BY A. CONAN DOYLE.

CHAPTER VII - Continued.

Mr. Gregson, who had listened to this address with considerable impa-tience, could contain himself no longer.

mere theory and preaching now, sh. It is a case of taking the I have made my case out, and it seems I was wrong. Young Charthe south, is a region of desolation and pentier could not have been engaged in silence. econd affair. Lestrade went after his man, Stangerson, and it appears that he was wrong, too. You have thrown out hints here and hints there.

"I cannot help feeling that Gregson is right, sir," remarked Lestrade. "We have both tried, and we have both trified. You have remarked more than once since I have been in the room that you had all the evidence which you require. Surely you will not withhold it any longer?"

"Any delay in arresting the assas-sin," I observed, "might give him time to perpetrate some fresh atrocity."

Thus pressed by us all, Holmes ahowed signs of irresolution

He continued to walk up and down the room with his head sunk on his chest and his brows drawn down, as was his habit when lost in thought.

"There will be no more murders," he said, at last, stopping abruptly and facing us, "You can put that consideration out of the question. You have asked me if I know the name of the assausin. I do. The mere knowing of his name is a small thing, however, compared with the power of laying our hands upon him. This I expect very shortly to do. I have good hopes of managing it through my own arrangements; but le is a thing and down the topy the during days and the size of it."

The coyote skulks among the scrub, the buzzard flaps heavily through the said, laughing sleefully. "You gave me such a fright, Why, of course, now as long as we die we'll be with mother again." "Yes, you will, dearie." "And you, too. I'll tell her how more dreary view than that from the northern slope of the Sierra Blanco.

As far as the eye can reach stretches at the door of heaven with a big pitcher of water, and a lot of buckwheat cakes, hot, and tonsted on both sides, like Bob and me was fond of. How long will it be first?"

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Gregson and Lestrade seemed to be ar from satisfied by this assurance, or

Neither of them had time to speak, however, before there was a tap at the door and the spokesman of the street arab, young Wiggins, introduced his insignificant and unsavory person.

"Please, sir." he said, touching his forelock, "I have the cab down stairs."

"Good boy," said Holmes, blandly.

"Why don't you introduce this pattern at Scotland Yard?" he continued, tak-

to step up, Wiggins."

I was surprised to find my compa

began to strap.

He was busily engaged at it when

cabman entered the room.

Just give me a help with this ckle, cabman," he said, kneeling buckle, cabman," he said, kneeling over his task, and never turning his

The fellow came forward with a somewhat sullen defiant air, and put down his hands to assist

At that instant there was a sharp

stant, of Holmes' triumphant expres-sion and the ring of his voice, of the cabman's dazed, savage face, as he glared at the glistening handcuffs, which had appeared as if by magic

won his wrists.

For a second or two we might have been a group of statues. Then, with an inarticulate roar of fury, the prisoner wrenched himself free from Holmes' grasp, and hurled himself

through the window.

Woodwork and glass gave way before him; but before he got quite through Gregson, Lestrade and Holmes sprang upon him like so many staghounds.

was dragged back into the room, "Have I, though?" the man answered and so fierce was he the four of us was a series of the series of the four of us was a series of the four of us was a s

It was not until Lestrade succeeded in getting his hand inside his neck-cloth and half strangling him that we made him realize that his struggles were of no avail; and even then we feit no security until we had pinioned his feet as well as his hands. That done, we rose to our feet, breathless and panting.

"We have his cab." said Sherlock Holmes "It will serve to take him to Rootland Yard. And now, gentlemen."

"Become him to the continued, with a pleasant smile, "we have reached the end of our little most always did if she was just goin over to auntie's for tea, and now she's put any questions that you like to me now, and there is no danger that I will refuse to answer them."

It was not until Lestrade succeeded had suffered less than her companion.

"How is it now?" he answered, anther companion.

"Kiss it and make it well," she said with perfect gravity, shoving the intravels in the new or old world was given by the Grand canyon of the Colorado river, in Arizona.

A Chinese Clarionet.

The sona, a Chinese clarionet, is the favorite instrument among the common over to auntie's for tea, and now she's been away for three days. Say, it's awful dry, ain't it? Ain't there no water nor nothing to eat?"

A Chinese clarionet.

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The sona and particular in the

PART II.

The Country of the Saint,

"Look here, Mr. Sherlock Holmes."
he said, "we are all ready to acknowledge that you are a smart man, and that you have your own methods of working. We want something more against the advance of civilization.

From the Sierra Nevada to Nebraska, and from the Yellowstone riv-er in the north to the Colorado upon

throughout this grim district. It com-prises snow-capped and lofty moun-tains and dark gloomy valleys. There are swiftly-flowing rivers

and seem to know more than we do, but the time has come when we feel that we have a right to ask you siralght how much you do know of the business. Can you name the man who did it?"

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There are swirtly-nowing livers and mistance in the saline alkali me. Then I thought there was some common characteristic of barrenness, in heavely ou on my shoulder and we leaved you on my shoulder and we

may occasionally traverse it in order to reach other hunting-grounds, but the hardlest of the braves are glad to lose die, too?" asked the child, checking sight of those awesome plains and to her sobs, and raising her tear-stained find themselves once more upon their face.

snow. In this great stretch of country there is no sign of life, nor of any-

hing appertaining to life.

There is no bird in the steel-blue heaven, no movement upon the dull, gray earth-above all there is absolute silence. Listen as one may, there is no shadow of a sound in all that mighty wilderness; nothing but silence—complete and heart-subduing silence.

It has been said there is nothing appertaining to life upon the broad plain. That is hardly true.

Looking down from the Sierra Blanco, one sees a pathway traced out across the desert, which winds away and is lost in the extreme distance.

It is rutted with wheels and trodden down by the feet of many adventurers.

Annie was late, and like a sensible down by the feet of many adventurers Here and there are scattered white objects which glisten in the sun and stand out against the dull deposit of

alkali. Approach and examine them! They are bones; some large and coarse, others smaller and more delicate. The

far from satisfied by this assurance, or by the deprecating allusion to the detective police.

The former had flushed up to the roots of his flaxen hair, while the other's beady eyes glistened with curi-Neither of them had time to speak. there stood upon the 4th of May, 1847.

ing a pair of steel handcuffs from a drawn tightly over the projecting drawer. "See how beautifully the bones; his long, brown hair and beard spring works. They fasten in an in- were all flecked and dashed with

spring works. They fasten in an instant."

The old pattern is good enough," remarked Lestrade, "If we can find the man to put them on."

"Very good, very good," said Holmes, smiling. "The cabman may as well help me with my boxes. Just ask him to step up, Wiggins."

were all flecked and dashed with white; his eyes were sunken in his head, and burned with an unnatural luster, while the hand which grasped his rifle was hardly more fleshy than that of a skeleton.

As he stood, he leaned upon his weapon for support, and yet his tall figure and the massive framework of his bones suggested a wiry and vigor

to speaking as though we were about to start out on a journey, since he had not said nothing to me about it.

There was a small portmanteau in the room, and this he pulled out and the room, and this he pulled out and the room, and this he pulled out and the room, and the room and the room and the room are the room a

it was that gave him that senile and decrepit appearance.

The man was dying—dying from hunger and from thirst.

He had toiled painfully down the ravine, and on to this little elevation, in the vain hope of seeing some signs of water.

Now the great salt plain stretched before his eyes, and the distant belt of savage mountains, without a sign anywhere of plant or tree which might indicate the presence of moisture. In all that broad landscape there

at that instant there was a sharp click, the jangling of metal, and Sherlock Holmes sprang to his feet again.

"Gestlemen." he cried, with flashing syes, "let me introduce to you Mr Jefferson Hope, the murderer of Enoch Drebber and Joseph Stangerson.

The whole thing occurred in a moment—so quickly that I had no time to realize it.

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The whole the manner of the time to realize it. cast, and west he looked with wild, questioning eyes, and then he realized that his wanderings had come to an end, and that there, on that barren crag, he was about to die.

"Why not here, as well as in a feather bed, twenty years hence," he muttered, as he seated himself in the shelter of a bowlder.

Before sitting down, he had deposited upon the ground als useless rifie, and also a large bundle tied up in a gray shawl, which he had carried slung over his right shoulder.

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It appeared to be somewhat too heavy for his strength, for, in lowering it, it came down on the ground with some little violence.

Instantly there broke from the gray parcel a little moaning cry, and from it there protruded a small, scared face, with very bright, brown eyes, and two little speckled dimpled fists.

little speckled, dimpled fists.
"You've hurt me!" said a childish

that the four of us were shaken off again and again. He appeared to have the convulsive strength of a man in an epileptic fit.

His face and hands were terribly mangled by the passage through the glass, but loss of blood had no effect in diminishing his resistance.

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You'll just nee dto be patient av and then you'll be all right. Put head up agin me, like that, and then you'll feel better. It ain't easy to talk Uncle Sam's Puget Sound when your lips are like leather, but I guess I'd best let you know how the cards lie, What's that you've got?"
"Pretty things! fine things!" cried Navy Yard and Dry Docks &

present enormous streams of North-western commerce. This water is sus-

ceptible of fortifications and of defense beyond the ability of the combined war

leets of all earth to force an entrance.

Forts at Port Townsend and other points eastward from the en-trance of the straits already protect the passage, while beyond, as the course lies further in toward the naval

station the channel narrows into abut-

ever force these, there would remain torpedo, bomb, dynamite mines, chains,

and like means of destruction of the advancing engines of war, strung and

the station, beyond any conceivable

ers to pass. On such situation is based the claim that the location, for safety

and strength, is the finest that the world knows today. Other features

are quite as favorable, including depth of water, character of anchorage grounds, shore for docks and wharfs,

irrounding lands and conditions, in

cluding climatic conditions and protec

tion from all winds by an absolutely land-locked harbor, set within densely

Views of the Station, its works and

but a small part of the interesting and instructive features to be learned by a

visit to Bremerton, as the little city surrounding the Station, has been nam-

Carved out of the virgin forest,

Should the naval powers of earth

the little girl, ethuisastically, holding up two glittering fragments of mica. "When we goes back to home I'll give them to brother Bob."
"You'll see prettier things than them soon," said the man, confidently. "You just wait a bit. I was going to tell you, thoughyou remember when we Northwest, but when our Uncle Sam

"Well, we reckoned we strike another river soon, d'ye see. But there was somethin' wrong; compasses or map, or somethin', and it didn't turn up. Water ran out. Just except a lit-tle drop for the likes of you and—

"And you couldn't wash yourself," in terrupted his companion, gravely, staring up at his grimy visage.
"No, nor drink. And Mr. Bender, he

was the first to go, and then Indian Pete, and then Mrs. McGregor, and then Johnny Hones, and then, dearie. your mother."
"Then mother's a deader too," cried

There are no inhabitants of this land tramped it together. It don't seem as of despair.

A band of Pawnees or of Blackfeet There's an almighty small chance for though we've improved matters.

"Do you mean that we are "I guess that's about the size of it.

oment, so rapidly did they approach They speedily resolved themselves into three large brown birds, which circled over the heads of the two wan-derer, and then settled upon some

rocks which overlooked them.

(To be continued.)

Annie was late, and like a sensible

child, she recognized the fact and stopped running. Not so Johnnie. He belonged to the class that never knows when it has enough of either joy or trouble, so he kept up his laborious trot until the school door was reached. There he leaned dejectedly and breathed heavily. Annie eyed him with a For fifteen hundred miles one may scorn that grew as she looked. Later trace this ghastly caravan route by on they stood in the office looking like a set of illustrations for a new version of the "Lives of the Hunted," and Johnny was talking. "I couldn't mean it," he sobbed. "It wuz me big sister Katle's fault. She made me eat three eggs, an' me mudder says I can't say and—" He would have babbled on indefinitely, the tears rolling off his fat, foolish little face, but the principal handed him his admission slip and had a passion for acquisition, so without further ado she acquired Johnnie's

"I ate too many eggs, too, and it made me late," she explained. "Indeed," said the principal, "and how many did you eat?"

Annie's lips curled scornfully as she emembered Johnny and his miserable little three eggs.
"I ate reventy-four," she replied,

The Origin of "Windfall."

blandly .- New York Evening Sun.

Did you ever have a "windfall," and did you ever wonder why you catled it so, when the wind had nothing at all to do with your good fortune? was to the peacants in William the Conqueror's time that an actual windfall meant good luck. They were forbidden, under severe penalty, to cut a forest tree, but whatever the wind blew greatest fortune was a heavy wind storm and its consequent "fall." And

hence the name we give our modern good luck. What Alligators Est.

More than once curious things have been found in the stomach of a shark, but never has such an extraordinary collection been found as was discovered recently in the stomach of an alligator. This alligator was killed in the Soudan, and was more than 12 feet in length. In its stemach were discovered eightydonkey, to one of which a piece of rope

Medals for First Volunteers

Governor Crane, of Massachusetta, has signed the bill awarding a medal to every man from his state who went out in response to President Lincoln's first call for troops. The pen with which he signed the bill has been presented to President Pierce, of the "minute men of '61."

Battimore is considering a plan of hanging the name of its North avenue ey avenue, in honor of the rear

Baltimore to Honor Schley.

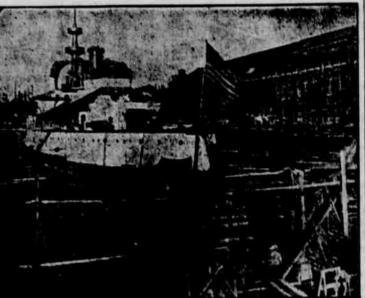
erect formidable fortifications and extensive naval and Marine barracks with modern applimilitary works, in order to ances and conveniences, make sure of protection for the waters. Officers' quarters, five fine and commercial interests of the Pacific cences for naval officials

Considering the magnitude of the he assured such protection for all time to come under all possible events, do. Station as it exists today, it seems almestic or foreign. At the same time most impossible that it has all been he located these works in a position accomplished in ten short years. The absolutely impregnable, a very Gibral-ter of security against attack or interwork commenced the year following.

The very land enclosed in the station pose and to make their city a credit rence, as an examination of location

As to the three ships first mentioned, "No, there sin't nothing, data Epochologopopopopopopo there is yet considerable to be done to them in painting and overhauling for two of them, the lowa having long dedecks.

Bremerton, the city of the Station, to-be, has its foundation of course in the Cascade Mountains, down the Sierthe labor employed, and the traffic of ra Nevadas into Lower California; an the Station and of its officers and other from the Rocky Mountains, thousand of population, the little city is struggling to keep pace with its own Buildings in process: Equipment, unexpected importance and growth, ordnance and other shops. and fortunately is in the hands of enterprising men of high character, who are seized with the spirit and character of the enterprise that has come to them, and who evince a disposition to This is shown in the character of im-



BIG FIGHTING MACHINE IN DRYDOCK.

surroundings herewith given, disclose who sold to William Bremer, from ficient head for fire protection, and or whom the government purchased the a scale for all future requirements, station tract of 86 acres, which was up. The young city government keeps pace the works occupy an enclosure of some civilians, Congress acting upon the re-eighty acres of level land, that comes port of those commissions. Bremerton down to the water on just the level needed for works and docks, while farther back the ground rises he downer. No foot of the level land owner. No foot of the level land owner. ed for works and docks, while far-back the ground rises by ridge the station is was cleared until the and terrace, giving attractive natural government commenced it in the year locations for the administrative build-stated. Mr. Bremer had built a small ings, offices and quarters. Central to dock, for the bay boats, which still all lies the great dry dock, now the stands a pioneer finger mark com-lergest possessed by the government, pared with the extensive, docks of with dockage and wharfs in front, and modern equipment and construction with dockage and wharfs in front, and modern equipment and construction shops and repair and equipment buildings adjoining. Notwithstanding the completeness of the works all is still While the government authorities

there has been no practical test on a

large scale, until since the close of the



INTERIOR VIEW OF DRYDOCK UNOCCUPIED.

have proceeded with increasing conficonstantly on foot, the largest of the present works under construction be ng an immense equipment building obrick, that will be completed this sea on. Brick and steel structure is main tained throughout, and every specie timber, is of the superior quality for which Uncle Samuel is noted. A point of great significance as bearing on the local adaptability and economy of the site, is that nearly a totality of all materials comes from the Puget Sounand Pacific region, excepting barel structural steel and iron. Stone, brick, timber and coal, are all at Uncle

Sam's finger tips,

Details of these great works, are to
be found in the reports, but a few items will suffice, emphasizing in the main, as they do, the local importance of the Station, and comparison with Brooklyn. Puget Sound is already berger than either of the other two, and with contemplated improvements ready under the protecting aegis of government appropriation, will shortly present dry dock has such rank, havfive stopes, several birds' claws, two ing a capacity of containing the large human finger nails and three hoofs of a cest battle ship in the world, and yet the extensions now contemplated to be covered in the next appropriation call-ing for \$4,000,000, already approved by the department, call for another dry dock double the size of the present one. deemed necessary by our naval exten-sion on the Pacific side of our domain. and our interests in the far east.

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Other extensions covered in the recent appropriations of \$1,200,000 are coal bunkers of 25,000 tons capacity. Bremerton being one of five such coaling stations ordered, the other four being San Diego, San Francisco, Sitka and Dutch Harbor for the Pacific and Behring Sea. This coaling provision is now a necessity, but the future system for the Station is said by government officials to be to utilizze the Lake Washington fresh water canal now unadmiral. The present name is no Washington fresh water canal now unlonger appropriate, the northern boundary of the city having extended far through that body of water directly up to the coal bunkers near the mines, and in going and coming clean their

Brick warehouse and store house.

on recommendation of two commis- with the federal requirements and in sions, one of naval officers and one of terests, in short there is that harmony and co-operation so desirable under the circumstances. Among other steps in this direction, the town is at presen organizing a Sallor's and Marine Club, after the manner of those clubs at Mare Island and Brooklyn, in the interest of improvement, and advantages the Station. Schools, churches, and society of the rising order are features of the young city of Port Orchard Bay, which also has that modern necessity the statement of the st the newspaper, the Weekly News, con-ducted by the Gale Brothers. This was novel or picture, the firtations of one's stablished one year ago. Kitsap is the inexpressive name

ment and development. A region densely timbered, sparsely settled, and with its chief business shore and bay traffic hitherto, finds its solitudes transformed into noise and bustle, with hints of the mighty world out-side, by comparisons of the hulls and and admiration. The wilderness is benumerous small towns are springing up, testifying to the immense expendcounty, as it has already become the dustry is expected to be large in all that region in the very near future. Moreover the people settling the re-gion are hardy, industrious and consequently thrifty people, that will soon set the mark of wealth and high character upon the region where Sam has placed so important national

dence, ever since the establisment of the Puget Sound Station 10 years ago, interests. As to management, it is universal Spanish war, and our sequestered and testimony that the government has give it the necessary rotary motion to scarred battleships of the first class made no mistake in the assignments send it whirling right side up? You have reached the Station. First to come was the Iowa, followed by the Wisconsin and latterly the great Orgon after Santiago and her double chase around the continent, with the Philadelphia as the latest comer. All these ships steamed in from the Pacific up have been, Lieutenant Wykoff, Commander Green, Capt. Coghlan, and these ships steamed in from the Pacific up have been to be continent, with the Philadelphia as the latest comer. All these ships steamed in from the Pacific up have been to be companded to the continent, with the philadelphia as the latest comer. All these ships steamed in from the Pacific up have been to be companded to the continent, with the companded to the companded to the continent, with the companded to the companded to the companded to the companded to the continent, with the companded to the companded

brough the paces of test of the facil- lightful water trips from all coast and



OFFICERS' QUARTERS AT PUGET SOUND STATION.

ties for repair and overhauling, with inland points. Portland, Spokane, Ta- a profusion of large, yellow dowers, so the most complete satisfaction to all contented. In maneuvering, docking, or what not, each and every feature has been a success. As to the Oregon, her broken plates wrenched asunder make hourly trips from Seattle and Tanand in going and coming clean their bottoms of barnacles, saving the scraping process in dry dock. The rolls of employes at present exceed 800 men, with the certainty of constant large increases as the works are extended.

The present works comprise the following:

Drydock, the largest government dock in the Uited States.

Wharf and docks, largest and most commodious on the Pacific Coast.

Brick and steel fire-proof construction and repair buildings.

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Steam engineering building, with extend the subject of the state of the coast of approval for the Puget Sound States and repair buildings.

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Steam engineering building, with extend the subject we could be found anywhere than the ensured that a skiff would be handled by the askiff would be handled by the ships carpenter. The dry dock thus first tested by these greatest of battle ships carpenter. The dry dock thus ships, proved adequate for even much large research the flowers, make hourly trips from Seattle and Take coma while no more delightful trip by boat from Portland, while the flowers, which open just before sunset, burst make hourly trips from Seattle and Take hourly trips from Seattle and Take flowers, which open just before sunset, burst make hourly trips from Seattle and Take that the flowers, which open just before sunset, burst make hourly trips from Seattle and Take that the flowers, which open just before sunset could be found anywhere than the ensured the trip. Swift boats make hourly trips from Seattle and Take that the flowers, which open just before sunset could be found anywhere than the ensured that the flowers that the f tractive surroundings, in fact as to all boats up to the mightiest war ma-other elements entering into the case. chines the world has yet produced.

WHERE THE CRUST IS WEAK

Portions of the Earth in Danger of Volcanic Eruptions.

From north to south, mountains flank, parted, while the Philadelphia is ex-pected to be made into a receiving America and from Alaska, where more ship, by the removal of one of her than one active volcano is to be found, to Cape Horn, the lines of weakness are clearly marked. One runs through managers. Suddenly rising to several through Central America, and down the entire coast of the south continent, along the Andes. West of the Rocky Mountains is a vast extent of country, larger than France and Great Britain combined, consisting of bare, basait plate, caused by lava flows from fis-

sure eruptions. East of the Rocky Mountains is the far-famed Yellowstone Park district, lying mainly in Wyoming and partly in Montana and Idaho, whose hot In the first place, the location of Port Orchard bay, on which the station is built, is 100 miles interior from the Pacific, reached only through the straits of San Juan de Fuca, that wonderful body of water through which pours the

Among the most noted volcanoes on the American continent are Jorullo, Popocatepti, Cotopaxi, the highest volano in the world, and Consequing whose tremendous explosion in 1835 closely resembled that of the first cruption of Vesuvius, and of Krakatoa in 1883. In all, America possesses nearly 100 volcanoes.

In the Atlantic Ocean very few islands are to be found, but they are nearly all volcanic in origin.

Disconnected with any line of weakness, about the equator, are the Sandwich, or Hawaiian Islands, the last spot to be visited in our tour of the world's volcanoes.

These islands are nothing but a group of huge volcanic cones, but for three-quarters of a century all the eruptions which have taken place have been non explosive. The active craters are in Hawall, with the soft, musical. ative names of Klinnen, Hualalai, and Loa; while there are two other cones, one of them, Kea by name, rising 13. 805 feet. Both Kea and Loa are reckoned to be twice the bulk of Etna .l'earson's Magazine,

A GOSSIP PARTY.

Where the Men Retail Brilliant Scrape

of News. Let it not be imagined that a gossip party is confined to the sex credited with having a corner on the gossip market. There must be an equal num ber of men and women present at this fascinating function. In the first place, the hostess writes a dozen or more topics of conversation upon cards, ter, a startling bit of news, a new friends, questions of costume, favorite dishes, or tastes, etc. Chairs arranged the interior, sound-encircled county in pairs and sofas scattered about the that has received this great improve rooms have numbers attached to them. just as many as there are couples; these numbers are drawn for, and each couple drawing corresponding numbers hunts up the scats similarly num

bered. side, by comparisons of the nuis and machinery of the world's hitherto to them unknown fighting monsters, with topic of conversation, for which five minutes are allowed. At the end the night price is hear the men tise and pass on the men tise and the seat next theirs in number. At each change of places the next subject by the government, and that all on the cards is taken up and chatted sections are getting some share. The about. The women remain seated, county seat is across the bay from the while the men progress until the entire circle is made, or until the box tion on the part of the Bremerton peo-ple, that some time in the near future Bremerton will be the capital of the gossip. Slips of paper and pencils are then distributed and the women vote commercial center. Farms are rapidly for the men whose goesip has most in-developing, and the fruit raising in terested them, and vice versa. The two gaining the most votes receive prizes as a reward of their brilliancy

Philadelphia Times.

Did you ever see a girl spin a top? Did you ever see her carefully and closely wind a string around the cone and then, with a quick throw and jerk,

these ships steamed in from the Pacidc, up through the straits, and by the interior fastnesses, with probably no small misgivings. Arrived at the Station each and all have now been it is easy, involving mere rail and de laughs at her efforts to spin it. If she laughs at her efforts to spin it, if she makes them, as he laughs at all her

efforts in the direction of throwing. Observe the children playing in the streets at top-spinning seasons. You may watch all day and not see one girl with a top in her hand, while you will see hundreds with skipping ropes, If you see any playing with balls they will be simply bouncing them on the pave-ments, using a very short, cramped motion of the arm in doing so.

The simple fact is that a girl cannot throw, in the true sense of the term, because of the peculiar construction of her shoulder. When a boy throws a ball he bends his elbow, reaches back with his forearm and uses every joint from shoulder to wrist. His arm is relaxed. A girl throws with a rigid arm, because her collar bone is larger and sits lower than a boy's. This prevents the free motion of the arm required for strength and accuracy in throwing; hence she cannot spin a top properly.

The Holland Primrose.

There is a plant in Holland known as the evening primrose, which grows to a beight of five or six feet, and bears brilliant that they attract immediate attention, even at a great distance. But the chief peculiarity about the plant is the fact that the flowers,

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