A BRETON - LEGEND.

Huge Granite Bowlders In Which Are Imprisoned Pagan Souls.

Over all the valley of Ploumanac'h, most thickly along its sea edge, huge strange shaped bowlders of, red granite are scattered singly or are heaped up in wonderfully balanced mounds. The mere geologist will tell you that these rounded rocks have been dropped by a glacier and that the valley is the site of a terminal moraine. Any well uneducated Breton of course knows that this explanation is all nonsense. My driver, being cheered by his pilgrim draft, gave me the more satisfying information that in every one of these scattered bowlders is imprisoned a pagan soul; that thus are held fast until the day of judgment the Bretons who rejected the, blessed teachings of Christianity and who paid for their stiff necked sinning by being cast into stone.

Once a year the enchantment is lifted. Then the accursed ones resume their human forms and go down to the sea to drink-to drink long and deeply, that they may lay in a supply of deliciously cold salt water that will ease them through their coming twelvementh of torment in infernal fires. On the night of that great drinking it is well for all good Christians to bide at home behind barred doors. At cock crow the accursed ones come back from their sea cooling to the places where they belong, changing from men and women into rocks again as they surge onward, and surely crushing any spying mortal in their way. Only one escape is recorded from the charge of that fearsome company, that of a poor good man who in charity had carved on one of the enchanted rocks the blessed cross. In gratitude for that loving act the cross marked bowlder, a monstrous partly merged again / into rough stone, halted before the poor good man who had sought to comfort itand so protected kim until the evil host, dividing, bad passed on, and hammer in this country clinches a. he was saved. Then the grateful bargain with a buyer. one, carefully skirting him as he lay on the ground in fainting terror, went on also to its place.—Thomas A. Janvier in Harper's Magazine.

A Sarcastic Minister.

Once a young preacher in Scot- year? land who had charge of a mission station with a small salary was ap- It was two years ago at least. pointed to the chaplaincy of a jail. On the Sunday previous to leaving his sermon he announced the fact the other day.-Philadelphia Press. and said that he had three reasons for his departure. "In the first place," he said, "Neave you beduring the three years I have been to say on this subject. You will find my text in the fourteenth chap- er party.- Mexican Herald. ter of St. John's gospel, second verse, 'I go to prepare a place for'

The Hoopoo Bird.

The hoopoo is essentially a bird of the desert. A pretty tradition regarding the crest upon this bird's head tells that the crest was a gift from King Solomon in gratitude for These establishments employ 3,500,shelter from the midday sun provided by a flight of hoopoos. The first decoration was a crown of gold, but as this brought unwelcome attentions from fowlers the monarch changed the crown to a crest of feathers. The characteristic note of the hoopoo is produced as follows: The bird swallows as much air

The Jap Fan.

general from the sixth century to the tree and said: comparatively recent days, when "We thought you said every- such association, and the fur won every person, from the mikado on thing was illusion? children, wielded a fan of special still true philosopher. wont to exchange fans as tokens of. you.'

fidelity. The fan is still used by "You are mistaken again,' said deemed umpires in wrestling and other the sage. There was no elephant, Times. matches to give emphasis to their and I did not run. It was all ildecisions, much as the auctioneer's Jusion," Boston Record.

Special Bargain Prices To All For The Next 15 Days

It is entirely in keeping with our usual policy to make this store pre-eminently the bargain headquarters during the great four days' Re-union. The first of this week we commenced the great underpricing of seasonable merchandise. The offerings will, if possible, be even more tempting than ever before. Read the foregoing:



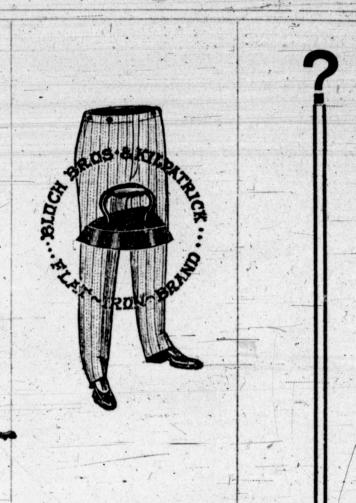
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A lack of space and time will not permit of an elaborate enumeration of the many bargains that we will have to offer you, but suffice to say that they will more than meet your expectations.



A Useful Medal.

Tess - It was Maud Singleton, wasn't it, who won the gold medal for her graduation essay on "Woman's Right to Public Office" Jast

Jess-Gracious! Not last year.

Tess- Are you sure? Jess-Positive, because I saw her his charge and before he began baby cutting his teeth on that medal,

A Conscientious Assassin.

few of you come regularly to rev, and Monday another Pedro Trehave been no marriages among you generally believed that some one

A Land of Hotels.

We have the finest hotels in the world and more of them than any other country. There are altogether 44,000 hotels in the United States, according to a New York manager, representing an invested capital of over \$6,000,000,000. 000 persons. The hotel populationis enormous and steadily increasing. Some of the finest houses cost as much as \$4,500,000.

After All, Only an Illusion.

as possible and then taps its beak Hindoo sage who said that every- site. Then fashion declared for a upon the ground. The escaping air thing was illusion. So one day cloth must instead of fur, and the produces the "hoo-hoo which when he was in the middle of a furriers made a great uproar. They has carned for the bird its popular field his friends let a bad clephant petitioned the pope to excommuniloose. The sage ran at the top of In Japan the use of the fan was wise man's friends gathered under man to carry a cloth muff on execu-

his throne even down to the school "I'did,' said the frightened but

design, according to rank, profes- "Ah, but you ran fast enough sion or social standing. Lovers were when the real elephant pursued

ORIGIN OF THE MUFF.

of Venetian Nobles.

"Do you know that the color of a A novel affair is a lemon party. Sunday night Pedro Trevino was convenience. It has been long and ber of seeds it contained and recordcause you do not love God, for very stabbed on a dark street in Monte- narrow like a sheaf and again large ed his opinion upon a small yellow church. In the second place, you vino was stabbed and killed near the last century the fest of size was dorsing his count with his signature. do not love one another, for there San Luisito, in the same city. It is to try the must in a flour barrel. If The tablets were afterward collectpaid a professional murderer to kill then that must was too small to be winner, who was the one, of course," your minister, and in the third place Pedro Trevino, and as there were really fashionable. At the present whose guess came nearest the numyou do not love me, for you con- two men bearing the same name the day almost anything is proper, but ber of seeds, received a pretty lemtribute very little to the small in- criminal did not know which he day almost anything is proper, but ber of seeds, received a pretty lem- can make them jig up and down for a period of at least three months, those enormous cylinders would cer- onade set, and the "booby" a lemon and float them properly their widows in indigent elements. come I get. I have nothing more ought to kill and killed them both tainly draw much attention. One squeezer ernamented with a yellow as the safest way to please the oth- of the most curious styles was that bow. Lemon cake, lemon jelly, lemto convey little dogs in.

> was the exclusive property of the bon. nobility and originated in Venice. These musts were very small and consisted of a single piece of velvet, brocade or silk, lined with fur, and the openings fastened with rich jewels. Such arrangements came in during the early part of the seventeenth century, but in the previous century the ladies frequently carried a piece of rich fur, which they used either as a mulf or a neck piece.

"The muff reached its highest" "Speaking of consistency," said point in the reign of Louis XV., Professor Royce, "there once was a when the productions were exquicate the wearer of a cloth muff, but his speed and climbed a tree. When to no purpose. Finally some inthe elephant had been secured, the genious merchant bribed the headstion day. The women shrank from the day. We now associate the muff only with cold weather, but in the brothers are very fond of animals. old days it was a regular part of woman's dress and was carried in children is to seek out lame or oth- when 'e so hoppin' down th' path sarchall weathers. As late as 1830 a erwise injured birds and then take must and a straw bonnet were not them home and nurse them back. I nevan cotched a hoptoad, an' I ain' a-goin t' try.

The News office for Job work.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

UAMDLL

At First It Was the Exclusive Property A Lemon Party That Affords Much

muff, once betokened the rank of Here is the way one was recently his demise, for, like other little peothe wearer?" said a furrier the oth- carried out: Every guest gave a er day as he stroked a beautiful lemon to the servant who opened the sealskin must. "In the days of door. These were subsequently creature a most edifying function. Charles 1X. 'no lady could have taken to the kitchen, all the seeds worn this fur, for black was decreed carefully taken out and collected in by the king to be the badge of the a small glass jar. The company common people, and the court fol- meanwhile were engaged in various lowers were restricted to the colors. games. When the hostess signaled, "Muffs have gone through more the jar was brought in and passed styles than it would seem possible to in review before every guest, who invent for such a simple article of made a mental estimate of the numand round. At the beginning of tablet already furnished him, init went in without much trouble, ed and the results announced. The of Louis XIV., called the chiens onade and lemon ices constituted the invalid. mauchons, because they were made the refreshments, and every guest on leaving was presented with a box

How to Make a Doll's House.

and get a few ounces of colored and you have all you want except a the little intruders. small skein of wool. Slice up the corks crosswise to make the seats, bungs will do for the sofa seats. Slip half a dozen of the beads on a pin, putting a big one on first of all. and dig the points into the slices of cork to make the chair legs. The chair and sofa backs are made with plain pins, and the wool laces across them from side to side. If you want the furniture to be very grand the cork may be painted with enamel or gilded.

A Royal Band of Pity.

Little Princess Mary of Wales is a clever child, and both she and her A favorite amusement of the royal miniature hospital, and, with the love of make believe natural at their

years, they then act doctors and nurses till their patients are well enough to be discharged, says Home joy to a patient's rapid recovery is ple, the royal children find the funeral of a bird or other small

brother or sister in the following stitution of the State of Texas be so way: Procure an old newspaper, amended as to hereafter read as foleight ply, cut dolls twelve inches lows: high with small hole in head. Then have no power to make any grant or arrange small pulley at each end of authorize the making of any grant the room quite high and run strong of public money to any individual, dolls securely with thread run ture may grant aid to indigent and through the hole on to the pulley disabled Confederate soldiers and between, one set on the upper and January 1, 1880, and who are either one on the lower line.

Strange Nesting Place.

"The must when first introduced of lemon drops tied with yellow rib- worker left his empty dinner can said aid shall not exceed eight dolnear the rails, and when he remembered to go back for it he discovered be made for the purpose hereinbefore it contained a nest of eggs, right specified in excess of five hundred To furnish a doll's house collect there in all the confusion and crowd thousand dollars for any one year, as many corks and bungs as you can of a station and the noise of passing trains. The man was so amused bends all one size, with two or three that, to his credit be it said, he gave regulations and limitations as may up his can and left it in charge of

The Hoptoad.

of the chairs and the table tops. The Da hoptond makes a pusson laff and laff in' uv him eye.
'E look jes' lak a chunk uh mud tryin'



deemed incongruous." - Shanghai to health. To do this they form a Fon dey full y full un poison warts an

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution.

Notes. Perhaps the next greatest Relating to Pensions for Confeder-

ate Soldiers. House Joint Resolution to amend Article 3, Section 51, of the Con-stitution of the State of Texas, relating to the pensions of ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors.

Boys and girls may amuse a sick Legislature of the State of Texas: That Article 3, Section 51, of the Con-

twine through precisely on the prin- associations or individuals, municipciple of a clothesline, then tie the al or other corporations, whatsoever; provided, however, the Legislaline, four at each end, with spaces sailors, who came to Texas prior to over sixty years of age or whose disability is the proximate result of ac-Then by means of a guy rope you tual service in the Confederate army and float them across the room to their widows in indigent circumthe intense delight of the weary lit- stances, who have never re-married and who have been bona fide residents of the State of Texas since March 1, 1880, and who were mar ried to such soldiers or sailors an-Some years ago an English track terior to March 1, 1880; provided, And also grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for be provided by law; provided, the grant to aid said home shall not exreed one hundred thousand dollars for any one year, and no inmate of said home shall be entitled to any ther aid from the State, and, provided further, that the provisions of this section shall not be construed to prevent the grant of aid in case of public calamity. Sec. 2. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the neces-

sary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Texas at the next general election for State and county-officers. J. R. CURL.

[A true copy.] Secretary of State.

Big Cities,

At the beginning of the nineteenth centary Europe had only two cities with over half a million inhabitants. Paris had 550,000 and London 950,000. Today there are six European cities with over a million, and, whereas a century ago there were only twelve cities with over 100,000, there are now thirty

with over 400,000.

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C. H. HITCHCOCK, P. H. YOUNG, J. T. JOWELL, S. H. HEYSER,

For Sheriff and Tax Collector-E. A. UPFOLD, (For Re-Election) M. F. SLOVER

For County Attorney-ALBERT S. ROLLINS. R. A. SOWDER BERN WILSON (For Re-election)

For County Treasurer-R. G. OLDHAM, JOHN ROWAN, R. B. REDFEARN (For Re-Election)

For Inspector-R. E. FOSTER (Re-Election) W. A. JENNINGS

For Commissioner and Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 2-

G. R. STRATTON

J. B. THOMAS

Everybody in town, most, had friends or relatives visiting them this week and as we cannot mention them all will suffice with a bow of welcome to each and every visitor.

News Office Strike.

The entire News force "walk ed out" this week and took in the Reunion. Nobody in there from Monday morning until Friday, and this is Saturday, hence, what could be expected in the way of a paper this issue?

At a special meeting of the log. Board of Trade Monday evening, Judge Henson, L. T. Lester, Dr. Howell, R. W. O'Keefe, G. C. Long and L. G. Conner were selected as a committee to confer with the veterans of Stonewall Jackson Camp looking to the continuation of the Reunion here for a term of years. Result, the Reunion is with Canyon City for a term of three years.

BERN WILSON.

The News is authorized to announce as a candidate for re-election and do it promptly. as County Attorney, Bern Wilson. Bern says that he will very much appreciate a second term in this capacity and that he will do his best in the line of his duties as such County Attorney if the voters of the county will but return him. Bern is not one of those lawyers whom fortune favored with a University polish, but he has the natural stuff in him out, of which good lawyers come, University or no University, and with proper effort can succeed in reaching a front seat at the bar and no doubt will do so. He has many friends and will run a good race.

Our new serial story entitled "A Soldier of Commerce," will commence with this issue of the News. It is a high-class story and every reader of the paper. should begin the perusal of it.

Silverton will have a grand Reunion. barbecue the 18th and 19th of August. Everybody is invited.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the people of Randall county who so kindly ministered to us in the loss of our home which was destroyed by fire on May 15th.

Stark Foster and family.

We yet have a few gallons of the celebrated Lincoln Paint on hand which we are offering at excursion rates.

CANYON LBR. CO.

Such ice cream and cold drinks as can be had at Wilson's makes one want to sing "In The Good Old Summer Time."

Sept. 1st has been the date set for the Baptist revival meeting. Geo. W. Truett of Dallas, and J. M. Carroll of Waco, will conduct the preaching services. The place of meeting has not yet been determined though it is thought that the Reunion grounds will be selected for the

F. M. Brown, who just recently sold his section north of town and moved to Erath county, has purchased a section of land from Charlie Houser, near Umbarger and moved on itmaking the remarkable record of moving 500 miles and back to the starting point in about three weeks. This is probably the best advertisement the Plains country is now receiving -people move away apparently discouraged only to come back more than ever in love with Panhandle conditions.

It is our intention to quit the fence post business-we have know how to sympathize with the having "gone through" college, only a small lot now on handbe sure to see us before buying. CANYON LUMBER CO.

BABIES WANTED.

I want three hundred babies right away (not all at one time and everything will be in perfect liarly belonging to the profes though) at my photo gallery to working order by the first of next sion-indomnitable pluck and a have their pictures made-the week. kind that satisfies.

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money. Only one of the con- be in a child or an adult. For sale testants tied his steer, the for by S. V. Wirt, Druggist. tunate one being the noted roper, Clay McGonigal, who made the time of 31 seconds.

J. I. Phillips, the photographer, would appreciate a share of the patronage of the people of Canyon City and surrounding country. He will treat you right, give you good work

Call and see his work at tho old Sink Studio opposite Hotel Victoria.

There were various games of baseball during the week, in all of which Canyon City participated and came off victorious with one single exception--a game between this team and Roswell resulting in a score of 2 to 3 in favor of Roswell. The most lamentable defeat suffered by any of the opposing teams was in a game played between Canyon City and Roswell which resulted in a score of 18 to 0 in favor of the former. Roswell papers will please copy. ...

Notice

kindly call in at an early date through its pages. and arrange an appointment as I will leave here soon after the

> Very Truly Yours. S. B. Tadlock. week.

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as the great packers' strike has to the office of County Attorney. try. If you have never been "up State University, and his diploagainst it" you will of course not ma is not merely a formula of victims of its direful effects. The but represents a well-carned the baseball games, etc, are over those traits of character pecu-

goods. Those who see them are satisfied they're all right.

THOMAS BROS. Furniture.

With the view of quitting the paint business we are offering than wholesale cost.

CANYON LBR. CO. Bowel Complaint in Child ren.

During the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels which should receive careful attention as soon as the first unnatural looseness of the bowels appears. The best medicine in use for bowel complaint is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea. Remedy as In the roping contest there it promptly controls any unnatural were seven entries for the prize looseness of the bowels, whether it

Frank Masonheimer, son-in law of Mr. and Mrs. Steen, ar rived last Sunday afternoon.

view, visited Miss Laura Wig-Saturday and Sunday.

Jim Stratton was seen in our midst last Sunday.

T. F. Gilliland and family by S. V. Wirt, Druggist. visited friends in Amarillo last

Our beef club is now in order, and oh my! how we do feast.

to leave us soon."

East for several months returned last Monday.

DOT.

Copies of the Texas Almanac, a book of 456 pages of valuable information about Texas, published by the Dallas News, can be had at W. Palmer, this week. Any one desirous of having Wilson's confectionary store, price me do dental work for them will 25 cts. Come around and look

> baby, of Vernon, are guests of Arizona, attended the Reunton, W. W. Merrill and family this and is the guest of Mrs. Sam

The strike of the force in the R. A. Sowder places his name News office this week was equal in in the News' announcement its demoralizing effects to the paper column this week as an aspirant been already to the packing indus- Mr. Sowder is a graduate of our management of the paper, however, certificate of learning. He is on L. T. LESTER PRESIDENT. stands some show of arbitrating the pathway of success as a the matter with the strikers after practical lawyer, possessing clear-set knowledge of the usual method of transacting legal No puff is necessary to sell our business. He would make a good prosecutor for the county.

Alfalfa For Sale.

First class alfalfa hay and everything in that line at less clear of weeds at ten dollars

Henry Shinebarger.

His Only Wish.

Nothing so touches the heart strings as the loss of a favorite tion and improvements. child. Anyone who has experienced such a misfortune will sympathize with Mr. N. J. Lewis of Newbury, Florida, who writes: "I am so thankful that I have found a cure for dysentery. For three years I have been troubled with this disease. Chamberlain's Cholic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was recommended to me and has affected a cure. When it comes back one dose is all that is necessary to set me right. I only wish I had known about this remedy a year ago when my dear little baby, one and a half years old, have been attending the Sum-Miss Annie Foster, of Lake took dysentery and died in three mer Normal. days. The doctors tried to stop very heart strings with my child. No household should be without this valuable remedy. For sale days.

John Hutson has moved part of the old school building on a lot just south of Victoria Arthur Baird says he is going Hotel and it will probably be used by the managers of this Buford Steen who has been hotel as an annex to their establishment.

> We are now ready for work. Bring the babies and come on.

Miss Lula Palmer, of Canadian, is visiting her uncle, G.

will send their husbands to BURTON-LINGO'S Mrs. Pierce, daughter, and Mrs. J. M. Phacker, of Yuma,

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Misses Ona Long, Vera Odell, Cummie Redfearn and Belle Shotwell returned from .Clarendon, Thursday, where they

Lee Shifflett will pay 11 cts. gins and Mrs. Ora Thomas it but failed, and I buried my per lb for young chickens, 2 to For further particulars read 3 lbs, under 2 lbs not wanted. 5 1-2c per lb for Hens. 10c per dozen for eggs for the next 30 Canyon City, Texas.

Lost-on Reunion grounds Wednesday, a child's wrap. Kindly leave at this office.

If it's candy you want see Wilson for the best kind. Kodak finishing and view work a specialty—at Phillips.

Coal tar, 1x16 clear & in. poplar at Burton-Lingo's.

The best Bakers' light bread at Wilson's. Fresh and good.

In the last game of ball between Canyon City and Ama rillo teams, a score of 17 to 3 Ladies wanting Ironing Boards was declared for the latter.

> makes it a resort of the least resistance, "Meet Me There."

Two more candidates out this

The Voting Contest.

Following are the contestants together with the number of votes cast for this week in the contest being held by the Canyon Mercantile, in which they are going to give away a \$10 hat to the most popular lady. their display Ad:

Mrs. Clark Smith580 Mrs. W. R. Farr......236 Miss Rose Bratton.....442 Emily Yeary510 Jessie Long 646 Bertha Wallace 429 Amelia Wilson 356 Mae O'Keefe 178 Martha Curry 238 Minnie Prichard 190 Mrs. J. A. Edwards 187

TRY US

Before sending off for Letter Heads, Note Heads, Envelopes. Type writer paper, Bill Heads, or any other class of printing, try the News office on quality and price.

We need the work and will do our very best to meet competition. Only give us the same order you Those cold drinks at Wilson's give the foreign house and ten to one we can meet the price.

We carry a full stock of material. Give us the same chance we week. The pot begins to sim- propose to give you This is all we



A SOLDIER OF COMMERCE

By JOHN ROE GORDON

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CHAPTER I. THE DISAPPEARANCE OF AN AMERICAN. HE senior member of the firm of Townsend & Burdick, manpumps and other appurte-

of that nature, was serenely contemplating In his New York office the increased revenues he would receive from the large sales to be made by Harvey Irons, their hustling, energetic representative in Russia. The last letter written by Mr. Townsend to Mr. Irons was to the effect that the latter's suggestion that a market could be had in Russia was a good one and for him to use his own judgment.

Thereafter there were no letters sent between the senior member and the agent, but cablegrams, mostly conveying large orders, frequently came from Mr. Irons, and other cablegrams, conveying money, were sent by Mr. Townsend. Orders came from St. Peters burg, Moscow and other cities. As time went on the increase of business gave warrant for the roseate bue of Mr. Townsend's dreams.

While Mr. Townsend was contemplating his happy, future he was startled at receiving the following mes-

IRONS.

As Mr. Townsend was somewhat; hazy on the subject of Russia and had no information hs to how Irons had gone in on his first visit, it can easily be imagined that Mr. Townsend had very little idea of what the other way fendi and ascertain if he has found of going back chosen by Mr. Irons what the ameer wishes." might be.

He cabled to Harvey Irons as fol-

What do you mean? Answer at once. TOWNSEND.

He waited in vain for an answer. He became greatly perturbed and conferred with his partner.

must be in trouble. I can learn noth- must work slowly and-with caution." ing. There is something left unexplained."

"There always was," said Mr. Burdick, "Irons is a man, who nets ac- world, an impossibility? cording to what he finds on the spot, "I did not say it was an impossibiliback. Leave blin alone,"

"I can do nothing else," said Mr. Townsend, "as I do not know where where they resumed their chat,

"I do. He is in Russin. Just wait. You will get big orders from Russia | covite emperor has made this new law, yet. Irons against the entire pelice and there are soldiers to spy upon us of the empire. My confidence in him and compel us to obey. It is absurd. is so unshakable I believe-well. I'll for these women are happier when in bet you a thousand dollars he turns the luxury their Osmanli husbands up all right with Russian orders." give them than with these pigs and

"I'll not take the bet. I share your confidence, Well wait.

And so they waited. Hafiz Effendi sat crosslegged on a divan watching the passing show. Hafiz Effendi was himself a part of the show, but this did not concern him. Hafiz was morose.

"Curses upon the Muscovite!" he muttered as he drew long breaths from his chibouk and watched an elderly Grusian and his daughter pass by, my brother's coffee, let us depart. I "The new law is in effect and the bride for the prince not yet obtained. And Mizik, the officer of the ameer, will soon be here to ascertain the truth."

Hafiz Effendi had not traveled all the accompany me." way from Constantinople simply to witness the fair at Titlis. Hatiz had made his wealth in the business of sup- kahve. plying wealthy Osmanlis with pretty Circassian or Georgian girls for their wives, and his income had been rudely stopped by the new order of the czar. The hated Muscovite government had interdicted the trade in women which had made Circassia and Georgia in-

Here was the annual fair at Tiflis under full sway, and all the wealth and beauty of the Caucasus were pres-

Hafiz Effendi shook his bead, grunted another curse against the Muscovite and then, placing his chibouk in the care of Muley, the keeper of the bazaar, wandered, or, rather, waddled, round the gay streets of the fair. Following in his wake was a tall, handsome young officer, whose uniform, as well as his accent, proclaimed him to be from St. Petersburg.

"Ah," said this officer to himself as he saw the frown on the face of the Turk, "our friend Hafiz seems indignant. He eyes every pretty woman with something like greed. I'll keep my eye on him."

For Captain Sergius Orskoff was in command of the department of the service that had for its object the obliteration of the slave trade between

the Caucasus and Persia and Turkey. Men from ill parts were at Tiflis, exhibiting in the bazaars rugs and coats of rare wools from Persia, silks from China, costly pipes of every conceivable shape and size carved by hand by the men of 'rebizond, shoes from Massachusetts, inives from England-in short, the products of the world were spread out that those who walked could see and perchance purchase.

Hafiz Effendi turned and saw the steely eyes of Captain Orskoff fixed

"It is a great fair, excellency," be

tion. "It is one that brings the world

"Good enough; but remember there is nothing sold here save what is exhibited for sale."

The Turk opened his eyes wide, as if in astonishment. "Who could have asked more? Is there not enough?" he asked, gazing at a pretty Circassian who passed with a soldier.

"Yes, it seems enough; only remember," said Orskoff, walking off with scant courfesy.

"Pigs! Dogs! These Muscovites are unbearable!" growled Hafiz.

He left the busy portion of the fair, went to the baths, returned to the bazaar kept by his friend Muley and resumed his pipe. The passing show seemed endless. Officers in brilliant uniforms, merchants, women of every degree, crowded the thoroughfares. The reverie of Hafiz was interrupted.

"How is the day? Does the sun shine full upon thee, O Hafiz Effendi?" asked soft voice at his side. He beheld a warrior of some peculiar race, dark skinned and gavly uniformed. "Ab. bast thou come, O Mizik? The

day is well. The sun never falls to shine upon the faithful," replied Hafiz. "It is so. O wise and mighty Hafiz.". "And how is my friend, the great and

Expelled from Russia. Going back an-heaven born ameer of Bokhara?" asked Haffz. "Our lord is well, but he is growing

Impatient that thy mission has not yet been fulfilled. It was told to me in the sacred precincts of the palace to come to Tiflis, seek out Hatiz Ef-

."The prettiest woman in all Geor gla," said Hafiz, with a smile.

"For the bride of our young Prince Davonea. And thou hast been promised much wealth, Hafiz Effendi.'

young woman. But the accursed Muscovite ruler has made a new law which "I tell you, Burdick," he said, "Irons prohibits the sale of the women. We

"Then is the thing that is so near the heart of my lord, that his son shall bave the most beautiful bride in the

We can't sit in New York and tell him ty," said Hafiz testily. "It issdangerwhat to do in Russia. If he says he is ous. Speak in a low tone. Better come to the kahve kept by my brother There we can talk."

> "While you are in Tillis look not upon the women," said Haftz. "The Mus-

Hafiz led the way to a coffee house,

dogs, who are rude and have no wenith." "But why has the czar made this

"Because he likes not the fact that our princes have more than one wife." "And has he, the ruler of the greatest country on earth, not more than

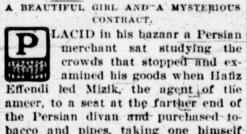
"It has been said." "By the horn of the sacred bull!" "But come, if thou art refreshed with

would show you something." "Ah, then you are choosing that beautiful one!"

"She is chosen. Hold thy tongue and

And Mizik, thinking bard upon this new law, followed his guide from the

CHAPTER II.



and filling the other for Mizik. "Sit where you are, watching at all times the door of the large linen bazaar two doors away. Upon her tingers were opposite," said Hafiz when the pipes various rings-diamonds, rubies and were smoking satisfactorily. "There you will see-what you will see."

Mizik kept his eyes on the object spoken of by the Turk. The linen ba- bluation of the modern and the characzaar was larger, cleaner, better equipped and gave more evidence of prosperity than any other portion of the passed the bazaar paused to gaze at fair within sight. Bales of finest linen the girl. were displayed. Near the end of a long table could be seen an elderly merchant in Georgian costume watching his several employees handle and sell his

"That, my friend from Bokhara," said Hafiz, "is Ignatz Biartelkis, the richest merchant in Tiflis." "And will be supply that for which

"He will." "Good. Why do we not go to him in stead of sitting idly here?"

"For the excellent reason, my friend, that he does not know he is going to perform this generous act." Mizik shook his head again. He did

not understand this slow and laborious method. His way, the way of his people, would have been to attack Tiffis and take what was wanted. Mizik had not yet learned the power of the arm that reaches from St. Petersburg to said, with his usual Turkish saluta- the Gaspian. Suddenly he started from

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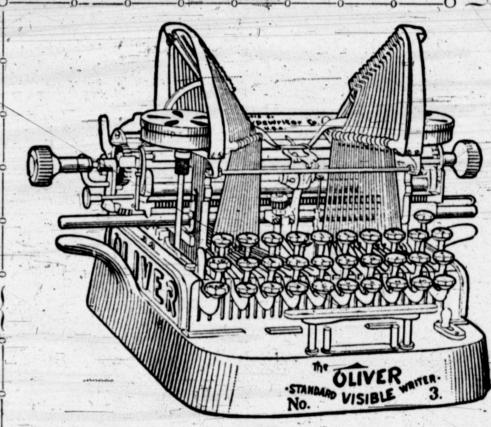
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shot, and you will have me shot by saluted her in courtly fashion. the Muscovite. There he is."

"There she is!" said Mizik breath-

knows things when he sees them." crowded street, stopped to speak to a the thing is known."

girl who had come to the door of the bazaar of Ignatz Biartelkis. She was by the brother of Hafiz. a girl who would cause others than Mizik to stare. Her complexion was like the blush of a peach. Her eyes coffee. were black and shaded with long, silky merchant sat studying the lashes. Her hair was long and fell in a raven flood below her waist. She covering of face barely hid a gown, sweep your people from Bokhara." bacco and pipes, taking one himself that might have come from Paris. On her feet were tiny patent leather shoes ful!" from the bazaar of the Jewish trader sapphires. Jeweled bracelets were upon her wrists. Her form was elegance endowed with human life. The comtéristic dress of her people made so charming a tout ensemble that all who

"Would that one content the mighty prince of Bokhara?" asked Hafiz siyly. "Would she? She is fit for the wife of a ruler of gods! Who is she?"

"That, my friend, is the daughter of Ignatz Biartelkis." "Her name?"

"Koura." "Sons of heaven! Would he part with ber?" "Rather with his life."

"Then of what avail is all our talk?" Hafiz noted the dejected look on Mizik's face.

That is to be the wife of the sou of the Bmeer. with the jewels of the earth." "I intend that he shall. It is for no

small amount that I take this risk.

As the bandsome soldier moved away "Curses!" said Hafiz. "You will be the girl smiled archly at bim, and be "I will drink his blood!" muttered

Mizik. "Be careful, my friend, that he does "There he is, as I have spoken. His not drink yours," said Hafiz. "That eyes are not now turned this way, but man knows how to fight. His sword hold yourself with calmness. Orskoff is no stranger to the hearts of his enemies. Come, let us move along. 1 do At that moment the officer mention- not wish to be seen too long opposite ed, who had been sauntering along the that bazaar. There will be a stir when

Again they went to the kahve kept

"Let us, my friend, talk over this matter," said the Turk after ordering

"I came for that," said Mizik shortly. "I do not need to ask that your mouth be kept shut," said Hafiz, "If amined his goods when Hafiz wore a tall, bejeweled headdress that our purpose were known, it is possible Effendi led Mizik, the agent of the made her seem almost statuesque. That the great ruler of all the tribes of ameer, to a seat at the farther end of From her shoulders a long, elegant the Caucasus would send his armles to

> "Let them come; we are very power-Hafiz grinned derisively.

"Nevertheless keep your tongue silent. New, admitting that I am capable of getting the girl and conveying ber as far as the Caspian, bow shall I

deliver her to you?" "On the Caspian there is a vessel manned by brave men from the ameer's dominion. They are Taujiks, as I am,

The Reunion program as published in the News last week ameer.' was carried out except as to the balloon ascension and one or two minor details. The only vessel purchased from the Perstans." real disappointment perhaps, was the failure of the balloon to go up. The balloon was new and according to its owner's statement would be when inflated eighty feet in diameter "My friend, thou art not experienced and the same in height. It ardition, the makers having neg-"Our heaven born lord will load you lected to size it, at least that is what the aeronaut had to say about it. This gentleman, Prof. bands. I will go after the thing is you wanted a quietlet? Look the other way. The accursed Riesto, says the failure cost him done to Bokhara to obtain my reward. in cash about \$150.



The girl smiled archly at him.

and so resemble the races innaditing this country that no suspicion will be aroused. They are faithful to the

"How can the vessel be distinguished? Has it a name?" "There is no name. It is a long, black

"Tell me the name of the captain." "His name is Karakal." "Good. Then when I find this vessel whose captain is Karakal I can go on board with my charge and proceed to

Bokhara." "Certainly." "But I do not intend to do anything of that kind, my friend. That would be inviting my enemy Orskoff to slay in the world," he said. "I have spoken rived here in an unfinished con me. Can Karakal be trusted to convey the girl to Bokhara and give her to the

"Very well. Leave the matter in my

"But how will you get the girl and how will you get to the Caspian?" "I have not yet determined that most important matter. I will visit you tomorrow, or, if you wish, I will be pleased to see you here. I may have a plan then."

"Very well," sald Mizik, with a crestfallen air. "I can be trusted." "I will see you tomorrow." And Ha-

fiz Effendi waddled out of the kahve. [TO BE CONTINUED]

"PAGE PROOF."

In the senate chamber at Washington, says the New York Tribune, is a page who is a "stickler" for correct grammar. Senator Allison was one day discussing, in leisurely fashion, the Panama canal commis-

"If the commission are agreed"he began.

"If the commission is agreed," said the page in a stage whisper to a friend. The whisper was distinctly audible in the chamber, and Senator Allison, pausing, began again: "If the commission is agreed"-

A few moments later, having occasion to refer to the commission again, he said:

"If the commission are"-

"If the commission is," came the whispered correction, and the senators laughed merrily when Mr. Allison accepted what a colleague called the "page proofs" of his speechand began again:

"If the commission is"-

The Diminutive. Bertie-Pa, a little stream is a streamlet, isn't it?

Pa-Yes, Bertie. Bertie-Well, pa, is a cutlet a little cut and a hamlet a little ham and a gimlet a little gim and

pamphlet a little pamph? Pa-Oh, go away, Bertie! I want a little quiet. Bertie-Well, why didn't you say

with you as my guide and to swear | . The News office for job work

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"Set a Thief to

time especially, so soon after having to restore peace, begged them both to been married. Besides, Carlotta knows leave, which they did.

any one at all?" her time rather than that he should have a chance to do so."

my best for you, old man."

been seated when Mrs. Young raised a pair of mild blue eyes to his and said: that I was to be guided in my associ- ing up

ates by you. I think you'd better tell me just whom to avoid?

would suppose I was her papa." Then to keep off one of your fascinating enehe told her he wouldn't presume to do mies you'd better put a watch on them such a thing.

conduct myself that you can conscient far enough. Get into your carriage, tiously make a good report of me to and we will do the same. I've ordered Bob when he returns. If there is any a sumptuous breaklast to celebrate one he would have me avoid I wish to Bobby's return, and we'll all go and know it."

May fenced with her for awhile, but she coaxed and teased till at last she got the secret out of him that Martin Reynolds was the man of all others to

be avoided. week. At the end of ten weeks the nights when he didn't call became a bore to him. Then one evening he. called and found Reynolds in his place. pearing uncivil. May still appearing dissatisfied, she began to coax him not to blame her, at last begging him to May's fatherly sternness, and he for geon:" gave her on condition that she discourage any further visits from the objectionable man. The coolness between May and the lady was followed by a very happy reconciliation.

Ten days after this episode a friend fluttery woman. "I've kept my age of May's said to him:

"Seems to me Mart Reynolds is getting pretty thick with that little Mrs. Young."

"What makes you think so?" "Well, my sister has been in to see

her two nights during this week, and man has kept a secret for twenty my cousin has/been there another years she comes pretty near knownight. Reynolds has been there all three evenings."

May was startled. He had been to see his charge every alternate evening. therefore Reynolds must have been to see her on every other alternate even-

When May went to see Mrs. Young again there was a scene. She admitted everything, but declared that she was to tell her bushand of Reynolds' attentions and managed to find an opportunity to bring in an admission that she infinitely preferred him (May) to Reynolds. This mollified May, and the danger from Reynolds seemed less terrifying. From this time very tender relations existed between May and his charge till a day or two before Robert | the guarantee.

olds met at Mrs. Young's, and she Catch a Thief's turned the cold shoulder on May, devoting herself exclusively to Reynolds. May deliberately insulted Reynolds by ordering him out of the house. "I don't like this trip, Archie, at this Mrs. Young, after vainly endeavoring

no one here. I wish you'd do what you! The next morning Mrs. Young hired can for Carlotta while I'm gone." . a detective to watch the two men and "Certainly, Bob. Doesn't she know report every movement. At noon he brought her in a report, and she sent "A few_women and one man-that him to a telegraph office with a disfellow Reynolds. I don't like him, and patch for her husband, to which a re-I should prefer to have you monopolize ply was received that he would be at

home by the midnight train. At 3 o'clock the next morning he was "But, my dear boy, why not leave it awakened by his wife, and half an hour later they were in a carriage driv-"She's young, unsophisticated and a ing to the suburbs, the detective on woman. I don't believe in temptation the box. Just before sunrise they for any one. How do we know that if turned into a wood and soon came to an open space shut in on all sides by "Rats! We're not women. I'd trust trees. A small party was there; inyou or myself anywhere. But I'll do cluding May, Reynolds, two friends and a surgeon. Mrs. Young beld her Robert Young left on a two months' husband book till May and Reynolds parture his bosom friend. Archie May, pistols in their hands, when she rush-follows: called on his wife. He had barely ed forward and threw herself dramatically between them.

"What in thunder does all this "Bob told me before he went away mean?" exclaimed her husband, com-

"It means, Bobby, dear, that the next time you go away and leave me in "What a child," thought May. "One care of one of your fascinating friends to keep them from shooting one an-"I'm very anxious," she said, 'to so other. Come, gentlemen, this has gone eat it." ARTHUR C. BRADLEY.

Liquor and Seasickness. Regarding seasickness a traveler says: "Before sailing it is just as Now, there was nothing against Mar- well for a man not to take too many tin Reynolds except that he was a very farewell dinners and not to start attractive young man and a general fa- out 'with a head on him.' One of vorite. May kept his promise to his the worst cases of seasickness I ever friend to take care of his young wife saw was accumulated by a man who by calling regularly three times a had never been seasick before and had sailed all over the world. But he was sailing from Honolulu and the day before had been to a farewell May looked sternly at Mrs. Young, who 'luau,' where he had eaten por and cast down her eyes in a self reproach- Taw fish mixed with a great deal of ful mander, but when Reynolds left frapped champagne. His friends she explained that circumstances had came down to see him off and hung led to Reynolds' visit and she couldn't many floral leis about his neck. have avoided inviting him without ap- They also poured more champagne into his neck. As a result the acute case of seasickness which he develexcuse her with tears. That ended oped alarmed even the ship sur-

Her Secret.

"A woman can't keep a secret," declares the mere man. "Oh, I don't know!" retorts the

a secret since I was twenty-four." "Yes, but one of these days you will give it away. In time you will simply have to tell it."

"Well, I think that when a woing how to keep it."-Judge.

Mexican Railways.

The rails of the Mexican Gulf railway are laid on mahogany sleepers and the bridges built of white marble. In west Mexico is a line with ebony sleepers and ballast of silver ore drawn from old mines bea victim of circumstances. May was side the track. The engineers conconvinced that she needed protection structing these railways had no othfrom Reynolds, and his blood boiled to rer material on the route and found protect her. Mrs. May begged him not it cheaper to use these seeming extravagances than to import the ordinary material.

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the State Constitution.

Authorizing legislation in Aid of In-

ternal Improvements.

House Joint Resolution authorizing the submission to a yote of the people of a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing legislation in aid of certain internal

improvements. Section 1. Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That at the next general election of the State of Texas, or at any previous election in case an election for the State shall be had of ordered by the Governor for other purposes. there shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Texas, for their approval or disapproval, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, as provided for in Section 1. Article 17, of said Constitution relating to proposed amendments thereto:

Sec. 2. Be it resolved that Section 52, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be, and the same

Section 52. The Legislature shall have no power to authorize, any county, city, town or other political orporation or subdivision of the State to lend its credit or grant pubic money or thing of value in aid of, er to any individual, association or corporation whatsoever, or to be. ome a stockholder in such corporation, association or company; provided, however, that under legislative provision any county, any political subdivision of a county, any number of adjoining counties, or any political subdivision of the State, or any defined district now or hereafter to be described and defined within the State of Texas, and which may or may not include towns, villages ! or municipal corporations, upon, a vote of a two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers voting thereon who are qualified electors of such district or territory to be affected thereby, in addition to all other debts, may issue bonds or otherwise lend its credit in any prount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such district or territory, except that the total bonded indebt edness of any city or town shall never exceed the limits imposed by other provisions of this Constitution, and levy and collect such taxes to a sinking fund for the redemption privileges in this State. thereof, as the Legislature may authorize, and in such manner as it lowing purposes to-wit:

navigation, or in aid thereof.

(c) The construction, maintenance graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof.

Sec. 3. The Governor is hereby authorized to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this mary in such cases.

is necessary is hereby appropriated ment as required by law. out of the Treasury of the State of Texas, not otherwise appropriated, retary of State. to pay the necessary cost and expenses of the proceedings bereunder to be had and done. [A true copy.] - J. R. Cour. Sec-

Young's return. Then May and Reyn- Proposed Amendment to Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution.

> Relating to Incorporation of State Joint Resolution to amend Section

16, of the constitution of the incorporation of corporate bodies with banking and discounting privileges, prescribing the liability of stockholders in the same: providing for the regulation of such corporate bodies, and prohibiting foreign corporations with such powers from doing business in this State; and providing for the submission, of such proposed Constitutional Amendment as required by law.

Section T. Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: Calls promptly answered night or day That Section 16, of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, journey, and on the evening of his de- were placed facing each other with is hereby amended so as to read as be and the same is hereby so amend ed that the same shall hereafter reac

> Section 16. The Legislature shall by general laws, authorize the incorporation of corporate bodies with banking and discounting privileges, and shall provide for a system of State supervision, regulation and control of such bodies which will adequately protect and secure the depositors and creditors thereof. . .

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Nor foreign corporation, other than the National banks of the United States, shall be permitted to pay the interest thereon and provide exercise banking or discounting

Sec. 2. The Governor is hereby required and directed to make the may authorize the same, for the fol- proclamation and give the notices required by law for the submission (a) The improvement of rivers, of the foregoing resolution to the creeks and streams to prevent over- people of the State of Texas as an flows, and to permit of navigation amendment to the Constitution of thereof or irrigation thereof, or in the State of Texas, at the next genaid of such purposes

(b) The construction and main persons favoring such amendment tenance of pools, lakes, reservoirs, shall have written or printed on the authorities (based on investigation and results) unanimously dams, canals and waterways for the ballots the words, 'Forthe Amendpurposes of irrigation, drainage or ment to Section 16, Article 16, of the poration of banks," and those opand operation of macadamized, posed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the Amend nent to Section 16, Article 16, of the Constitution, permitting the incorporation of banks," and the sum of five proposed amendment to the electors thousand dollars, or as much thereof of the State, as berinbefore indicated, as may be necessary, is hereby apand to further direct said election in , propriated out of any funds in the its details, as is usual and custo- Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to discharge

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