By A. E.

there, else many of the amusing incidents which are still fresh in my memory would never have occurred. The one which I am about to relate took place in a small but prosperous city among the Rockies, which then supported 13 saloons. One day there appeared in town

man who introduced himself as Mr. Willard. He was an attractive chap, of medium height and build, clean-cut, well-dressed, good-natured and in his manners a perfect gentleman He established himself undertake the routine work of teach-

a weak will had played havoc with gently and whispered: his career. Not that he was ever his duties for no fault could be found on that score; but his boozing tendencies had shocked the good, conventional people with whom he associated, shocked them again and again, until at last their patience was exhausted. He came west, determined to begin life anew.

to offer him a position as organist grace the church, with a salary that was considered

For many Sundays Willard per- | a little and then struck out into a Colorado was "wet" when I lived formed his duties in a most satis- popular song. Patriotic airs followfactory manner. The Methodists ed, a medley with a little ragtime. congratulated themselves on having When his fingers touched the opensecured his services and the other ing chords of "The Old Oaken churches bemoaned their decreased attendance, since the excellent rich, mellow voice, following with Methodist music attracted almost every church goer who was not bound in conscience to favor some By this time the church was packother persuasion with his presence.

Couldn't Stop Playing.

It was a beautiful Sunday evening in the early autumn. Doors and windows were wide open to let in the balmy mountain air and to let in a small room and advertised for out the beautiful music. The song music pupils. It was not long be- service over and the prayer finished, fore his splendid performance Willard started the usual voluntary aroused suspicion as to the cause of while the collection was taken. The his settling in a mountain town to first indication that something was wrong became evident when, the silver contribution plates having Mr. Willard easily made friends, been carefully replaced in the pulpit and his story soon became public and the collectors having taken their property. He had been a professor seats, Willard disregarded the usual in a conservatory of music and or-ganist in one of the largest churches son, a youth of 18, who sat near in New York, but love of drink and him in the choir, touched his arm

"The collection has been taken so badly under the influence of and father is waiting for you to liquor as to be unable to perform finish so that he may commence the

In a voice that would have been not been drowned by the music. gation, rising, joined. Before he Willard answered:

| Willard answered: | Green Smith

seemed as if Willard had truly when I get ready." reformed." He was never known

and finest organ in the city, decided that nothing would happen to dis-

Willard played on and on. He finished the voluntary, improvised

IMPORTANT PERSONAGE. Still Willard played. From the

finished, the minister's son noticed paused to chat with Grocer Smith, "Who is playing this organ, you that the organist was swaying a who was also enroute downtown. or I? Leave me alone. I will stop little in his seat. He stepped quick- Mr. spent the morning

ly to his side, taking the precaution at his desk, signing important pato enter any of the 13 saloons, nor was his condition ever such as to indicate familiarity with the cup After a whispered consultation with The flushed face of the organist to draw behind them a curtain which pers. He had seven conversations that inebriates. On the strength his son, the minister wisely decided tain, no one in the congregation which he ordered two tons of coal. of this good behavior the Metho- to do nothing, but to let Willard ever knew, and the voices of the Mr. was the luncheon dists, who had the largest church play his fill, trusting to Providence crowd, singing the familiar hymn, guest of Realtor Lotte at the Cham-

concealed the slight break in the ber of Commerce. The menu was as

ly pronounced the benediction, on a erwards smoked one of his favorite El Cuspidoro cigars, perfecto size. As the weather was fine, Mr. .

tion. It is believed that they discussed questions having great bear-

ing on reconstruction. Arriving at his office at 2:07

Stinger with each subscription. "I have always wanted these Times-Tribune: books," Mr. remarked to the agent.

The agent said he would preserve the pen with which Mr. signed the contract.

It was 5.111/2 when Mr. closed down his desk. He seemed weary and there was a tinge or hunger in his look. As he went

refused, later, to divulge what they given: had discussed. As he was leaving the building Mr. met an old friend, Charlie Chumpleigh who invited him to come over to the club for din-

ner and later engage in a little game After a short conversation t' a two went to a telephone, where Mr. telephoned his wife that important business would keep him

at the office until very late. Mr. and Chumpleigh then went to the club, where they re-mained until 1:39 in the morning knowledgments will be sent to all brown taxicab to his home. Mrs. way. was waiting for him.

Etc., etc., etc., etc., etc.

They Seldom Come Back Mrs. Allen, who a number of years ago lived at the Ft. McPherson national cemetery, arrived Saturday from the east to make a protracted visit with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Kuser.-North Platte Tribune.

ROUGH 'EM UP A BIT! A fortune awaits the artist who Advertisement in the Beaver City

I am prepared to do dehorn-

1. Boxes or packages should be wrapped and with nothing on

2. They should be addressed: 'A Stinger, editor The Bumble

They should be brought, sent or mailed to The Bee of-

igars he can get.

ADDING A STORY. Born-To Mr. and Mrs. Guy

Song of the Price.

WHY, OH, WHY?

"Spanish Influenza" is the sub- | It is rather interesting to consider ject of an article in the December briefly the measures that have been ssue of the Creighton Chronicle, by taken in different cities to prevent Holland N. Stevenson, professor of the spread of the epidemic, and the bacteriology and surgical pathology, results that have been obtained. In some communities there was no re-While Professor Stevenson, like striction of public gatherings. In the majority of medical men who these the epidemic has run a very have discussed this disease, makes rapid and severe course with a conno effort to explain its origin, ne siderable death rate. It might be said gives some very interesting facts as that the disease raged until practito what the epidemic has done and cally all the individuals that could how it should be treated. The arti- have it, had had the disease and that it died out as soon as this material During the past few months the had been exhaused. Following this it country has been traversed by an has persisted in a relatively small epidemic of large proportions termed number of cases which have had a

"Flu" Epidemic Caused by

New Germ Says Creighton

Germ in No Way Connected or Related to Past Scourges

Except in Parts of Body Affected, Says Professor

Stevenson—Advises Going to Bed to Avoid Complications.

the "Spanish Influenza." This name mild form. In other communities is as good as any so far proposed, public gatherings were prohibited. for it implies a disease of the air In these the epidemic was limited to

college of medicine.

one of past influenza epidemics.

Reached States in July.

early part of August cases of "Span-

ish Influenza" began to appear in the

ports along the Atlantic coast. There

is no doubt that this outbreak was

identical to the epidemic that had

cantonments were afflicted.

place the organisms where others

Caused by New Germ.

In the latter part of July and in the

Professor Bacteriology

passages somewhat similar to previ- the people who were exposed at first ous epidemics but caused by an un- and was quite severe but soon subknown micro-organism. The simi- sideded, Following this was a period larity of this to previous epidemics when there were a few widely sepof influenza is merely in the way it arated cases of quite mild form. The is spread and in the parts of the hu-man body affected. It is, however, creased until the epidemic again gradually being demonstrated that reached large proportions but as a the germ causing the disease is in rule its severity was not great. After no way connected or related to the a rather careful consideration of the advantages of these two methodsin the one the epidemic is over quickly but it is very severe; in the other it is more prolonged but of less severity—it can be concluded that the latter measure has probably

saved a great many lives. Avoid Crowds.

The methods of preventing the inbeen in progress in Europe, From this time on the epidemic gradually dividual from acquiring this disincreased in proportions and spread ease are well worth a certain amount from one community to another un- of discussion. If each individual til it had practically traversed the could have complete isolation from country by the end of October. In contact with other people he would comparison with other epidemics the have no chance of getting it. The spread was quite rapid and in gen- chances of getting it increase directeral the more closely populated dis- ly with the number of people with tricts suffered more severely than whom one comes in contact. It is those where the population was scat- therefore advisable to keep out of tered. This was well illustrated by crowds and reduce contact to as near the severity with which certain army a minmum as possible. This especially includes contact with people There has been considerable popu- who are known to have the disease lar discussion as to the manner in and those who have but recently rewhich this disease is spread. There covered. By masking the nose and is no doubt that it is spread from the air passages of an individual sick air one breathes can be filtered and with it to those of one who is not. a considerable number of organisms It is a well known fact that in con- kept from the air passages. The versation as well as in coughing and chances of contagion can thus be sneezing numerous droplets of sa- reduced. It may be said, and with liva are sprayed into the surround- justice, that the mask does not reing atmosphere. These are minute move all germs from the air and remain suspended for some time. breathed in but it certainly reduces For the convenience of the many It is easy to see how one individual the number and this reduction in

Go to Bed Early.

can acquire them. This implies a The use of vaccines prepared from more or less intimate contact with the germs isolated from cases of those who are sick, especially with 'Spanish Influenza" as a preventathose in the early stages and active measure is a question on which counts for the severity of the epithere is little data up to the present demic among thickly populated comtime. It can be said, however, that if such a vaccine is properly made it will do no harm and there is con-It might be well in this connection siderable chance that it will prevent to say a few words about the causa- the disease or so protect the inditive agent or germ of this epidemic. vidual that if he does acquire it, his One thing can be definitely said case will not be serious. Many of The micro-organism which is giving these have been prepared in laborarise to the epidemic is not the one tories where the epidemic has been that has caused previous epidemics investigated and so far as known of influenza. It is an organism that there is no choice between them.

has not been definitely classified as From many conversations with yet but which is closely related to members of the medical faculty conthe pneumococcus, the germ of ordi- cerning the treatment of cases of nary pneumonia, and the streptococ-cus, the germ of erysipelas, rheu-stands out most prominently. The matic fever and many other condi- earlier an individual thus afflicaed tions. This has been brought out in goes to bed and stays there the the recent articles on the subject lighter is his case. The person who as well as by our own work in the atempts to keep on his feet and work it off is foolish and stands a In the great majority of cases the chance of acquiring a severe case individuals who have contracted this and also serious complications of disease have developed at one time which Bright's disease is not unor another a certain amount of pneu- common. The person who goes to monia. The prostration has been bed as soon as he has an increase great and the recovery very slow. in temperature, in the large ma-The time it takes for the disease to jority of instances will have a light develop after exposure varies and case and infinitely reduce his chances

Next to His Very Best Girl Soldier Boy in France Loves Big, Fat Chocolate Cake

imagine your boy, lonesome and received no pay and he was afraid cold, coming up from the strange, to take things because he couldn't drizzly streets of Paris, all unex- convinced him that he could eat his tea or chocolate and a thick slice of to drink, and help himself, too, to Mrs. Ralph Stern, who has just re- Haussman is free. turned from Paris and is now visiting relatives here, after an abthe states.

Mrs. Stern, who was formerly Miss Evelyn Samuel of New York had opened headquarters, but later. City, is a member of a small group we found that it wasn't at all necesof American women who have volunteered their time and services for the trenches, boys from the hospitals the comfort and happiness of the and lads stationed in Paris-Ameri-During the last six months she has worked day and night at the Paris Wal. [can boys—some of the laws, worked day and night at the Paris lians, "Tommies," and even men ard at 41 Boulevard Haussbaking cakes from morning nidnight, cheering the loneboy, and reviving in him the orles of the girl he left at

We haven't a hut or a canteen as possible. There is a piano, him. rictrola, a violin, too (for boys nty of books and magazines, sh flowers, and crisp muslin curtains. All day the boys keep comng in, but at 3 o'clock scores of m come for tea or chocolate and cake and a little sociability. The first question they ask of us is: Lady, are you an American? Come

Newcomers Are Timid.

New York, Dec. 28 .- "Just | time he was in the hospital he had finding a cup of steaming fill of cake and have all he wanted nome-made cake, and a group of the cigarets, piled on the tables.

"He's just one of the many boys who spread the glad word of welsence of five years, is the first Jew- come they have received. At first we welfare worker to return to advertised in the Stars and Stripes and the Paris newspapers, an iouncing that the Jewish Welfare Board sary. Boys came to us-just out of merican boys who come to Paris, can boys-some of them Jewish, but from Algeria and other distant countries. The second time a man comes. he brings with him several friends

home, describing the welcome they received-and they call the Jewish just a home-and, oh, how the Welfare Board's headquarters 'the ove it," Mrs. Stern said with little ray of sunshine. If a man wants heard has shown you the wisdom of smile that makes the boys in to write home, if he wants to read, aki call her "little ray of sun-ine." "The Lewish Welfare hoard music or plan it himself to char with "The Jewish Welfare board music or play it himself, to chat with t took over an apartment, with a woman of his people, to tell his parlor, library, kitchen. bath troubles to someone, to get home"Come now, he wheeded, four sary,
might as well tell at least why you swered.
She h urnish it, to make it as home- take a bath-we have facilities for

"They are particularly fond of our

tion Army doughnut, some day.
"On a Sunday afternoon we have

Write Letters Home.

o are very musically inclined), chocolate cake, I believe that the ham put in. memories of that chocolate cake will last-long after the boys go home On one day, from nine in the morn--big three-layer cakes, with thick there wasn't a crumb left! The Jew- be directed against Graham. ish Welfare Board's chocolate cake ever and talk some American to will be just as famous as the Salva-

"The newcomers, when they first concerts. There is usually a brief ne in, are a bit timid and afraid address by Mr. John Goldhaar the to take the things that are offered Jewish Welfare secretary, or some There was one boy-a speaker of note, and dancing follows and sent to the base hospital in boys make up our usual Sunday One day when he had re- crowd. The hostesses are a group of he wandered into our head- American-Jewish women residing in He saw the 'mogen do- France. There is Mrs. Minnie Fudblue and white double litz, formerly of Philadelphia; Mrs. sat down and Marie Engleman, of San Francisco. the refreshments and Mrs. Hertz, of Philadelphia. hesitated, because Every one of them has endeared herney. During all the self to those homesick boys"

they let it go at that.

When the last stanza had been

sung, the minister rose and solemn-

reverent and inspired congregation.

Some of the straight-laced

"Home, Sweet Home" and "Love's

ed to the doors. Every seat was

filled, and people, many of whom

had not been to a religious service

for years were standing in the aisles

and vestibule, listening eagerly to a

concert such as few of them had ever heard. The player was sur-passing himself in his performance.

An idea dawned in the mind of Deacon Wise. He arose and search-

ed out the old contribution boxes.

They passed them around and

brought to the pulpit such a quan-

tity of nickels, dimes, and quarters,

as had never before been taken in

Merges Into Grand Opera.

one collection.

the organ keys.

American Swimmers Water sports for women have atstars belonging to this country.

96-volume set of the works of A. How About Your Horns?

(Direction-In reading this, insert you Still Willard played. From the name wherever a blank appears and implest old song he merged into grand agine the article printed on the front page of the paper, under big headlines.)

opera, and the minister turned pale Mr. arrived home at 11:37 with apprehension. A few classical selections, great compositions of the last night, having been at a theater. old masters, followed, and then, in He was up at 7:08 this morning and a voice a little thick. Willard ac- had breakfast with Mrs. companied his final effort, the hymn eating with apparent relish six pan-God Be With You Till We Meet cakes, two fried eggs, a large slice heard all over the church had it Again," in which the whole congre- of ham and two cups of coffee.

music and the change of touch on follows:

Mashed Potatoes Apple Pie Mr. ate heartily and aft-

church pillars" recommended the dismissal of Willard before he insisted on walking the two blocks would disgrace them; but the vote to his office. He was accompanied by of the business element among Realtor Lotte, but otherwise unatthem, influenced by the liberal con- tended. They had to wait at Fifribution that had been taken, pre- teenth street for the traffic to pass vailed to retain them. "An adver- and Mr. chatted for a motisement that brings results may be ment with J. W. Egg, president of repeated," said Deacon Wise, and the International Omelette corpora-

ined much popularity in the past o'clock, Mr. plunged im- can put into the faces of our soldiers few years and "mermaids" have de- mediately into the mass of work their real manliness, courage and dewomen from home. Can't you pic-ture his happiness?" The speaker. The speaker. The speaker. The speaker of the more than a dozen girl swimming Mr. to subscribe to Brick- a mixture of a poet, a cherub and a are already scores of pool rooms in has been given as from one day of permanent injury from the complications of the disease.

ing. Those wishing my services Phone or see me personally, Phone S 2 L S on 199. W. A. SMITH, R3 Beaver City, Neb. NOTICE.

down on the elevator he met Jerry readers who desire to send cigars having the germs of the disease in number may be the deciding factor Howard, a well-known statesman. and chatted with him. Mr. Howard New Year's, these directions are

the outside to indicate their

Bee, care of The Bee."

The editor smokes any kind

Mr. seemed in splendid spir- those who desire to remember the its when he came out. He took a editor in this charming and practical A. STINGER, Editor The Bumble Bee.

Story, Tuesday. December 17. a son.-Beaver City Times-

For wars may come and wars may

But I go up forever.

What's the use of the city build-

The cHbandoned cKgom.

CHAPTER XL. Bobby's Vigil.

"He's told me nothing," Kather-ine answered. "I came back to the "They sit down and write letters corridor; I heard everything you

> "Maybe it's as well," Robinson reflected. "It certainly is if what you giving up the whole thing."

She stared at him without reply-"Come now," he wheedled. "You sary," the district attorney an-

stole and secreted the evidence. "I'll answer nothing." "That's wiser, Katherine,"

She turned on him with a com plete and unexpected fury. color rushed back to her face. Her ing until midnight I baked 24 cakes eyes blazed. Bobby never geussed told of the discovery of the evidence lower floor and approached the fireher capable of such anger. His won- and of the stout hatpin that had, un- place. Then they saw. It was as if chocolate icing, and 250 cookies. And der grew that her outburst should

"Keep quiet' she cried hystericalhate you! Do you understand?" Graham drew back. Why, Katherine-

"Don't," she said. Don't call me that. The officers glanced at G-aham materialistic mind didn't hesitate to express its first htought:

"Must say, I always thought you were sweet on the lady.' "Hartley!" Bobby said. "You have been fair to us?" "I don't know why she attacks

His face recorded a genuine pain.

me." Graham muttered.

tarrier of emotion. They heard Paredes and Doctor Groom on the stairs.

"What's this?" the doctor rumbled as he came up "I-I'm sorry I forgot myself," Katherine said through her chatter- grave the man-if we can call him a ing teeth. She turned to Robinson, man-seems to have-shrunk."

I am going to my room. You needn't be airaid. I shan't leave it shouldn't have left him alone. Let until you come to take me.' "Truly I hope it won't be neces-

She hurried away. Rawlins grinned at Paredes. "I'm wondering what the devil you

know. Robinsan made no secret of what had happened. In reply to the ques- burn's chair they could be sure of tions of Paredes and the doctor he nothing until they had reached the questionably, caused death. The Paredes' far-fetched fear had been man made it clear enough, however, realized. Blackburn was not in his that he didn't care to have Paredes chair, nor was he to be found in the know of Bobby's plan to spend the hall. Even then, with the exception rumbled.

should think Katherine guilty," the them, he must be either in the li- led Bobby and the detective to the doctor said to Robinson. "This brary, the dining room, or the rear library. Brooklyn lad, who had been wound- the musical program. Four hundred with frank bewilderment. Rawlin's evidence and its presence in her part of the house. There was no one room are details that don't ap- in the library or the dining room; want," he said, "but understand I room, and I don't think any one grave, said he hadn't moved for the You'll shout out if you are attacked wants to tempt it again. In fact, last half hour, was entirely sure no or the moment you suspect any real I'm not sure one can learn the truth one had come through from the cause for fear. there and live. You know what hap- front part of the house.

change that's taken place. I have Silas Blackburn had cowered, and lock the other one." been watching him closely. So has mouthing snatches of his fear-"I'm Mr. Paredes. We have seen him be- not dead! I tell you I'm not dead! come grayer. We have ceen his They can't make me go backeyes alter. He sits shaking in his chair. Since we came back from the shocked their ears.

"Yes," Paredes said. "Perhaps we the emptiness in the burial ground. us go back. Let us see if he is all Rawlins laughed skeptically.

"You're not afraid he'll melt "I'm not so sure he won't" Paredes answered.

They followed him downstairs Because of the position of Black-"It's quite absurd that any one have gone upstairs, unobserved by

"What would we find," he whispered, "if we went to the cemetery and looked again in the coffin?" "Why should he have come back at all?" Groom mused. Robinson opened the front door. "You know he might have gone

Paredes spoke gropingly.

this way.' But already the snow had obliterated the signs of their own passage in and out. It showed no fresh

"Silas Blackburn has not gone that way in the body," Doctor Groom

Robinson glanced at his watch. He met him.

"Then try your scheme if you

proach the heart of the mystery, and Jenkins, who sat in the kitchen, assume no responsibility. Honestly, That's to be found only in the old still shaken by the discovery at the I doubt if it amounts to anything. the corridor, and I'll be in the librar- the other door which I'll watch." pened to Howells when he tried. They returned to the hall and or wandering about the house-al-Silas Blackburn went there, and stood in a half circle about the ways within call. Rawlins will quick inspection of the room, search- name of the soldier honored.

His words, Bobby felt, overcame a none of us can understand the empty chair, where a little while ago guard the broken door, but be sure ing the closets and glancing beneath

with Bobby. Graham followed. "You understand," Robinson said. The echoes of that fear still "I'd rather Paredes and the doctor didn't suspect what you are going There was a hypnotic power about to do. Change your mind before the vacancy as there had been about it's too late, if you want."

> "You can't dissuade him," Graham said, "besause of what will happen tomorrow unless the truth is discovered tonight."

Bobby walked on without reply-

In the upper hall they found Katherine waiting. Her endeavors were hard to face.

"You shan't go there for me, Bobby," she said. "Isn't it clear I must go in my own service?" he said, trying to

He wouldn't speak to her again. He wouldn't look at her. Her anxiety and the affection in her eyes night in the old room, and Rawlins, Bobby, and Graham indicated that thing seriously. Since the old man they understood.

The storm was more violent. It weakened him, and he needed all ness, confusing him. He felt his discouraged the idea of examining his strength, for at the entrance of way to the wall near the open window. He sat down there, facing the

> Rawlins brought a candle and guided him down the corridor. Graham came, too. The detective Plant Trees for Soldiers locked the door leading to the private hall and slipped the key in his pocket.

"Nobody will get through there any more than they will through

the bed and behind the furniture. "There's no one," he said, pre-paring to depart. "I tell you there's The two officers went upstairs

no chance of a physical attack."

His unimaginative mind cried out "I tell you you'll find nothing learn nothing, for there's nothing here to find, nothing to learn,"

"Just the same," Graham urged "you'll call out, won't you, Bobby, at the first sign of anything out of the way? For God's sake take no foolish chances."

"I don't want the light," Bobby forced himself to say. "My grand-father and Howells both put their candles out. I want everything as it was when they were attacked." Rawlins nodded and, followed by

Graham, carried the candle from the room and closed the broken door. The sudden solitude and the darkness crushed Bobby, taking his

breath. Yellow flames, the response of his eyes to the disappearance of the candle, tore across the black-(Continued Tomorrow)

Women's clubs and organizations in various parts of the country are taking up the idea started in Cleveland of planting memorial trees on the highways to soldiers who died in the war, marking them with a small With Graham's help he made a bronze tablet inscribed with the