

every American

ORDERS FOR THE She had not asked to be shown, nor even tate before any counter. Still she was priced tny article, so she might feel she met every few minutes by the inevitable floorwalker with his inevitable query.

pair of gloves. After that Helen was afraid to hesi-Yet she could not even walk through ... Her answer, "No, thank you," was althe stores and glance about without being | ways received with a look of cold disapback without them " with what you buy; always think you stopped at every few steps by a frock- proval. Plainly she was an American "Well, I shouldn't hate to go back could have got it cheaper or better if appointment. Take something to mother coated flobr-walker with his persistent, and plainly unfamiliar with their stores without them. These people who're al- you'd looked further. And I suppose you and Carrie, and to your mother, and let -then why did she not want to be ways sending over for things every time want to take a 'present' back to every-That seemed the mission of these floor- directed? Why was she in the shop if it walkers-to accost every one they saw was not to make purchases? Why was a friend goes to Europe ought to get left body you know? That's another fool this rushing around and breaking your strolling through with no definite pur- she strolling about in this aimless way? now and then. It's blamed cheeky-that's Idea.' what it is. Expect you to spend your "Not everybody, dear; but they're a chasing intent in their gaze. While the These were the thoughts of the floortime and wear yourself out and get no few that I'll have to take some little 'em a few postcards and let it go at thanks for it. They're never satisfied thing to-they'll expect it "

erchant, seemed unknown over here. was under no obligation to buy.

"Can I direct you, madame?"

only question was, "Can I direct you, walker. madame?" the implication was plainly, "These goods are here to be purchased: we hope you have come for that purpose.

But Helen wanted to look about-to get a general idea of the shops before her little chance for observation. she made her purchases. She had only a small sum to spend, and out of that she must buy souvenirs and presents for all of Warren's people and her own.

While of course these presents must be inexpensive, she had hoped to get them distinctly English-something they could not get at home. But how could she do this, if she was not allowed to look about. If she was expected to tollet counter and bought a few staple begin to buy the minute she entered a things that she always needed and store? 1

She had paused a moment to glance at some chiffon scarfs, which were displayed at the veil counter. One of those in black would be nice for War was afraid to go nearer to examine to make her the victim of a sale.

allowed, for now a floor-walker hemmed her in from the rear. "Do you wish to be served, madem?"

Then. ing clerk. "Madame wishes to see some scarfs."

Helen, with a sense of having been trapped., had no choice now but to let the clerk show her the scarfs.

"This is very smart, ma'am." holding up a pale pink one. "We have them in all colors. Very good value, ma'am. for ten and eleven three farthings." "Ten and eleven three' farthings!"

Helen was mentally trying to reduce

Pointed Paragraphs

Buried hopes require deep graves. It's up to many reformers to reform their theories. Many a man's best friends are those who know him least.

Henry's System.

Among the employes of an apartment seven years ago things were about half Among the employes of an apartment house in Washington is a dusky elevator conductor, who would appear to have a "system" similar to that of the maid who aunounced to the guest at the door that she fifth i hear her until she had rung three times. "If aty one calls, Henry, while I am out, fell him to wait. I shall be right back," said a woman to the boy in ques-tion. "If a some the stockings, She gave me only \$10 for

No answer from the boy. "Dian't you, hear me? Why don't you aswer?" demanded the woman angre. "T never answers. ma'am," explained Henry, "unless I doesn't hear, and then I says "What?" -Judge

Finally she hit upon a plan of walking swiftly with an air of intent determination, as though making straight for some particular counter. This was effective, and she was not molested, but it gave

Then she evolved a still better plan. She noticed that many of the English women were carrying parcels. This was, at least, at least, an evidence of good intentions. Perhaps if she had a hall dozen small packages she might be allowed to roam undisturbed.

Hurriedly she made her way to the which required little selection-talcum powder, bath powder, tooth brush, etc. She bought them one at a time and had

them done in separate packages. Helen had heard Warren's amused ren's mother, she thought. But she comments on the heavy brown paper with which the Englishman does up all them, For the saleslady had already his parcels. Yet she was amazed to see noticed her hesitation, and she was them wrap up these small tollet things waiting for her to come close enough in paper dark and heavy enough for a hardware store, and tie them with coarse But such hesitation was not to be twine, making the inevitable loop by which they carry all packages.

Then, dangling her purchases with an air of triumphant defense, she started with a wave towards the wait- off again for a further exploration of the shops.

> That evening she told Warren of her ruse, and laughingly assured him that she intended to leave the packages unopened and carry them again tomorrow, so that she might make the rest of her purchases after a more leisurely survey,

Warren threw back his head and roared, "By George, Helen's developing a sense of humor! Well, if you can sidestep the

English floorwalker and saleslady, you'll do a darn sight better than most Ameri-

Ine older fellow. Dan't try to learn everything worth while. Leave the world a few unsolved problems when you depart.—Chicago News.

neck trying to get everybody 'somehting.' Now take my advice and cut it. Write that."

By NELL BRINKLEY



furs to fine advantage in the land of the Celestials. Gray returned thence by way hundred millions. The national wealth of Cape of Good Hope to Boston-thus has reached the almost inconceivable having for the first time carried the sum of \$125,000,000 (one hundred and American flag around the globe.

"Well, I'd give them a jolly good disthe rest go. It's an infernal nuisance, nations of the earth. There was but little intercommunica-

within our gates were consequently few. Gray salled the Columbia around the Our flag was practically unknown outside of our own country.

The three millions have grown to a thirty-five billions). There is not a nook Hence it was a most memorable day, or corner of the earth into which the that 10th day of August, 1790, a day that vision of the flag has not gone, and the should never be forgotten by those who mighty republic is already not only the love the great republic and are proud of greatest of the nations of the earth, but its present-day standing among the in every way the most powerful nation that history has any knowledge of.

All this within a little more than one tion in those days, and the strangers century from the time that Captain globe with Old Glory flying at the masthead.



Over-Zealous Friends

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

"I have not so many friends that I tressed little girl, "tells me my sweetshall grow confused among the number heart is fickle. She says he once made and forget my best ones."-Nicholas Nickleby.

This is the season when every girl who has the inheritance nature planned for knows the right to come to her with her is interested in a flower garden. It may be nothing more pretentious than a window box. Or it may be a round, little bed in a corner of a finy yard, or it may be as much ground as

she likes. But whatever the size of her garden. I am sure that nature, the most devoted of all teachers, has taught her that she must not attempt to grow too many plants in a limited space.

If she makes that blunder she has no flowers, for the fight for space becomes a fight for life, and every plant dies. If any survive, it is those of rank growth, and for which she cares the least.

The same wise little girl with her flower bed is often not so wise in the cultivation of friends.

She confuses number with popularity, and believes that she can be popular only by having a bosom friend in every girl she meets.

She is crowding her little flower garden. The result will be that she has no friends at all.

A girl cannot have a large number of them. The very difference in their tem- and forget my best ones," said Nicholas peraments forbids it.

A few friends are a help. Many friends become a hindrance. In trying to be kind to so many she is not kind to herself. With this friend pulling this way and another friend pulling that way she gets the feeling that she is being pulled to pieces. What she may prefer can never

be considered if her alm has been popularity. And I take it it has, or she would not be the bosom friend of every girl she meets.

the thing that displeases another. In those geese that cackled and thus saved trying to be a friend to all the another. trying to be a friend to all she gets the name of being a hypocrite. And to be a friend to all she has found it necessary to so conduct herself that the Some "I remember the episode. You see, Rome was a very rich city in ancient days, filled with gold and precious stones. Some invaders had gathered in hopes of charge is not wholly without foundation. When she falls in love, some of this army of friends approve and some disapprove. The former urge the match: the latter come to her with tales and gossip

and discourage it. Every few days I get distressing letters from girls who are in love.

"My parents approve." writes one girl, "My parents approved where the set of the se been seen going with another girl." They may not be. And how is the girl to know?

love to her just as ardently as he is making love to me. What shall I do, for I love him more than my life?"

What can she do? The mischlef has been done in giving to every girl she warnings and gossip and advice.

If she attempts to let her many friends select her lover, she will never have one. If she refuses to marry until she has found a man who receives the unqualified approval of Mary and Susle and Jane she will be a spinster all her life. Not an unhappy lot, if one is a helpful, contented spinster. But one can't be that with the haunting regret of having refused a good man because Lizzie didn't like his habits, or Mary didn't like his hair, or Louise called him a trifler.

She will find, after she has grown older and become a hopeless spinster, that she is lonesome. For Lizzle and Mary and Louise, and all the other girls who restrained her from marrying, have married the men of their choice and gone off and left her.

And it has happened many times, my dear little friend-hampered girl, that these girls married the very men of whom they disapproved to you.

"I have not so many friends that I friends and be a good friend to all of shall grow confused among the number. Nickleby.

I beg you to learn to say the same.

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How Rome Was Saved.

"How are you on ancient history?" inquired the Wood street man. "Fine," declared the sage of Smithfield street. "Ask me anything you want to

know.

getting big loot." "I see."

"But when they heard the geese cack-ling they thought they'd better grab the geese and let the gold go. The cost of living was just as high then as it is now.

"I comprehend." "They made off with the gease and thus, ome was saved."-Pittsburgh Post.

Adding Insult to Injury.

"Course you could, London's not cheap. It used to be. When I was over here



