly I admit; neverthe-In much quicker time than it takes to less, the neglect was not willful, but owing narrate the incident I was again pounced to my constant occupation in my practice." "She's desperate, Besides, it's common in readiness to dash it to my mouth and talk that you've broken off the engagement."

"Gossip does not affect me, therefore why should she take any heed of it?" " "Well, she loves you. That you know quite well. You surely could not have been causing him to drop the anaesthetic as deceived in those days at Kew, for her dethough it were a live coal and to spring votion to you was absolute and complete." She was pleading her sister's cause, just as Courtenay had directed her. I felt annoyed once—it was she who allured me that she should thus endeavor to impose from my humband's side. Why she upon me, yet saw the folly of betraying the exercises such an influence over poor

> was to wait and watch. "I called at the Hennikers' a couple of days ago, but Ethelwynn is no longer there. She's gone into the country it seems," I

"Where to?" she asked, quickly. "She's visiting someone near Hereford." "Oh!" she exclaimed, as though a sudden light dawned upon her. "I know, then. hall. One of them followed, but the other Why, I wonder, did she not tell me. I intwo, wounded as they were, did not care to tended to call on her this evening, but it face my weapon again. They saw that I is useless. I'm glad to know, for I don't knew how to shoot, and probably feared care much for Mrs Henniker. She's such

> very shallow woman. "Ethelwynn seems to have wandered about a good deal since the sad affair at Kew." I observed.

"Yes, and so have I." she responded "As you are well aware, the blow was such terrible one to me that-that somehow feel I shall never get over it-never!" saw tears, genuine tears, welling in her eyes. If she could betray emotion in that manner she was surely a wonderful actress.

"Time will efface your sorrow," I said, in a voice meant to be sympathetic. "In a year or two your grief will not be so to quiver with emotion. "She loves youpoignant, and the past will gradually fade from your memory. It is always so." She shook her head mournfully.

"No." she said, "for in addition to my grief there is the mystery of it all-a mystery that grows each day more and more inscrutable. I glanced at her sharply in surprise

tiny, that unknown influence that shapes Was she trying to mislead me, or were her our ends, has placed you together and words spoken in real earnest? I could not forged a bond between you that is unbreakable-the bond of perfect love.'

"Yes," I acquiesced. complete as ever." "Has no single clue been found, either by the police or by your friend-Jevone is.

I think, his name?" she asked with keen "One or two facts have, I believe, been elucidated," I answered.

matrimonial project was as yet immature. "As it over will be," she added with sigh which appeared to me to be one of sattomorrow if you could." isfaction rather than of regret. "The details were so cleverly arranged that the police have been baffled in every endeavor ciently well assured to justify my marrys not that so?"

I nodded in the affirmative. "And your friend Jevons? Has he given up all hope of any satisfactory discovery?" "I really don't know," I answered. "I have not seen him for quite a long time. And in any case he has told me nothing regarding the result of his investigations. It is his habit to be mute until he has gained some tangible result."

be realized," I said. "But I fear I'm no A puzzled, apprehensive expression more brilliant than a hundred other men crossed her white brow for a moment; then in the hospitals. It takes a smart man it vanished into a pleasant smile, as she nowadays to boom himself into notoriety. asked in confidence As in literature and law, so in the medical profession, it isn't the clever man who

"Now, tell me, Ralph, what is you private opinion of the situation?" "Well, it is both complicated and puzzling.

If we could discover any reason for the brutal deed we might get a clue to the as- of self-advertisement. This is an age of sassin, but as far as the police have been reputations quickly made and just as rapidly able to gather, it seems that there is an entire absence of motive, hence the impossibility of carrying the inquiries fur-

"Then the investigation is actually your chief, you are surely in a unique posidropped?" she exclaimed, unable to further onceal her anxiety. "I presume that it is," I replied Her chest heaved slightly, and slowly

fell again. By its movement I knew that the night work and attends to the club my answer allowed her to breathe more "You also believe that your friend Jevons has been compelled, owing to negative results, to relinquish his efforts?" she asked

me. I had not the slightest desire to have "Such is my opinion. But I have not seen consulting room of my own in Harley him lately in order to consult him." street. All I longed for was a life in the In silence she listened to my answer, and open air and rural tranquility, a life farwas evidently reassured by it. Yet I could from the tinkle of the cab bell and the not, for the life of me, understand her man milk man's strident cry, a life of ease and ner, at one moment nervous and apprebliss, with my well-beloved ever at my hensive and at the next full of an almost side. imperious self-confidence. The expression in live in London is deprived of half of God's her eyes at times was such as justified he "Though this unaccountable coldness has fallen between you." Mary said, looking

oubted the strength of her affection?" She spoke again of her sister, returning "But Mrs. Henniker's insinuation puzto the main point upon which she had zles me. Besides, her recent movements sought the interview. She was a decidedly have been erratic and almost seem to bear out the suggestion. pretty woman, with a face rendered more "That woman is utterly unscrupulous!" interesting by her widow's garb.

Courtenay. But I could only wait in pa-

sessed the most perfect confidence in me

serious for both of us. The outcome of a

rulning my happiness forever. I did not know her true character in those days."

her as quite a harmless person, who by

making a strenuous effort to obtain a foot-

ing in good society often rendered herself

"Her character!" she echoed flercely

'She's one of the most evil-tengued women

in London. While posing as Ethelwynn's

friend and entertaining her beneath her

roof she actually insinuates to you the

probability of a secret lover? Is it fair?

Is it the action of an honest and trust-

coming to me under the present circum-

stances in any way more straightforward?

would assuredly not have dared to speak

I sat there facing her, a slim, sweet-faced,

interesting figure in her well made mourn-

ing, I could scarcely believe it possible

that she could act the imposture so per-

fectly. Her manner was flawless; her

But the motive of it all-what could it

be? The problem had been a maddening

Had you been in my place, my reader,

what would you have done? Recollect I

had witnessed a scene on the river bank

that was absolutely without explanation,

and which surpassed all human credence.

I am a matter-of-fact man, not given to

exaggerate or to recount incidents that

have not occurred, but I confess openly and

freely that since I had walked along that

path I hourly debated within myself whether

I was actually awake and in the full pos-

session of my faculties, or wether I had

to make an autopsy was actually alive.

intended returning again to Neneford.

Then, after she had again urged me to

Ethelwynn's silence, and believed they could

enigma

self-possession marvelous.

one from first to last.

dreamed the whole thing.

worthy woman?"

ridiculous in the eyes of her friends.

astounding affair. It utterly staggered the consequences might have been most

desire is to see her happy and comfortable this statement. Hithorto I had regarded

will not come down to Neneford. See her, in the manner she had done. Indeed, as

know Edith Henniker as well as I do, or you would suspect all her actions of ultion that her sister possessed no other lover besides myself reassured me. I had not believed it of her from the first, yet it was passing strange that such an insinuation should have fallen from the lips of a woman who posed as her dearest "Well," I said, after a pause, "to tell the truth, I wrote to Ethelwynn last night with you have anticipated me, and my appeal to of a woman who posed as her dearest you has been forstalled by your own con-"Exactly," I laughed. "She has my letter

sinuation should have failed from the lips of a woman who posed as her dearest friend.

Next day Sir Bernard came to town to see two unusual cases at the hospital, and afterward drove me back with him to Harley street, where he had an appointment with a German princess, who had come to London to consult him as a specialist. As usual, he made his lunch off two ham sandwiches, which he had brought with him from Victoria station refreshment room and carried in a paper bag. I suggested that we should eat together at a restaurant, but the old man declined, declaring that if he ate more than his usual sandwiches for luncheon when in town he never had any appetite for dinner.

So I left him alone in his consulting room munching bread and ham, and sipping at a wineglassful of dry sherry. by this time and I am expecting a wire in Ralph," she said, in a voice that seemed sionate affection than that I entertained toward my poor, dead husband. Of your in those days gone past how you idelized her, and how supreme was your mutual content when in each other's society. Des-

at a wineglassful of dry sherry. About half-past 3, just before he re-

turned to Brighton, I saw him again as usual, to hear any instructions he wished to give, for sometimes he saw patients once and then left them in my hands. He seemed wearied, and was sitting resting his brow upon his thin bony hands. During the day he certainly had been fully occupled, and I had noticed that of late he was unable to resist the strain as he once could.

'You know very well that you'd marry her "Aren't you well?" I asked, when seated "Ah! if I could," I repeated wistfully before him. 'Unfortunately my position is not yet suffi-

"Oh, yes," he answered with a sigh. 'There's not much the matter with me. I'm tired, I suppose, that's all. The eternal chatter of these confounded women bores me to death. They can't tell their symptoms without going into all the details of family history and domestic infelicity," he snapped. "They think me a doctor, a lawyer and a parson rolled into one." "Oh, by the way!" he said, as though sud-

denly recollecting. "Have you met your friend Ambler Jevons lately?" "No," I replied. "He's been away for ome weeks, I think. Why?"

"Because I saw him yesterday in King's road. He was driving in a fly and had one eye bandaged up. Met with an accident, I rises to the top of the tree. More often should think." it is a second-rate man, who has private "An accident!" I exclaimed in consternainfluence and has guaged the exact worth

on. "He wrote to me the other day, but did not mention it." "He's been trying his hand at unravelling the mystery of poor Courtenay's death, hasn't he?" the old man asked. ..

"I believe so." "And failed-eh?" "I don't think his efforts have been

crowned with very much success, although he has told me nothing," I said. In response the old man grunted in dis antisfaction. I knew how disgusted he had

been at the bungling and utter failure of

the police inquiries, for he was always de-

claring Scotland Yard seemed to be useless, save for the recovery of articles left in cabs." He glanced at his watch, snatched up his silk hat, buttoned his coat, and wishing me good-bye went out to catch the Pullman

Next day about 2 o'clock I was in one o the wards at Guy's seeing the last of my The unfortunate man compelled to patients, when a telegram was handed to me by one of the nurses.

I tore it open eagerly, expecting that was from Ethelwynn, announcing the hour of her arrival at Paddington. straight at me, "you surely cannot have But the message upon which my eyes fel

was so astounding, so appalling, and so tragic that my heart stood still The few words upon that filmsy paper increased the mystery to an even more bewildering degree than before. It was in-

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and my poor husband. Had he not pos-

mere word, uttered half in jest, came near Jobbers and Manufacturers New Devoting Their Time to Spring Business.

"I had no idea that her character was EARLY BUYERS BEGINNING TO ARRIVE such," I remarked, rather surprised at

> Prices on Most Lines About the Same as They Were a Week Ago, but Sugar Advanced Ten to Fifteen Points.

Omaha Jobbers and manufacturers are devoting practically all of their attention to spring business. A few small orders for winter lines occasionally arrive, but they are of minor importance as compared with the advance orders for spring lines. Buyers are also beginning to arrive on the market, so there is more activity to the trade than has been noted in several weeks. On January 15 the transportation bureau will again begin operations and it is thought that the number of visiting merchants from that time on will increase at a rapid rate. Retailers in the territory tributary to Omaha are now posted on the conditions necessary for their receiving free transportation to Omaha and return and more of them each season take advantage of the opportunity offered go visit their home market. Everyone seems to feel confident that spring business this year is going to be unusually large and that it will come earlier than ever before. Jobbers have been predicting that for some time past and as a result their stocks are larger and more complete than they were a year ago. In fact, a good many lines of goods that have never been offered in Omaha before are now ready for distribution. There are, in fact, very few lines of goods handled by western retailers that cannot be bought of Omaha jobbars.

So far as the markets are concerned, there is not much news to report this week. Frices are very much on the same basis they were a week ago, but as a general thing it may be said that the tendency is upward, rather than downward, in view of the large consumption predicted for the future. Those who are best posted on general conditions say with a good deal to general conditions as well a good deal to the proper of the most important market. I was compelled to admit that it was not. Yet was this action of her own, in Had she known that I was well aware of the secret existence of her husband she

Sugar Up 10 to 15 Points.

One of the most important market changes during the week under review was an advance in sugar amounting to 10%15 points. The bean market is also quoted a little higher than it was a week ago in But it was no dream. Certain solid facts convinced me of its stern and astounding reality. The man upon whose body I helped In reply to my questions my visitor told me that she was staying at Vernon's, in

little higher than it was a week ago in Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as on the coast. The market may be quoted as strong at the sdvance, and higher prices in the future are looked for.

The cheese market is also steadily firming up and stocks of October made goods are now exceptionally light. It is claimed that there is not to exceed 40 per cent as much on hand as there was a year ago at this time. The advance during the week on fancy marks ranges from 16c to Cork street-a small private hotel which the Mivarts had patronized for many years -and that on the following morning she week on fancy marks ranges from

lose no time in seeing Ethelwynn, and had Mc. In the line of dried fruits there has not imposed upon me silence as to what had passed between us, I assisted her into a hansom and she drove away, waving her black-gloved hand in farewell.

The interview had been a curious one, and I could not in the least understand its import. Regarded in the light of the knowledge I had gained when down at Neneford, it was, of course, plain that both she and her "dead" husband were anxious to secure Ethelwynn's silence, and believed they could fact that the early buyers will secure the imposed upon me silence as to what had fact that the early buyers will secure the best selections of mackerel, salmon, her-ring, etc., and besides that higher prices are being freely predicted for the near future, as stocks are not large and the demand is expected to be unusually brisk.

effect this by inducing us to marry. The conspiracy was a deeply laid and ingenious one, as indeed was the whole of the amazing plot. Yet, somehow, when I reflected upon it on my return from the club, I could Spring Business Now Under Way. Dry goods jobbers report spring businesss not help sitting till far into the night trys opening in very satisfactory manner ing to piece together the remarkable several large buyers arrived last week and placed very nice orders and still more are expected this coming week. After the middle of the month, when the transportation bureau will open, jobbers expect trade to begin in earnest. Traveling malesmen report almost every customer as making prepara-A telegram from Ethelwynn had reached me at the Savage at 9 o'clock, stating that she had received my letter, and was reshe had received my letter, and was returning to town the day after tomorrow. She had, she said, replied to me by that night's post.

I felt anxious to see her, to question her and to try if possible to gather from her some fact which would lead me to discern a motive in the feigned death of Henry. Courtenay. But I could only wait in packants to buy at their nearest market.

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turn out they are not likely to cut prices Rubber Prices Good and Firm.

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The situation in rubber goods has taken a much more favorable turn than the outlook a week ago promised. The way things look now merchants will buy their goods at practically the same prices they did last year. As mentioned a week ago, some prices have been marked up a little, while others are a little lower, but the changes are of minor importance. The feature that worried the trade was the announcement that prices would be unrestricted so far as the manufacturers were concerned, which simply meant a demoralized market, that would work injury on both wholesalers and retailers. Local jobbors now state, however, that distributors will hold prices stationary, the same as manufacturstate, however, that distributors will hold prices stationary, the same as menufacturers have done in the past and that every merchant will know he is paying the same price as his neighbor. Wholesalers are very confident that there will be no deviation from this plan and say that merchants are safe in placing their orders in the same way they have done in the past. In other words, prices are restricted, but tobsame way they have done in the past. In other words, prices are restricted, but jobbers are doing it instead of manufacturers. In leather goods there is no particular change from a week ago. Traveling men are taking spring orders and are meeting with as good success as could be expected at this time of the year. Everything at present seems to point to a very prosperous season.

prosperous season. Hardware Remains Unchanged. Hardware Remains Unchanged.

Hardware jobbers are not being exactly rushed with orders, but still business is better than usual in January. Reports indicate that there will be a good deal of building as soon as spring arrives, both in the country and in the towns. That will, of course, make a brisk demand for builders' hardware and tools.

The outlook for other lines is equally good, so that wholesalers are confident they will enjoy a very liberal patronage.

There is no market news to report, as practically all lines are in the same position they were a week ago. The tendency, however, of the market is toward firmer prices.

Fruits and Produce.

The demand for fruits and vegetables has been of limited proportions during the week. Merchants evidently have not recovered from the dullness following the holiday rush. An improvement, however, is looked for this week. The market has also been featureless, practically all lines being quoted the same as they were a week ago.

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The receipts of poultry have been light all the week and so also has the demand, so that prices are about steady. The supply of fresh eggs has been short and the market is good and firm. The butter market is quoted about the same as it was a week ago, but the feeling seems to be a little weaker, as the demand is not as heavy as it was a short time ago. as it was a short time ag.

Evaporated Apples and Dried Fruits. NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—EVAPORATED APPLES—The market for evaporated apples shows no change. Common are quoted at 485c; prime, 514354c; choice, 54454c;

at egge; prime, hareles; choice, baroles; fancy, for le.

CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Spot prunes are firmly hold and in a fair lobbing demand. Quotations range from 3% to 7% of for all grades. Apricots are steady, but quiet at 7% from a hour quiet at 7% for less and at 7% for peeled and 6% goe for unpeeled. Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Jan. 10.—WHEAT—Cash, No. 1 hard, 744c; No. 2 northern, 714c; No. 1 northern, 74c; No. 1 OATS—May, Mc.