A SEWING GIRL'S TRIUMPH. How a Penniless Seamstress Became a Suc

CESSFUL AUTHORESS.

(Battle Creek (Mich.) Cor. Chicago Times.) "The well-known publishing house of D. Lothrop & Co., of Boston, have a tain in that section, within four brick new book in press entitled 'A White Hand : A Story of Noblesse Oblige,' by Miss Ella Farman, of Johnstown, Barry county, this State, which will be issued in time for the holiday trade." Such is the announcement that has gone the rounds of the Michigan papers. But the readers, who probably glanced carelessly over the brief paragraph, had no idea of what a history it contained-a history of success at that place for twelve years. It attained after a hard struggle with poverty and want. The story of the left his son \$4,000. He was a lunatic, they managed to keep the Indians at life of the authoress is a story of the final triumph of a poor sewing girl over thereby endangering the lives of those

a stronger heart give up in despair.

Miss Farman came to Michigan from Augusta, Oneida county, N. Y., which this dungeon-a violent, raving mad- his shirt and upon it penciled an earnwas the place of her birth, at the com- man. Here, if the details of this hor- est appeal for assistance. This he tied mencement of the rebellion, and took rible story be true, he has wallowed in about the neck of the disreputable up her residence in this city. She filth, his food passed through the small made a living, or rather attempted to aperture made by leaving out a brick in he attached it securely to the tail of the make a living, by doing sewing for one the wall, exposed to the severity of the animal, and with a vigorous kick sent of the tailoring establishments. Soon winter weather, crying, shricking and the cur off yelping painfully. It is a after her arrival here she made the acquaintance of Miss Emma Shaw, over the mountain, and making night that a dog with a tin can tied to his tail whose parents reside in Johnstown, hideous with his frantic cries. It seems makes good time, and the mongrel was and who was also a seamstress. They incredible-impossible. Yet Mr. Powell were congenial companions, and an at- is sure of the brick dungeon and its intachment sprang up between them mate, and gives the story of the prisstant as that of Damon and Pythias, bors-some of whom say that the last and ever since they have lived constant- time he was seen he was perfectly nude the dog, and within two hours he arly together. The two girls rented and his body covered with long hair rooms in a dwelling-house, did their from head to foot. own work, and endeavored to earn their bread by the needle. But your corre- that he is not safe to be at large, and spondent is informed by those who were "if he had been sent to a lunatic asyacquainted with their circumstances at lum, the \$4,000 would have been approthat time that they had a hard struggle | priated by the State to keep him." to get along; that their earnings were often too small to afford them more gation. It is dreadful, indeed, for a not receive promotion, then republics than a scanty subsistence, and that they man to be deprived of reason-but to are ungrateful and no mistake. With meet." They were very self-reliant and ever removed from every influence that independent, however, and would not might possibly soften his great afflicaccept assistance from any one, but re- tion, to be left like a beast in filth, to be lied entirely on their own efforts to perpetually in darkness and in solitudemake a living-barely a living at the it is a fate so horrible that humanity most, While striving and laboring on shudders at the thought of it, and we in this manner Miss Farman occasionally wrote short stories and sketches lated and made known through Mr. for the newspapers, but with little Powell may be exaggerated, if not unpecuniary results. About this time true, Mr. Powell, however, positively the Detroit Tribune offered several asserts that the man is there a conprizes for short stories. The obscure fined as described. authoress took the fourth prize, which, On Monday Mr. Edward Powell, of although but a small sum of money, Allentown, the gentleman who first diswas a "God-send" to the poor girls. covered Handwerk's situation, accom-This small reward encouraged Miss panied by Coroner Moser, Messrs. Farman to persevere in her efforts to George Hersh and D. H. Nothstein, become an authoress, and she continued proceeded to the place in Washington known and appreciated. She has con- to the mysterious structure. The tributed to the Atlantic, Harper's building is situated, it is said, about Scribner's and the Galaxy, and her sto- 100 yards from where his parents (?) ries are now solicited by the leading pub- reside, and when the Allentown party lishing houses of Boston and New York. arrived, a Constable from Slatington Her previous works consisted of stories and another gentleman were preparing and dialogues for the young, among to remove Handwerk. The strong iron which are the following books: "The bars were taken down by the Consta-Allie Bird Series," "Annie Maylie," ble and the party entered. The sight "A Little Woman," and "Grandma that met their eyes is simply indescriba-Crosby's Household.'

bought a little house and four acres of crust of dirt from head to foot, was a land in the township of Johnstown, human being, the stench arising from Barry county, nine miles from this city, the bed of filth being intolerable. The and a short distance from Bedford Cen- pen in which he was confirmed is four ter. Calhoun county, which is her pres- feet square, made of brick, lined with ent postoffice address. From time to rough pine boards. When the party to time, as circumstances would permit, entered Handwerk was lying in a she has added to her possessions, and now she has a little farm of thirty-five assistance that he could stand on his acres. With her still resides her confeet, his limbs being paralyzed. They stant and ever true companion, Miss carried him to his mother's house, and Emma Shaw, between whom and her- after washing and clothing him he was self there exists a singular and most de- taken by the Constable to Slatington. voted attachment. Miss Farman's A permit was procured for his admiswidowed mother, in her declining age, sion into the Lehigh County Alms finds a comfortable home with her House, in which institution he will re- go hand in hand; yet it is a suggestive affectionate daughter. The three con- ceive better and more humane treatment fact which Mr. Bergh records in his bitious hatter should attempt to introstitute this happy little household. Miss Farman has one sister, a young light of day, he looked wistfully lady who is engaged as a teacher in the around and occasionally muttered incopublic schools in this city.

Miss Farman has received numerous letters from the admirers of her writings in the East, and has had several earnest solicitations from wealthy people of Boston and New York to spend the summer with them at their summer residences. It must be particularly gratifying to her when she looks back on the years that she passed in this city overcoming apparently insurmount- which were by no means conducted by Hunt pleads for a geranium in the able difficulties, entirely unrecognized by our citizens, to think that she is now the recipient of the most flattering con-

gratulations from the Eastern literati. Michigan has furnished the literary world with but few novelists, and among the number Miss Farman will rank with the foremost. Her new book is a novel entirely complete within itself, and is said to be her best effort. It will meet with a rapid and extensive sale in this section, where the story of her literary life is known. That she is deservedly entitled to ther hard-earned success is the verdict of all.

THE "DEVASTATION."

The English government has an ele-Devastation. She was designed as far back as the early part of 1869, and she has never yet been trusted in really rough ocean waters. There was a talk of sending her to Vigo this autumn to see how Atlantac waves agree with her : but the visit is postponed, for it has been discovered that all openings to be below, except from the hurricane deck, would have to be closed for four or five days, and toward the end of that time

miralty will consider whether she can ever being fit for that.

ENTOMBED ALIVE. A HOBBIBLE TALE OF A TWELVE YEARS' SOLI-TABY CONFINEMENT IN THE WILDERNESS. A strange and horrible tale comes to us in the Allentown (Pa.) Chronicle, of a man imprisoned on the Blue mounwalls about seven or eight feet high, bricked over the top and inclosing a space of six feet square, without either door or window. The discovery of his wheresbouts was accidentally made by a Mr. Edward Powell while out hunting. He says the man bricked up in that monumental coffin, and who suffers death in life, is named Levi Handwerk, and that he has been imprisoned seems the father of Handwerk died and and there, most uncomfortably cramped, subject to fits of ungovernable rage, bay for the day and night. Want of difficulties that would have made many about him. The mother of Hand- the little band, and Corporal John werk married a second time, and it Smith played his last card. He tore off was then that Levi was consigned to a comparatively unimportant piece of velling, when the storms have swept fact with which most people are familiar

The motive for the confinement is

Certainly, this story demands investicannot but hope that the story here re-

ble. Lying on a patch of fine straw, With her first earnings Miss Farman in a nude state, covered with a thick crouched position, and it was only with herently. He rubbed his eyes vigordirt, and although his sayings were un-Intelligible, it was noticed that his countenance beamed with joy at having secured liberty after so long confinement. It is alleged that years ago he was in his right mind, as records ties testify of business transactions

an insane person. A PHOTOGRAPHIC NOVELTY. An application of photograp hy, which is aptly described as startling. has been hit upon by an English amateur, whose name is not given. The inventor claims to have discovered a method of fixing the image of an object on a sensitized plate not more than half an inch in diameter, an impression from which can be afterward enlarged to the necessary size. The plate is fixed into an ordinary locket or keepsake hanging from a watch-chain, and can be suddenly exposed, by a touch of the finger, on entering a room, and an image taken of a picture or of a person phant on its hands in the iron-clad without any one besides the operator

being aware of it. THE Charlestown (Mass.) Advertiser should be turned out of church for saying that the "magnificent chromos" presented by the religious press generally as premiums to subscribers, "worth \$5 each," cost them all the way from \$5 to \$15 per 100; that is to say, from five to fifteen cents apiece.

CHARLES LAMB said of one of his the atmosphere between the decks critics: "The more I think of him, would become a "poisoned air-bath." the less I think of him."

When this has been put right the Ad- CORPORAL JOHN SMITH'S TACTICS. burnt piece of wadding fitted exactly. Corporal John Smith with four men On making the connection a broken line safely be sent into the open sea; but was employed lately on detail duty a read: 'And he raised his gun to his not much hope is entertained of ner few miles from Fort Sill, Indian Terri- face and shot him dead.' Though this tory. It should be mentioned that the sentence was but a part of a story in the party was accompanied by a small and paper, it was the nucleus of a most sin- ning, his former companion and asso-

unprepossessing dog of the famous gular and startling coincidence. mongrel variety. Corporal John Smith and party, in the pursuit of a short journey across the prairie, were so unfortunate as to suddenly find themselves most uncomfortably situated. Their discomfiture arose solely from the fact that they were surprised and surrounded by about a hundred hostile Indians. The demeanor of the savages indicated at once their bloodthirstiness and the confidence that they were soon to call the scalps of five United States soldiers all fondly their own. The redskins underestimated the character of Corporal John Smith. He directed his men to avail themselves of the only available retreat-an old buffalo wallow, food and water began then to tell on mongrel; then battering up a canteen, ne exception. The corporal, describing the occurrence afterward, said the dog "just humped himself." The Indians, which ripened into a friendship as cononer as it was given to him by the neighthinking the whole scene merely an act
to find him they interrupt half a dozen
This is h—ll of justice! I have no reof useless bravado, paid no attention to rived at the fort with the canteen at one end of him and the message at the answers, they feel aggrieved and talk Behind Me." He then said, with a feet in height, were rocking to and fro, superficial affection and ruthless deserother. The message was read and Corporal John Smith and party speedily relieved by a company of soldiers, at whose approach the Indians fled. Such is the brief record of a Western adventure, and if Corporal John Smith does

> would be invincible. A BEAUTIFUL HUNTRESS.

Miss Clara Hale, of Harrisburg, Pa., has been on a gunning expedition down the peninsula, and met with considerable success. Early on Tuesday morning of last week she went out, and in a short time succeeded in bagging sixteen patridges and three quirrels. The night of the same day she shot eight muskrats, two of which, however, she failed to get. On Wednesday afternoon she gave a few invited friends an exhibition of her skill in handling the revolver. An old-fashioned copper cent was fastened to a fence post, and she one of which she brought down. Hale is a beautiful brunette, about 17 years old, and her form is perfect. She is intelligent, a fluent speaker, and delights in recounting her hunting adventures in the mountainous regions of Pennsylvania. Her uniform consists o a tight-fitting light corduroy jacket, a short skirt of the same material, with the inevitable bustle, which she utilizes for the purpose of carrying her ammunition, etc., several pockets being neatly arranged in it. Her cap is also of light cordaroy, with an oil-cloth reversible cover, and her feet and ankles are tightly encased in a pair of india-rubber boots. She carries one of Remington's handsome fowling-pieces, and seems greatly attached to her two canine companions, who answer to the names of Eloise and Skippo. The Seaford Citizen says she is now visiting a few friends in Sussex county, and will soon return

ANIMAL PETS.

It is, perhaps, too much to say that cruelty to animals and crime necessarily left pets at home; and this is in accordously, which were almost concealed by ance with the experience of all visitors among the poor, who tell us that the pet squirrel, the canary hung in sunshine, the cat purring on the hearth, are sure indications of quiet and content within, Who has not often passed a humble dwelling and, catching sight of flowerkept where he sold game to other par- pots in the window, has not felt that refinement had its abode there? Leigh window; we plead for other flowers as well; and for pets, too. Give your children all the means you can for association with life, vegetable and animal, and you will humanize them, while you save them from the vicious thoughts of idle hours, and give them a pleasure which they will cultivate and perpetuate through life. Cowper, who would "not needlessly set foot upon a worm," acquired his love for pets when a child; and some of our greatest men-notably Ciay, Webster, Agassiz, and Marcywere as fond of pets in later years as in early manhood.

> SINGULAR. The Galveston News relates a romantic story of a Texan murder and the discovery of the murderer. It is to the effect that some weeks since, in the Cottonwood neighborhood in Guadaloupe county, Mr. Job Drennan and his wife and daughter, when returning from meeting, were shot by wayside assassins. Near the bodies a piece of gun wadding was found, but partly burned, and tracks leading toward the house of an old man, a German named Kunda, and his son Fred. In the old man's house, on the mantel shelf, was found a torn German newspaper, into which the partly manners.

VISITORS TO EDITORIAL ROOMS. This brings us to another point, and one upon which we have often felt like saving something. The Springfield interviewer, when he visited the Gazette office, thought he had reason to feel he was not treated politely. He found several persons in the office, all at work, who did not drop their pens and rise to their feet when he approached. They answered his questions in as few words as possible, and without looking up, perhaps. That was not polite, but it is a species of impoliteness that has become a necessity in the editorial rooms of newspapers; and people who visit such places on their own business must calculate upon apparently cool receptions. Not all who visit editorial rooms are intruders or bores, but a great many are, and these are so numerous that all visitors are looked upon with some degree of suspicion until their business becomes known. It is never pleasant to a tendency to make men cross. There is a pressure upon editors. They work nearly all the time under a pressure. Often their ideas do not flow freely, and when they are not pleasing themselves they are not in a mood to spend much time upon those who interrupt them.

about impolite treatment.

concerns the editor. The best way, if anity around me.' people have something to say to an edfrequently failed to "make both ends be bricked up in the woods, to be for- a West Point education the corporal him. This would save time on bot about his foe, and added that "when times out of ten, than a personal inter- kill." view .- Cincinnati Gazette.

THE LADIES COCKED HAT. style of ladies' hats is not complimenpuzzled to account for the sheep-like nation." manner, in which the entire female sex will rush into a dress absurdity at the dictation of some dressmaker or milhit it eight times out of ten. Several As an instance take the last agony in and like it to the last. They say as They are from eighteen to thirty feet in set of false teeth he had bestowed, prepigeons were let out of a trap, every hats. Some unknown woman satirist open confession is good for the soul, length, and are manned by a crew of head. We admit that this is a danger- from the people. ous subject. We may be told that the cocked hat is no more absurd than most have been invented, and that the creatof foundation for the retort. The silk hat is not exactly an article of beauty, and the felt hat is better than the average, but let us suppose that some amsurdity?

THE Hon. Alvah Crocker, Representative in Congress from the Tenth District of Massachusetts, died at his home in Fitchburg a few days ago. Mr. Crocker, was, we believe, the oldest member (in years) in the lower house of Congress, being in his 78th year. He was eminently a self-made man, and had acquired a vast fortune. He became a factory operative at 8 years of age, but in the intervals of his work managed to secure an academic education, by means of which he obtained employment in confidential relations with the proprietors of paper mills, and became himself an owner of mills. His political life began in the lower house of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1836, 1842, and 1843. He was a member of the State Senate two terms, was elected to the Forty-second Congress Jan. 2, 1872, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of William B. Washburn, and was re-elected to the Forty-third Congress. He was not a candidate for re-election last fall, being too infirm for further service, and Prof. Seelye, of Amherst College, was elected

POMADE CALLED BEAR'S OIL .- Melt together over a water bath, soft or lard body, six pounds; oil of almonds, three mencing to congeal add oil of bergamot, two ounces; oil of cloves, one ounce: with a wood enspatula until cool,

The best protection against other people's ill-manners are one's own good FRIGHTFUL EXECUTION.

THE HANGING OF THE MURDERER MURPHY, AT In May last John Murphy shot and killed, while he was unarmed and runciate, John B. McCallum, because of bruises and cuts he had received in a fight a few days prior. Murphy swore that no man should draw his blood and live, and, while his victim was writh-

McCallum get well.

throughout, interrupting once to ask for a drink of water.

At the conclusion he looked at the most unintelligible and weird voice, said, looking at the noose: "This is my doom: But this book teaches me that I will never die."

"I never thought I was worthy of being hanged, but now I must be hanged, and, before God, I am inno-We suppose it is safe to say that cent. I never had a fair trial. The three-fourths of those who call to see Judge had the names of my witnesses "the editor" have no business properly and put them in his pocket, and left me with that individual. Often they do in the lurch. The jurors, by G-d! not know him personally, and in order had their minds made up beforehand. or a dozen men, who have important more of conscience. Had I had a fair favor, by those who have business that hug the delusive phantom of Christi-

Edmunds' works on Spiritualism, on life, death, and immortality, and from his own manuscript, subsequently, The following opinion of the Hart- that capital punishment is wrong; the intellectual equality of the sexes are of civilization and a trap-door to dam-

After reading for some time, he again become hoarse, and a large drink of brandy was poured out to him. He fisheries are ordinary fishing-boats liner, who possibly draws her inspira- drank it with a relish, and said, "Thave three parts decked over, and carrying tion fron the Parisian demi-monde. been a horrible drunkard all my life, one mast with an ordinary lug-sail. weakness of the sex by means of the with his arm akimbo over on the rail- cially engaged for the purpose of haulordinary felt hat, cocked on one side. ing, and recited a piece of poetry, rail- ing, while the rest are divers. In some woman would as soon have worn cavalry professionals generally, and Christian- generally they are hired for the season, boots and spurs. But to-day you may ity in particular, laughing while recit. which extends from June to the middle count them as they go by on the street - ing humorous passages, and then con- of October. No wages are paid; the out of every ten will have the same book, he leaned his head on his hand, profits of a good diver reach as high as we suppose they speak of them with the fro, and then stood firmly, directly un. ticed from a very early age up to same tender and gushing admiration as der the noose. Kneeling, he read a forty years, beyond which few are able of the "loves of bonnets" which a few short prayer from the book of his spiryears since ornamented the wonderful itualistic faith, and then said he asked appear, however, that the practice has superstructure which adorned the female | no more than an American welcome

He then stepped aside, and v hile the Sheriff was manacling him sad: "I of the other styles of head-gear which have suffered a great deal, gen iemen." After standing silently for a moment he nres who consent to wear stove pipes said. "Be Jasus! it's too light, and are not competent to judge what is I would like to give them Judges a litabsurd in the other sex. And we must the 'drop' if ever I come back." Then admit that there is just the least shadow he said to the Sheriff: "Did'nt I tell you I would die like a statue?" He hoped the life of Somers, who is

to be hanged at Genos on Thursday,

would be spared; and, recognizing the Gold Hill News reporter, said, "Tell than heretofore. When brought to the paper, the Animal Kingdom, that of duce a tile with no brim on one side or them I'm in a tight place." The rope two thousand convicts of whom inquiry shaped like a funnel, how many of was then adjusted, and the noose being was made, only twelve admitted they his fellow-citizens would adopt the ab- high he had to stand on tip-toe, and it was noticed that he turned a little red in the face. The noose fitted rather loosely, and Murphy said, "Sheriff, draw the rope tighter." The black cap was then drawn over his face, he shook hands with the Sneriff, and said, "Good-bye, John," Deputy Condon shook hands with him just as the rope was out, and was almost pulled over through the trap by Murphy as he fell through the door. Those on the platform, and many others, instinctively turned their heads with a shudder as he fell with a heavy thud through the trap, his feet reaching within two feet of the ground. The drop was six feet. Almost instantly he gave a convulsive shudder, drawing up his legs about two inches, was then apparently lifeless for a second; another writhing convulsion. and all was over. He died in half a minute, his neck being broken almost instantly.

> AN INDUSTRIOUS WOMAN. A short sketch of her history may be an encouragement to other lone women: When her husband died she was not able to buy a head-stone complete, but bought a marble slab in the rough and finished it. She then carved some work and took it to a marble-worker, and told him she was a widow with a family of children and wanted work. The dealer examined the work, said it was good, part of the Sheriff of San Antonio, pounds; mix well and upon its com- and that he would give her work on two Texas, toward a prisoner confined in conditions. First, she should promise jail, is reported. The prisoner was not to work for any other dealer in the held for murder, and when a circus came in Philadelphia. In 1827 the Grand oil of rose, twenty drops. Beat well city; and secondly, she should promise to town the other day the Sheriff refused Lodge of Pennsylvania was called intonot to open business on her own ac- to allow the man to attend. Public in- being, and in 1847 the National Grand count. She said she would agree to dignation at San Antonio is naturally Lodge was formed. There are now over-

tion would agree to nothing of the kind. She went to another city, there got work without special agreement, and is now doing well.

LAND SLIDE ON THE AMAZON.

The banks of the Amazon are not just the place one would like to locate a house, if we may believe Mr. Bates. He says that canoemen on the Upper Amazon live in constant dread of the ing in the agonies of death, Murphy landslips, which occasionally take place said he had rather be hanged th n see along the steep earthy banks, especially when the waters are rising. Large ves-The murderer was hung for his els are sometimes overwhelmed by crime, last month, at Carson. The San these avalanches of earth and trees. Francisco Call gives the following de- One morning I was awakened before tails of the execution of the hardened sunrise by an unusual sound, resembling the roar of artillery. I was lying After surveying the crowd, he quiet. alone on the top of the cabin ; it was ly took a chair, while the Sheriff read very dark, and all my companions were the warrant, and listened attentively asleep-so I lay listening. The sounds came from a considerable distance, and the crash which aroused me was succeeded by others much less formidable. beam overhead and asked for his books | The first explanation which occurred to and manuscripts, from which he read me was, that it was an earthquake; for, an hour and ten minutes. Opening the although the night was breathlessly book by Judge Edmunds, on Spiritual- calm, the broad river was much agitaism, he cast a long look at the beam and ted, and the vessel rolled heavily. noose overhead, stepped forward on Soon after, another loud explosion took be interrupted in editorial work. It has the tra;, and, in a screaming, alformer one; then followed others. The thundering peal rolled backward and forward, now seeming close at hand, and now far off; the sudden crashes being often succeeded by a pause, or a long-continued dull rumbling. At the second explosion, Vicente, who lay snoring by the helm, awoke, and told me it was a "terra cahida," but I could scarcely believe him. The day dawned after the uproar had lasted about an hour, and we then saw the work of destruction going forward on the other side of the river, about three miles off. work to do, and only a limited time to trial I would now be walking the streets | Large masses of forest, including trees do it in. Then, if they receive short of Carson, whistling 'The Girl I Left of colossal size, probably two hundred ville, Ind. It is but the old story of demoniscal laugh: "I am not a and falling headlong, one after the The editorial rooms of a newspaper | Christian ; I do not believe in the other, into the water. After each avaestablishment are private, and are only Bible or in Christ as the Son of God. lanche, the wave which it caused re- case a special interest. But a few short to be visited, except as a matter of I would sooner die a Tom Paine than turned on the crumbly bank with tre- weeks ago the relations existing bemendous force, and caused the fall of He then gave a detailed statement of The line of coast along which the land- warmest. Mutual vows were interitor, is to write it down and send it to the killing, ending with a couplet slip extended, was a mile or two in changed, and, for once, the course of length; the end of it, however, was hid true love promised to run as smoothly sides, and answer a better purpose, nine Johnny Murphy draws, he draws to from our view by an intervening island. as the muddy Ohio meandering past He then read passages from It was a grand sight, each downfall the town. It is recorded that the created a cloud of spray; the concussion in one place causing other masses to give way a long distance from it, and the lady with a set of false teeth to rethus the crashes continued, swaying to place the natural ones missing from the ford Courant in regard to the present that when society forgives, the law and fro with little prospect of a terhas no right to interfere, and that mination. When we glided out of sight, sip the honey-dew of love. But man is tary, but, perhaps, just : Believers in the gallows is a hideous feature two hours after sunrise, the destruction fickle, and this man wasn't any excepwas still going on.-Mr. Bates' New | tion to the rule. He allowed his affec-Book.

SPONGE-FISHING. The majority of the boats used in the

A year ago the average fashionable ing at judges, clergymen, the various cases the men own their own boats, but blue-blooded or shoddy, strong-minded cluded saying, "I will detain you not remuneration consists in an equal share or weak, intellectual or frivolous-nine much longer." Then taking another of the produce of the fishing. The style hat, cocked as to one side, and as if in painful thought, walked to and forty pounds a season. Diving is practo continue the pursuit. It does not any tendency to shorten life, although, as the diver approaches forty, he is less able to compete with his younger and more vigorous brother. The time during which a Syrian diver can remain under water depends, of course, on his age and training. Sixty seconds is reckoned good work, but there are rare instances of men who are able to stay below eighty seconds. The men on the coast, however, make extraordinary statements as to the length of 'time their best hands are able to remain under water, and gravely assert that eight and ten minutes are not impossibilities. For the benefit of the curious in such matters, we give a description of the manner of diving : The divernaked, of course - with an open net around his waist for the receptacle of his prizes, scizes with both hands an oblong white stone, to which is attached a rope, and plunges overboard. On arriving at the bottom, the stone is deposited at his feet, and keeping hold of the rope with one hand, the diver grasps and tears off the sponges within reach, which he deposits in his next. He then, by a series of jerk's o the rope, gives the signal to those above, and is drawn up-very thankful to once more breathe his native air, one would imagine.

> THE editor of the Bastrop (Texas) forms us that "a glow of satisfaction permeated his heart as he once more trod the flagstones of Bastrop." His return seems to have called forth the tenderest emotions of the human heart as it beats in Bastrop, for he was presented with "a fifteen-pound beat, two large heads of white cabbage, a middling of dried fish, and a whole wedding-cake." No wonder a glow of satisfaction permeated his heart under the circumstances. It must have been drier than one of the dried fish other-

A case of sickening cruelty on the this if he would agree to keep her in aroused by this barbarous and heartless work all time. But this lord of crea- nnovation.

SPAIN'S NEW RULER.

Don Alfenso is a youth of seventeen years, not strong either in body or mind. He is universally regarded in Spain as illegitimate. He has no claim whatever upon the throne except that he is the son of his mother, who was as bad a woman as queen. Her mother was like herself, and her father, if possible, worse. For four generations the line is utterly corrupt and worthless. Since Charles III. no one can point to a good reign, we may almost say to a good action, of a Spanish sovereign; of course we except the unfortunate experiment of Amadeus of Savoy, who was a gentleman at least. But Charles IV. and his son Ferdinand were not gentlemen in any sense of the word. They were cowardly, treacherous, untruthful, weak, and personally dishonest. Queen Christine and Queen Isabel were not ladies; it is not possible to call them so without casting derision upon the name. They were unfaithful rulers, unfaithful wives, not honest even in money matters. Both the Kings and both the Queens we have mentioned broke their word so frequently that no one could trust them. Their public character was as bad as their private. We do not accuse them of being the cause of all the misery of which Spain has suffered for the last century. Even the best of Kings, like Charles III. for instance, could not make Spain happy. But it is as clear as day that these sovereigns, while doing no good have done infinite harm to their unhappy kingdom. Their incapacity as rulers was as evident as their immorality as individuals. Their acts were as noxious as their example,-New York Tribune. A TOOTHSOME ROMANCE.

A touching tale of man's inconstancy and cruelty comes to us from Evanstion, but there is a slight variation tween a certain man and woman of the other masses, by undermining them. town mentioned were of the closest and amorous lover, in the depth of his affection, even went so far as to present lips where his were wont to stray and tions to transfer themselves to another Evansville maiden. Then came the unkindest cut of all. The new inamorata chanced, too, to be toothless, and the hard-hearted lover went to her he had deserted, and, wresting away the sented them to the new love. No wonrebelled at such an act! The first wearer of the teeth now wants the assistance of the police to recover the useful apparatus, and there is great commotion over the case in the society of Evansville. The case, taken altogether, is a remarkable one, and suggests one interesting query: Are all Evansville women toothless? Will the Evansville papers explain the matter?

ALGERIAN RACES. M. Topinard concludes his paper on the anthropology of Algiers, by drawing attention to the five periods which characterize the anthropological history of the colony, and which are those of the brown-skinned Kabyles; the lightskinned Kabyles; the Numidians, to whom we must refer the greater number of the Berber inscriptions hitherto found; the Romans, Arabs and Turks; and lastly, the Aryans. M. Topinard is of the opinion that in the fair and dark-skinned Berbers we have a kindred race with the oldest West-European races, and that therefore, with due regard to locality, we have evidence that European colonies could be made, like those tribes, to flourish in various parts. of Algiers. In the meantime, however, as General Faidherbe has remarked, it becomes a question of political as well ethnological importance to investigate, and, if possible, arrest, the causes which are diminishing the numbers of the native population, whose existence is the more important from their being the best able to bear the climate, and cultivate the soil. M. Topinard considers that the mortality among the native races is not to be reterred with any special prominence to diseases introduced by Europeans, but is due very much more to a natural scrofulous diathesis antecedent among them, than to any important constitutional taint, while famine, war, and many other Advertiser having been absent from causes depending upon political condithat lovely town for a short time, in- tions, are probably the most important. agents in the process.

> A colored Freemason, belonging to a Connecticut lodge, is in the lecture field lecturing on "legitimacy of colored Masons in the United States." Having investigated the record he finds that. Masonry was introduced among the colored men of this country by the initi-

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ating, passing, and raising of thirteen colored men into a traveling lodge, atsched to Gen. Gage's army, stationed at. Boston, on March 6, 1775. In September, 1784, the Duke of Camberland, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, granted a warrant for the constituting of African Lodge No. 459. In 1792 the Master of this lodge instituted another one hundred thousand colored men in the United States who are Masons.