BY MARY J. HOLMES

are going to have a great deal better home than this. You know where Rice

Corner is, the district over east? nice lady, who used to live in Boston, and be intimate with ms, until three or four years ago when Mr. Mason died. glances toward the distant sandy beach We didn't go there any more then, and and the graceful trees which drooped and said she believed I didn't know any-

What does it?" asked Mary and Jenny

"If a person dies and leaves no money, no matter how good his folks are, or how them when you meet them in the street, down, for my foot is so lame I don't be dies call and speak about them, you come ere." must draw a great, long breath, and wonder 'how the poor thing will get along. she was so dreadfully extravagant.' I vords about Mrs. Mason; and what is so tion from her round, jolly face. funny, the washwoman the same day spoke of her, and cried when she told this gal lift her traps out." ing to the poor."

After a moment's pause Jenny proceeded: "This Mrs. Mason came into the country and bought the prettiest little pushing a chair toward Mary with her steps will never happen any more cottage you ever saw. She has lots of I had crambry sass and ginger snaps, and nice fruit, and for all mother pretends in Boston that she does not visit her, just and I got belated; but set down and Auburn and Blonde Tresses Have Gone drive the wild horses of imperial gov as soon as the fruit is ripe she always make yourself to home."

Yes took the norm.

"Oh, no," returned Jenny. "Mother dinner. "And," continued Judith, "she change is not due to the initiative of said she was tired to death with staying told me to entertain you, but I don't know the stage, however. The mania for thing in Boston about a large estate in England, which possibly would fall to Mrs. Mason, and she thought it would be girls to talk to. Can't you think of some thing to talk about? What have you shades and grades of auburn hair, of has poor health, and while we were there been used to doing?" she asked mother if she knew of any good little girl she could get to come and live with her; 'one,' she said, 'who could be won't have that to do here for one night; reflects the vogue for it in all classes quiet when her head ached, and who when some of the neighbors were in I would read to her and wait on her at other times.' Mother said she did not you to read to her and wait on her. And know of any, but when Mrs. Mason then she said something about your not went out to get tes, I followed and told having an equal chance with your sister. more have won success in spite of her of you, and the tears came into her You han't but one, now t'other's dead, what would once have been considered tyes when I said your folks were all dead, bave you?" and you were alone and sorry. She said | Mary replied in the negative, and Ju- It is the blonde actress-whether ac-

should live with her."

So saying, she ran off: Mary, having gathered her cowslips, sat down to think of Mrs. Mason, and wonder if she should be members and again a little golden with lines and again a little golden and again a little golden capped to-day. She not only suggests the should be no period of chaos between hardly be avoided. No other foreign is old-fashioned—which is very worse. Most light-hard actresses, such as down of one rule and the laying down of one rule and the laying on of another. A country is indeed fortunate, however, which finds

ing her hair and tying on a clean aprou, we see descended to the kitchen, where she ginger snap the minute it's baked. See if 'For years. It is the fashion, and a good one: it stands for the real rather than that he must perforce lay down to the idea, as they still cherish concerning the burden upon more vigorous should the burden upon more vigorous should ders.

In the fashion, and a good one: it stands for the real rather than the must perforce lay down to the idea, as they still cherish concerning the burden upon more vigorous should ders. with you to live here. I reckon, but I'll venture you'll be glad . nough to leave her eat it quick, and then go up and see and go and live with her, won't you?" pointing toward a lady who was just coming from Mrs. Parker's room and toward whom Mary's heart instantly warm-

"You see," continued Mr. Knight, "onof the Lincoln girls has taken a mighty shine to you, and it's queer, too, fo they're dreadful stuck-up folks."

"If you please, sir," said Mary, interrupting him, "Jenny isn't a bit stuck-up." "Umph!" returned Mr. Knight, "She does not belong to the Lincoln race, then, I guess. I know them, root and branch. Lincoln's wife used to work in the factory at Southbridge, but she's forgot all about that, and holds her head dreadful high whenever she sees me. But that's neither here nor there. This woman wants you to live with her. Miss Mypan, and the same to be some kind-hearted girl would do as same voluntary expression of opinion as provided for in their constitution the shutch with a raveling hanging down his back, so when the audience rose with sweet flowers, whose fragrance filled with her. This woman wants you to live with her. Miss Mypan, and below the for her father were he to go to church with a raveling hanging down his back, so when the audience rose for the first hymn she concluded to pick it off. Carefully raising her hand, with its single bed, snowly counterpant to the for her father were he to go to church with a raveling hanging down his back, so when the audience rose for the first hymn she concluded to pick it off. Carefully raising her hand, wants you to live with her. Miss Mypan, wants you to live with her. Miss Moon, All this was so different from the bare she gave a little twitch, but it was by military skill, kept himself in power this is Mary, this is Miss Moon, walls, uncovered floors and rickety furni- longer than she supposed, and a foot The introduction being thus happily over, Mrs. Mason proceeded to ask Mary blod lest it should prove a dream from she gave a pull and about a yard of a variety of questions, and ended by saying she thought she would take her, although she would rather not have her
come for a few days, as she was going to be absent. Miss Grundy was now inter- tuitively just what to do and when to yank and discovered that she was unrogated concerning her knowledge of do it, and her step was so light, her voice raveling his undershirt. Her discemwork, and with quite a consequential air so low, and the hand which bathed the fiture was so painful that chloroform she replied: "Perhaps, ma'am, it looks sching head so soft and gentle in its touch would not have alleviated her suffer-

tempered child, and will scour as bright Mary alternately fixed her hair and a knife as you could wish to see!" Saturday came at last, and long before a quiet slumber, from which she did not Lord R—, who had many good qual-the sun peeped over the eastern hills awake until Judith rang the bell for sup-Mary was up and dressed. Just as she per, which was neatly laid out in a little desire of being thought skillful in phymourning; Oh, there'll be mourning when

Mary's gone away." About nine o'clock Mr. Knight drove up alone, Mrs. Mason being sick with much like weeping as she did on the a tht indifferent matters, complained of a pervous headache. "I should have been here sooner, said he, "but the roads is awful rough, and old Charlotte has got a stub or somethin' in her foot. But where's the gal? Ain't she ready?" He was answered by Mary herself, who

made her appearance, followed by Billy bearing the box. And now commenced the leave takings, Miss Grundy's turn the hills which lay beyond the pond. Then operation he said: "By the way, do strengthened by his commercial alli coming first.

"May I kiss you, Miss Grundy?" said Mary. Miss Grundy bent down and received the child's kiss, and then darting off into the pantry, went to skimming pans of milk already skimmed. Uncle Peter between times kept ejaculating: smaller, feebler one, and in the fleecy of?"
"Oh. Lord: oh, massy sakel-oh, for clouds which floated around it she fau-Billy knew it would be lonely without Mary, but he was glad to have sister. Involuntarily stretching out her

her go to a better home, so he tried to hands, she cried, "Oh, mother! Allie! I be cheerful. Aside from him, Sally was the only agination the stars smiled lovingly upon

composed one. It is true her eyes were her, while the evening wind, as it gently very bright, and there was a compression moved the boughs of the tall elm trees, ally bled for the good of his country. about her mouth seldom seen, except just seemed like the rustle of angels' wings. before one of her frenzled attacks. Oc- Who shall say the mother's spirit was casionally, too, she pressed her hands up- not there to rejoice with her daughter on her head, and walking to the sink, over the glad future opening so brightly bathed it in water, as if to cool its in- before her? ward heat.

CHAPTER IX.

ed ones left behind, her spirits rallied. One morning about two weeks after and by the time they reached the borders as a wedding guest she makes the instructively set forth in the follow-One morning about two weeks after ward Mary was in the meadow gathering of Rice Corners there was such a look cowslips for dinner when she heard some one calling her name; and looking up. Mr. Knight noticed it. As they rode on ahe saw Jenny hurrying toward her, her Mary fancied that the country looked him talk about himself. That is fatal and imperialism. At its head is a great sunbonnet hanging down her back, as pleasanter and the houses better than to man of any color. suphonnet hanging down her back, as pleasanter and the poorhouse; and when usual, and her cheeks flushed with violent exercise. As soon as she came up a sudden turn of the road brought into new sensation to her. She used to rush forth from the group of those who have she began with, "Oh. my, ain't I hot and view a beautiful blue sheet of water, emtired, and I can't stay a minute, either, for I ran away. But I had such good news to tell you, that I would come. You ing toward it, she exclaimed: "Oh, please of the complete the com What is it?"

continued: "We all went over there yes call 'em, seein' there's two, North and Poor John! She asked him all the craft, terday to see Mrs. Mason. She's a real South Pond." "How far is the pond from Mrs. Ma-Chinamen. son's?" asked Mary, casting longing

I asked Rose what the reason was, and over the water's edge. it's uphill all the way," said Mr. Knight, a handkerchief in the steps to sit on, power or great his talents, cannot be but here we be at Miss Mason's-this

and said she believed I didn't know any-thing. But since then I've learned what it means." house right here," and he pointed to a neat, handsome cottage, almost hidden from view by the deuse foliage which There was a long lawn in front, and gle into the carriage road on the right of it

Mr. Knight turned, and driving up to a China and get one?" much you like them, you mustn't know side door, said to Mary, "Come, jump or you must cross over the other side if lieve I'll get out. But there's your chest. you see them coming; and then when la- You can't lift that, Halloo! Judith,

In answer to this call a fat, pleasantlooking colored woman appeared in the sequential remark. doorway, and as if fresh from the regions positively heard mother say those very of cookdom wiped the drops of perspira- Wong.

"Here, Judith," said Mr. Knight, "help would be perfectly fine." how kind she was, and how she would go Charlotte to "get up," Mr. Knight drove Judith complied, and then bidding old away, leaving Mary standing by the me?" he asked.

kitchen door. "Come in and sit down," said Judith, The heart-to-heart talks on the back "It's as hot here as an oven, but

he should think Mrs. Mason would see Judith left the room for a few moments, be fashionable must wear brown "Did you go there for fruit yesterday?" Mason was still suffering from a headache, she could not see Mary until after upon the stage or in society. The at home. Resides that, she heard some what to say nor do first. Harry died blonde hair some years ago was most

right off that she would come round and see you soon, and if she liked you you over the first on't, I recken you's glad capped to-day. She not only suggests should be no period of chaos between hardly be avoided. No other foreign

ever see her. That afternoon, when the dishes were all washed, she, as usual, often in times past it had been, and as ing more. They are careful not to hint stole away to her books. She had not it would never be again. Covering her at the word blonde. It is noticeable presents itself. With all his great per- the vast domestic and foreign interests been long occupied ere some one called face with her hands, she sobbed, "Oh, her, saying Mr. Kuight was downstairs and wanted to see her, and that there Judith looked on in amazement, and for that the brown-haired actresses are, sonal vigor, his iron constitution and in Mexico.

There is even to-day a small fraction as a rule, recent recruits to the profestant of the Mexican people in favor of any and that there is a rule, recent recruits to the profestant of the Mexican people in favor of any and that there is a rule, recent recruits to the profestant of the Mexican people in favor of any and that there is a rule, recent recruits to the profestant of the Mexican people in favor of any and that there is a rule, recent recruits to the profestant of the Mexican people in favor of any and the rule is a rule, recent recruits to the profestant of the Mexican people in favor of any and the rule is a rule, recent recruits to the profestant of the Mexican people in favor of any and the rule is rule in the rule is a rule in the rule is rule in the rule is rule in the rule is rule in the rule in the rule is rule in the rule is rule in the and wanted to see her, and that there was a lady with him.

Mary readily guessed that the lady must be Mrs. Mason, and carefully brushing to herself, "Now, I never! I might life that one meets on the streets, at life that one meets on the streets at life that one meets on the streets. of knew I didn't know what to say. What the shops and in cafes, brown hair is a pity Harry died. I'll give her that big much more common than it has been the minute it's baked. See it is not one many one class. Some of the single star from being general among any one class. Some of the single star from being general among any one class. Some of the single star from being general among any one class. Some of the single star from being general among any one class. Some of the single star from being general among any one class.

Accordingly, when the snap was done, the false Judith placed it in Mary's hands, bidding the nice chamber Mrs. Mason had ar-

ranged for her. way, she conducted Mary up the stair- position received a severe shock on a would be supported in this desire by case, and through a light, siry hall to the recent Sunday evening. She was at every Mexican who has benefited by saying. "Look, sin't it pretty?"

Mary's heart was too full to speak, and hanging to his collar. Being one of throughout the country. fore seen anything which seemed to her so cosy and cheerful as did that little she thought how glad she would be if ture of the poorhouse that Mary trem- or more appeared. Setting her teeth,

that I've had the managin' of her mostly, that Mrs. Mason involuntarily drew her that I've had the managin' of her mostly, the bosom, and kissing her lips, called blushes when the gentleman turned but I must confess that she's lived with her her child, and said she should never blushes when the gentleman turned me so long, and got my ways so well, leave her; then, laying back in her easy with an inquiring look to see what that she's as pleasant a mannered, good- chair, she remained perfectly still, while was tickling his neck. smoothed her forehead, until she fell into was ready to leave her room she heard sally singing in a low tone, "Oh, there'll be mourning — mour with its glossy white cloth, and dishes of to have his vote, went to him one the same bue, that Mary felt almost as morning and after having conversed on of her arrival at the poorhouse. But Mrs. hendache and desired his lordship to Mason seemed to know exactly how to feel his pulse. It was found to bent Mason seemed to know exactly he can be seemed to know exactly and the can be seemed to kn

child in the world than was Mary.

Mrs. Mason soon dismissed her to her bear your lordship has a masterly own room, where she for some time hand, will you favor me with trying amused herself with watching the day- your lancet upon me?" said the tactlight as it gradually disappeared from ful and politic Chesterfield. After the when it all was gone, and the stars begon to come out, she turned her eyes "I did not intend to go." toward one which had always seemed to her to be her mother's soul looking down sufficiently informed of the question to upon her from the windows of heaven, be debated," answered the impromptu cled she could define the face of her baby confidence, easily directed his judgam so happy now;" and to the child's im-

(To be continued.)

woman says."-Philadelphia Times. "Are you educating your child with

FUTURE OF MEXICO.

Pacific Stope Chinaman Who Can Dia SERIOUS CONDITIONS LOOM UP A Southern dream out here from Tennessee for the winter has made the AFTER DIAZ'S DEATH.

HER CONQUEST.

"are you married?"

Giggle.

said Wong.

"No," said Wong, with a giggle.

"Haven't you got a wife in China?"

"No," with another little Chinese gig-

"Well, why don't you go back to

The Tennessee girl made some incon-

"How you like to go to China?" asked

Wong kicked the toe of his brogan

BROWN HAIR IS POPULAR.

a tremendous handleap-brown hair.

great conquest of the season. Yesterby she received an offer of marriage The Provident's Demise Cannot Now Bo from the vegetable Chinaman. It hap-Long Deferred, and the Specter of pened on the back of the kitchen stairs. Revolution Threatens - Uncle Fam says a writer in the Los Angeles Times May Have to Take a Hand. She really took an unfair advantage of the inexperienced heathen. It was No other country in the world to-day not so much her beauty, although she would be affected to as great an extent

makes you gasp for breath when she turns it all on with an obligata of eyehashes; although when she awoops in most peculiar and is interestingly and man, old in years, but young in spirit stop a moment and look. Isn't it lovely? and how early be had to get up and than this, however, for while retaining bow much money he made and whether his identity of interest he has grown "That? Oh, that's nothing but 'Por he ate rats or not. She made him show beyond them in his knowledge of the Mary replied that she did, and Jenny dunk Pond, or as folks most generally her how to write her name in Chinese. world's affairs and in his skill in state-

things that tenderfeet always ask In twenty-five years of rule he has brought a nation forward two conturies Yesterday she got so confidential that in the arts and sciences, but he has Wong had a perfect right to feel en- falled to teach them how to do without his guiding hand. It may be admitted "Say, John," she said, spreading out that one man, no matter how great his everything in the building up of a nation to perfection, but perhaps it would have been possible for Gen. Porfirio Diax to have inculented the millions of people under his care at least the first principles of self-government. This he has not done, notwithstanding the fact that his position and power have rest-When are you going back to China?" ed during all this time upon a constitu-"I tink I go maybe so pretty soon," tional government in theory. There have been no evil results from this omission, and possibly there would have been less peace had he supplied it, for a newly awakened body politic is apt to be restless, as we have seen in

"Me? Oh, I'd love to go! I think it Cuba. When a Strong Man Is Need id. There can be but one result, how into the flower-bed in deep embarrass- ever, when one strong man constitutes ment. "How would you like to go with himself the government and reserves to himself absolute power in general and in detail. When this man is taken away there is necessarily doubt as to what may come next. If by any chance there is another ready to take his place, ready to assume the reins and



If the foreigners who have found their homes and opportunity in Mexico lieve that under American rule they There is one young woman living at were to have their say the Diaz admin-"Come," said Judith; and leading the L'Anse, Mich., whose benevolent dis- istration would continue forever, They door of a small room, which she opened, church and sat directly behind a tall, and who takes a pride in the present well-dressed stranger, with a raveling peace and prosperity which prevail

for several minutes she stood silent. With those generous-hearted, whole souled if the people of Mexico had placed the exception of her mother's pleasant those generous-hearted, whole souled if the people of Mexico had placed the exception of her mother's pleasant those generous hearted, whole souled in the people of Mexico had placed the exception of her mother's pleasant those generous hearted, whole souled in the people of Mexico had placed the exception of her mother's pleasant those generous hearted, whole souled in the people of Mexico had placed the exception of her mother's pleasant those generous hearted, whole souled in the people of Mexico had placed the exception of her mother's pleasant those generous hearted, whole souled in the people of the peopl parlor in old England, she had never beroom, with its single bed, snowy counter- some kind-hearted girl would do as four years in the same position by the



ances, individual and collective, that

his position became impregnable. "I did not intend to go, not being With the mass of the people not only indifferent to what changes may take to the Golden Shore, Captain Burch Now to-night there shone beside it a physician. "Which side will you be, place at the head of the government, says. but incapable, through custom and ed-Lord Chesterfield, having gained his ment; he took him to the house and to a group of active schemers, whose got him to vote as he pleased. He afterwards said that few of his friends dominant forces. had done as much as he, having liter-

The situation presents two phases One of these is involved in the sudden taking off of President Diaz, leaving matters to be adjusted by others; another phase is the power which he "Stand down, sir," thundered the possesses in case his life should be been some months before, and after been some months before, and after brushing away a few natural tears, and week and take a drop of tabasco saucs sending back a few heart-sighs to the lov-

"I remember perfectly," repeated the

witness, "and that was all she said."

pectation of catching fish.

WILL SWIM LENGTH OF CONNEAUT LAKE.



Miss Marion Christy, aged 16 years, who accomplished the feat last summer of swimming a mile across Conneaut la'te, will this year attempt a more daring achievement. It is expected that she will try to swim the length of the lake, which is more than two and one-half miles. A boat will accompany her, in case of accident or any necessity for assistance.

Miss Christy's skill is marvelous for a girl of her age, expert swimmers have declared. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Christy and her home is at Greenville, Pa. She is five feet in height, weighs 140 pounds, rides a bicycle and is an expert bowler. - Chicago American.

formidable army commanded by a bringing him a small fortune. He travloyal friend.

The capital would become the scene a free hand. of a dispute between factions advocatitself and organize a separate repub-

We Might Have to Interfere Should the political situation in Mex-

siderable animosity toward the Mexican republic for its confiscation of and also contributed personally to his church property, and these priests be support, many unofficial complaints from that ing an accompaniment to her singing.

WAVE SAVED TWO SHIPS.

Interposed in Time to Prevent a Beri one Collision. cane was raging when the ships nearly he went back to his room to die.

alized the folly of salling in such a sea, in his last days. and every yard of canvas was stripped from the masts. There was nothing to do but drift, and this the ship did for some time. Soon the bare masts of the

drifting rapidly in the storm. As the ships neared one another their positions became perilous. The terrifled crews were unable to control them and looked for nothing but the sinking of one or both of the vessels. The Cawdor bore straight down toward the big schooner with a force that meant de-

the craft and turned the nose of the Cawdor just enough' to prevent the crash that seemed unavoidable. She just missed the Golden Shore. So close were the vessels as the ship fled brondside by the schooner that one could have jumped from the Cawdor

When the vessels slipped by one anucation, of exercising any voice in the other a cheer went up from one hunsame, the struggle narrows itself down dred voices. The Golden Shore drifted on, but in the distance it was seen importance is relative to the size of that she had turned completely around. their following and their control of The Cawdor was uninjured.—San Francisco Call.

FREDERICK LUST IS DEAD.

Composer of "My Rosary" Passe Away in Poverty. Of thousands who have thrilled to

Few people go fishing with the exwould be an appalling calamity, not ago, pursued then and to his death by in-law repent at leisure.

only to the Mexican people, but for the sorrow of a lovers' quarrel and every foreigner who has a dollar at separation. In his art he made a splenstake in their country. No human pow- did success. He became organist of a er could prevent a greater or less dis Vermont church at \$3,000 a year, an integration of the political structure opera of his was produced, and his which has been built up by Gen. Diaz other compositions won wide popularand supported by a well-equipped and ity, the famous "Trilby Waltz" alone eled widely, and spent his money with

But as he grew older his bealth failing this or that man for the office, and ed and his fortune shrunk until he had the remoter sections of the country nothing left. He lived for a time in adoxical, in that they are air and light would suffer from local disturbances San Francisco, then in Colorado and darkness. A pantry window is esnow held in check by a strongly cen- springs, in Chicago and Boston. In sential, even if it be no more than a trailzed government. Northern Mexico this last named city he was instructor tiny two-light sliding sash, set anyhow is more or less jenious of southern for a large choral society. Finally, he in the outer wall. A regular window and as he passed out of the office of Mexico, and the State of Yucatan, ex- became conductor for the Marie Bell is much better. It need not waste the man with whom he had been talktending far out into the gulf and many Opera Co. But the season was not a wall-space-shelves, but can be so placed ling he put on his hat. He had scarcely miles from the seat of government, has success, and the company disbanded in long threatened to take advantage of Clarksville, Tenn. Lust was left with if a pantry can be allotted as much as him that there was one matter about out money, broken in health and spirit. six feet of house wall it is better to which he had forgotten to inquire. "I Attracted by his gentle patience, have the window set crosswise, with immediately retraced my steps," said strangers who met him became his

LUST AND HIS INSPIRATION.

friends. They obtained pupils for him,

Among those he taught was the beauwould regain much of what they lost, tiful Rosa Walker, whose picture ap-It is certainly incumbent upon the pears here. Often she used to send government of the United States to him flowers to brighten his lonely stukeep a sharp eye upon the progress of dio, or delicacles to tempt him when he events in Mexico. There have been was ill. One day last fall, while playcountry that the United States has un- he fell in a swoon. When he revived derrated the importance of its embassy the girl was bending over him. The thought of her kindness overcame him.

"Your name is Rosa," he said. "I shall write a song to you. It will be my last. When it is finished I shall

When he reached his studio he began Captain Burch of the British ship work on the composition and toiled all Cawdor, from Newcastle, N. S., tells of night, despite his weakness. At dawn a narrow escape his vessel had from he had completed "My Rosary," and colliding near the Australian coast with carried the manuscript to the girl's the schooner Golden Shore. A burri- home, where she sang it for him. Then

came together, and a big wave which | While he lay ill the song traveled far. came along at the opportune moment and was sung from one end of the averted a disaster. The Golden Shore country to the other. The young girl is owned in San Francisco and was sent him flowers every day, and was with him when he died. She sang "My The Cawdor was in bullast, and a Rosary" at his funeral, and on the gale arose. In a few hours its fury be grave of her dead friend placed a came terrible. Captain Burch soon re- mound of the roses that he had loved

Booms in Suicide Mania. In one of the Philadelphia asylums Golden Shore hove in sight, she also ments known as "suicide rooms." These the same reason there are no gas fix whitewashed inside and out twice a for strangling their owners. All the about the house or yard. edges of bureaus, the backs of chairs, etc., are carefully rounded, so that there may be no points upon which the inmates might beat their heads. No canes or sticks are allowed in the rooms. The doors are left open at night and a keeper parades incessantly up and down before them.

All She Saw. Detective-Did you see a man and woman driving past here in a dog cart about an hour ago? Mrs. Blank-Yes.

"Ah, we're getting on the track of them! What kind of a horse was it?" "They were driving so fast I didn't notice that. But the woman had on a caught napping. "Of course I know Scotch mohair and wool jacket of ture the author," said the man who is never quoise blue, last year's style, with caught napping, "It's ahem-confound stitched lines, a white pique skirt with it, I've forgotten. The name is on the judge. "The idea of a man coming here spared to nominally retire from his of- the tender melody of "My Rosary," deep, circular flounce, a satin straw hat, very tip of my tongue, but—how stuand saying he can remember all any fice and place someone else in author- few know of the pathetic inspiration tilted and rather flat, trimmed with pid-I know perfectly well, you know, ity, supporting that authority by the of the song. It was the last effort of hydrangeas and loops of pale blue but your asking me has knocked it same forces by which he now holds a dying musician, dedicated to a beau-surah, and her hair was done up pompa. clear out of my head." The ignoramus Very different this time was Mary's "Are you educating your child with ride with Mr. Knight from what it had a view to his future college career?"

A man's idea of heaven is a place control. It is not necessary to specutiful girl who had brightened his sail I had time to see."— London Tit-Bits.

TAX COLLECTION IN CHINA

Fraude Perpetrated Upon the People and Upon the Government. The Chinese plenipotentiaries are obecting, of course, to the amount of inemulty demanded by the powers, and epresenting that it will cripple the reources of China for years to come; but examination shows that the interest and sinking fund of the capital sum can be easily met with a very elementary reform in the financial system of be made by doing away with the tribute rice system. At present two great ricegrowing provinces, Anhai and Klangsu, are obliged to send up to Pekin annually something over 1,000,000 tons of rice. This is supposed to be collected in kind from the farmers, but the officials really collect the tax in money, fixing the rate at which the farmers commute at about two and a half times the market price. The required quantity of rice is then bought in the market by the officials, and here the Government begins by losing three-fifths of the money actually paid by the farmers. This rice is then shipped in junks by the Grand Canal, and in steamers by the sea route to Tien-tain, and 30 per cent is allowed for waste and damage on the way. A further loss accrues to the Government in that the crows of the junks al-

ways take a quantity of general cargo on their own account, on which they pay no duties, the junks being protected by the imperial flag. When it gets to Pekin the rice-what is left of it-is put in the imperial granaries and is freely pilfered by the officials, good rice being taken out and old grain, mud, and rubbish of all kinds being substituted. The pensioners of the Government and the troops do not get this rice, as they are supposed to do; they get warrants for a certain quantity, which they are obliged to exchange at the rice shops, where they are given, perhaps, 30 per cent of the face value of the warrant. The ingenious can calculate what the Government would save if it still collected the tax in money in these provinces, and then paid its pensioners and troops in money, allowing them to buy their rice in the open market. A much larger saving could be made if the present system of taxation and distribution of salt were abolished, and the salt were bought by the Government where it is cheapest and sold at the present average price. At present enormous "squeezes" are made by the officials out of sait as we'l girls of Paducah's smart set, and a rice. There will be another great economy to the Government when the likin is merged in the duties collected by the imperial maritime customs, as will, it is hoped, be arranged.—Shanghal correspondence London Standard.

OUTDOOR PANTRY

Fresh Air Food Fafe Conducted in Pecultar Fouthern Style.

Pantry requirements are a trifle parthe lower edge a little more than breast | the Philadelphian, "and again entered high. Then, by making one sash of the office, neglecting to remove my hat. glass, and filling the other with winetition running out from the sash division, as far as the space permits. Put shelves around three sides of the two compartments thus formed, and Then he answered my query and bowed close them with tight light deal doors. | me out. It made me feel rather cheap." Thus the indoor pantry can subserve its proper purposes, and the outside closet banish the iceman for six months in the year.

People with plenty of ground space, yet constricted houses, may profitably take a leaf from the book of south country household economy. It is common there for country folk to have a sort of outdoor freshair closet a small detached structure set in the shadlest place possible, standing upon four tall legs, with a flat shingle roof of barely enough pitch to shed rain. The floor



and the whole structure hardly big enough to reach well across. There for the insane there are certain apart | are shelves all around, and the weatherboarding up next the roof is full of those patients who manifest a strong and fastens with a lock. Around each desire to end their lives. Everything in of the four legs is commonly a tar knobs or posts to the beds, for the ground This traps venturesome ants, maniac would tie a sheet around any spiders and their kidney, thus keeping such projection and hang himself. For the inside clear. The structure is tures and no inside shutters. There year. In hot weather floor and shelves are not even door knobs, while the are washed every morning, and scoured sels would have crashed together had doors themselves are made to open out twice a week. Such a fixture should not something occurred that filled the ward. When the men undress their not cost over three or four dollars, even sallors with wonder. A great wave, as clothes are carefully removed from the if one hires it built, and it is certainly ir conscience-stricken, rose between room, so that they may not be used among the handlest things on can have

WHAT THE FOOL SAID.

Story of an Earnest Secker, a Quotation and Who Wrote It An ignoramus, not knowing the au-

thor of the line "Though lost to sight. to memory dear," appealed to a person of discretion. "You don't mean to tell me you don't know?" laughed the person of discretion so rudely that the ignoramus slunk away ashamed. Plucking up his courage he approached a diplomatist: "The same author that penned the line 'Consistency, thou art a jewel," was the answer. The ignoramus asked a man who is never went to a wise man and told him all. "Three separate students upon three separate occasions were asked three different questions," said the wise man, oracularly. "The first question the gas companies many a dollar.

was, 'What was the exact number of the ancient Greek chorus? the sec 'What is the cause of the aurora bore-alis?' the third, 'What is the source of animal heat? To each question each students gave the same answer, 'I know, but I've forgotten,' and each instructor, it is said, made the same comment, 'To think that the only man who ever knew should have forgotten!' Still mystified, the ignoramus asked a fool-there was no doubt about his being a fool, because everybody the empire. An enormous saving can said so. His answer proved it. "I don't know," said the fool.-New York Evening Bun.

QUEEN OF CARNIVAL

This Girl the Bolle in a Land of Beau-

tiful Women The title of Queen of the Carnival was bestowed by popular vote upon Miss Elizabeth Sinnott, of Paducah, Ky., the land of beautiful momen. Miss Sinnott has lustrous eyes, shaded by heavy fringes of gracefully curved lashes and topped by exquisitely marked brows. Although much in so-



ciety and one of the chief belles in the State, Miss Sinnott devotes much time to charity, and when a movement is afoot in aid of the unfortunate. her presence in always noted in the van. She is President of the Cinque Club of Paducah, an organization of leader in the healthful sports of the

"Hats Off" the Rule Abroad.

A railroad contractor who has just returned from abroad tells of an experience that befell him in Munich illustrative of the difference in prevailing customs. Armed with a number of letters of introduction to European railroad officials, he made it a point to inquire into the workings of the various systems, and was treated with uniform

courtesy. At Munich he thought be had ac-I saw the same official with whom I gauze, the pantry can have a handy had been talking, and, apologizing for outdoor closet. Have a tight deal par- taking up so much of his time, i put

the question to him. "Without a word he reached up, took off my hat and placed it in my hand.

Tricks of the Mind. In connection with the big brain workers, one of the most curious things is that they are generally to be floored by some trivial thing which might be conquered by a child of 8. For instance, one of our present-day writers confessed recently to an English reporter that from his earliest boyhood he has never been able to count anything in threes. All mental calculations be makes either in twos or fours, and he experiences the greatest difficulty in repeating the three-times multiplication table correctly from memory. Almost as curious is the difficulty of a clever north country ex-Mayor, who cannot distinguish between s and z, and constantly misplaces these letters in writing-a falling which has caused him a life-long annoyance. Two public school examination failures last year were due to the word "field" being spelled "felld." and in both cases it was discovered that the inability to spell this identical word had gone against the boys on almost every former examination.

Books of Great Price. A rare collection of old books and autographs was offered for sale recently by a London auction house. One of the most remarkable of the collection was an argument in favor of Henry VIII.'s divorce from Catherine of Arragon. printed by Wynkyn de Worde, a pupil of Caxton. Only three other copies of this book are known to be in existence. The first Greek grammar printed in Latin, in 1497, was another of the curiosities of the collection. Tyndale's New Testament, dated 1552, with a picture of Satan with a wooden leg. Cranmer's Bible, printed four are set aside as harbors of refuge for tiny auger holes. The door fits tight, act of 1652, putting down bear-baiting years later at Rouen, and Cromwell's and wrestling on Sundays are equally of Interest. Autographs of Pitt, Fox, these rooms is round. There are no bandage, applied six inches above the Burke, Warren Hastings, Voltaire, and King Edward VII. were included .-

> A Cautious Millionaire. Mr. Midas (about to make a will)-In disposing of my estate, while I am anxious that my son shall have the

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benefit of a goodly share of it, I do not wish him to become possessed of it in bulk. Lawyer-Excuse me for saying it. but the inference of that instruction seems to do your son injustice. He has always seemed to me to be a young

man absolutely free from any tendency to dissipation. Mr. Midas-Very true, but you cannot tell to what channel ambition for notoriety may lead him; he may take

into his head to become a United States Senator.-Richmond Dispatch. American Footwear. American-made boots and shoes are driving British-made goods out of Aus-

tralla and the British colonies in the East and West Indies and Africa. where they have always had a monopoly. Improving Grant's Tomb.

The grounds around Grant's tomb at Riverside are to be beautified. The trees will be planted, the steep embankment terraced and asphalt walks laid. The average girl is engaged so many times that the engagement ring simply serves instead of a thread to remind

Love's supposed blindness has cost