THE DEAD TRYST.

As I went by the harbor when folk were abod I now my dead lover in the boat pulling in: My love he came swiftly and kissed my whiten And my checks so bollow and thin.

And face to face we nestled by the wash of the

And after long sorrow the joy it was sweet. I combed his locks of honey with my fittle all-

And with my hands I warmed his feet.

The sea fog crept round us as white as the

And he key on the sea sand with his head on

my knees. No night wind broke the silence, nor any shricking guil. In that death white fog from the sea.

And then I crossed him over our sweet songs "against me."

with the go. . And wrapped him in a living cloak.

1 propose to seek in this way."

would be dumb, And the nighttime last a year.

Ochone, the cocks came crowing, and he arose

the wea fog's snow. Oh, wherefore, darling, darling, did you break my duil context. And why did you come but to go? — Katharine Tynan in Atalanta.

TWO MEN, ONE WOMAN

Henry Wilmerding's dwelling place was not in any wild and unsettled part of the world, where it might be supposed that personal safety could only be preserved by personal caution and personal daring or readiness, but in a large and well appointed apartment house, conveniently and centrally located on the most fashionable avenue in the city. His sitting room was richly and comfortably furnished; there were handsome rugs on the floor, and the rays from the shaded sharply and questioningly at Bradford, and papers and the latest magazines. On the walls were many pictures, engravings, etchings and paintings, and on the top of the bookcase, which ran around the room, were a few pieces of well selected bric-a-brac and small statuary. while the books themselves, which filled all the cases, were further evidence of his taste and cultivation.

Surely his was a home where he might feel secure against any violence or attack of any sort. There were chairs about so comfortable as to invite any occasional occupant of them to repose and quiet and forgetfulness of trouble, but in one of the casiest of these, drawn near the may know of them as well as not." table with the lamp, Henry Wilmerding sat cleaning a revolver-an occupation which seemed almost improper or at least incongruous in such surroundings. He had removed the cylinder of the pistol from its barrel and stock and was carefully rubbing it with a silk cloth. while upon the table at his hand were the cartridges he had taken from its chambors.

Suddenly the door, which he had carelessly left unlocked, was opened violently from without, and a man entered the room. Wilmerding rose quickly in as-tonishment and anger, but the newcomer said at once:

"Sit down!" And taking his hand from his overcoat pocket, where it had been concealed, he pointed a cocked pistal straight at Wilmerding's breast. Wilmerding was overcome by the sudden-ness of the intrusion and the action of the man, so terrible in its significance. His knees trembled and he sank back into

makes my purpose more certain. Passion will not blind me. I will not lose iny way."

"Then why do we wait, Bradford?" "You have grown tired of the situation? I do not wonder. I have something to ask, however."

"A favor to ask?"

have and ruin you have wrought in my life. "I have wrought no havor, no ruin,

who should be called upon for payment, for reparation. But let that go. I did not mean, I do not choose to meet any accusation you may wish to bring

"As you please; it will save time." Ochone, I could not warm him, and never a word he spoke. I loosed my heavy hair then, the gray locks

"More, Wilmerding? Far more. What good will your death do me? Do you world will wonder, but scandal will not earn, though their hours are not long.

or if his heaven were lonely and this earth ment for you, not reward for me, that 1 cost of my step to mo? It is punish-

> arms and touched gently, with the fin- ward, gers of his left hand, his pistol. Wil-

and weat. His darling black head hanging, out through action of Bradford. He langhed coolly. merding did not show that he noted the "You must have arrived at your judg-

of it deliberately," he said. "Yes."

pure, that it pleases you to pose?" "Pose?" Bradford repeated,

"I think that that is the word. It may naut. be that you deceive yourself; but you

cannot deceive me. I know you too well, Mr. Bradford-altogether too well. well, Mr. Bradford-altogether too well. "I have fancied," said a woman the You were not happy in your selection of other day, "that the hunting field develan audience. But come. This favor oped only a most manly sport, and one you want granted-what is it?"

"I want a statement; I want you to write and sign a statement of your re- anise seed bags. I never saw a meet until lations with my wife."

Wilmerding expressed his astonishment that such a favor should be asked of him in a long, low whistle. He looked lamp fell upon a table covered with books in whose determined face and unchanging dogs in full cry and the riders almost attitude there was no indication that he abreast. Two fences were taken and then meant either to relent in his purpose or the course turned, and we were preparing relax his vigilance. Then Wilmerding moved closer to the table and drew paper before him.

> "Nothing could be simpler or easier to do than that," he said, "but I am afraid my statement will not gratify you. To your relations, too-of your foolish neglect, your inhuman cruelty, your falsity and your baseness.

"You may include what you please." "And as for my relations, why should I not write of them? The whole world

"That is not what I want. I do not care for only a statement of what the world knows or may know. That would not be worth the asking for." "Then"- Wilmerding began, but

Bradford interrupted him. "I want a complete statement-a truth

ful statement, no matter who is harmed, no matter who is incriminated." Wilmerding, as if his task were a hope-

less one, pushed away the paper he had and quivered and seemed about to fall, and drawn before him. He leaned back in his chair.

"Ah, I knew," he said; "I thought so. You do not want the only statement I can write-that would not serve your purpose. You seek to justify yourself. did not balk nor kick nor betray any You do not want the truth; it is not truth you want at all, but a lie. I will not write it. Yet I thank you."

"Yes; I have given you a chance." "A chance?" Wilmerding repeated, as though he did not understand. -11 thanked you because you had not tried

defense, for it is the way to let such a crime as you intend go unpunished. "You see that I feel the unassailable strength of your position; I have felt it

toplong, and too much; I have respected only too well your rights; I have chosen not to attempt to storm the barrier het horrible blunder of long ago put between

'Yes. You owe me something for the my love and me. Had I cared less for her I might-who knows)-have taken her from you and all your world. Ever since I had the fortune to meet her and for whatever of ruin you have come to to learn to love her-good fortune I call you are yourself responsible. It is you it even now, though I stand in your Europe are cut in Paris or in Amsterpower-I have done the best I could for dam; but in Geneva, close by the Ona her-the best I could to make her life de la Poste, there is the "Taillere de Dia bearable, to lighten her sorrows, 1 mants" of the Dupuis Bros. Not only have lived my life-I have not been an that, but most of the diamond cut angel; but toward her and for her I have ters here are young women, "tres in "As you please; it will save time." been only good. And you? Can you telligente," and most attractive. They "Yes: but from your point of view do ever say so much? Now you offer to receive, too, for work of the same spare my life. I decline your offer. I kind as that done by men the same rate

I never thought to ask him the wherefore he think that I have failed to consider the touch her. Be a little generous to her. little capsules it contained and swallowed head of the Conlouvreniere, and occu-As Bradford spoke he unfolded his them. Almost immediately he fell back pies its second etage. The building is

Bradford, who had stood motionless scarcely comprehending the meaning of his words, stepped toward him. He had stones are kept after cutting in a huge ment and planned this-this execution was hate that made him raise his pistol desire. and fire at Wilmerding's form. After a

pause he shot again, and then, as quickly "Then it is as a judge, righteous and as he could, he fired the remaining charges in his revolver .- William Mc-Kendree Bangs in San Francisco Argo-

A Cruel Exhibition.

against which no objection could be brought, particularly in these days of a short time ago, when visiting some friends in a hunting county, but I am in no hurry to see another after my experi

ence. The field got off well, and we in the carriages drove a half mile down the road to see them cross. Shortly they came, the to go on again when a delayed rider and denly appeared at full gallop. So the carringes stood still to watch him.

'His horse was evidently refusing to jump, which had put him behind, and as he approached the fence near us I could see him dig his spurs into the horse's sides be complete it will have to tell you of to urge him on. The animal came up magnificently to the very rails, when he stopped and stood still. His rider swore and wheeled the horse, riding back half way across the field and then advanced again, pounding his spurred levels against the horse at every bound and plying his whip vigorously across his flanks. But animal stopped as before when the fence was reached. And then there ensued to me a most painful scene. The rider was maddened and mortified beyond all con trol. Again and again he rode his horse back, beating him about the neck and head with his heavy loaded whip and using

his spurs like trip hammers, the anima refusing every time to take the leap. "Once the infuriated rider gave his moun a blow above the eye that rang out like the crack of a pistol. The horse drooped

I turned my head to avoid the sight. But he did not, and shortly raised his receive more cruel thumps and blows. It was a contest between brute and brute, with, it seemed to me, the dignity on the side of the four legged one. The animal viciousness; for some horse reason he could not take the leaps, and being denied speech took the only way to show it." Her Point of View in New York Times.

DIAMOND CUTTERS.

WOMEN ARE EMPLOYED IN ONE OF THE LARGEST HOUSES.

The Difficult and Delicate Task of Get ting Jewels from Rough Stones-Selecting and Dividing the Jewels Reform They Reach the Workroom.

Not all diamonds used in this part of know a way to spare her. Now-the of compensation, and many of them from ten to fifteen dollars a week. The As he finished speaking he took from establishment of Dupuis Freres is in a the box he held in his hand two of the handsome granite building, just at the

triangular in form, with its private of fices near the apex. The first of these offices is a cozy room where the precious spoken of justice and punishment, but it iron safe, which will be brought at your

> Quarter and half and almost pound packets of the beautiful gems that are like showers of dew in brilliant sunshine as you bury your hands among them There are all sizes, from the timest rose diamond to others that are like second kohinoors as they flash from the velvet beds, for these larger diamonds are kept carefully selected in cases instead of in the little tissue paper covered packets. The variety of tint is simply wonderful -brown diamonds, green diamonds, yellow diamonds, purest white diamonds, and rarest of all, the MM. Dupuis told me, blue diamonds. Nearly opposite the private office is the bookkeeping and recording room and the counter at which the elder M. Dupuis sits assorting the gems as they come from the cutting, and if a diamond in the rough is of such shape that his skilled eye tells him it could not be cut to advantage as found he divides it into two or three parts before it is carried to the workroom.

Both the assorting and the dividing require the greatest skill and most perfect knowledge-both intuitive and practice tacle. The main building was designed by gained-of the stones, which in their Gluseppe Commargua and is 120 meters in crude condition resemble, it seems to me. bits and pieces of different tinted gum arabic more than anything else. As I have told you, the serior member of the firm assorts and divides the diamonds, while the junior partner himself keeps all books and records and apportions the familiar, Milan is rich in works of art, i stones to their cutters, five at a time to each, marking the weight, date and all opposite the cutter's name, until they are returned completed. In this room, too. diamonds are received for repair and recutting. That reminds me that in cutting almost one-half the original weight of the stone is lost, or, more properly. cut away, for not a grain of the dust is lost, as you will see.

The chief workroom or atelier is a large, bright, airy room, splendidly ventilated and exquisitely neat. In it, about

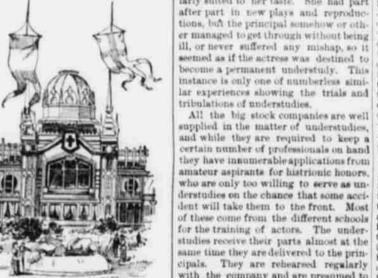
the walls that form two sides of the triangle, there are a sufficient number of cutting machines for about seventy-five employees, and back of these close by the windows are sents and benches for the girls who place the diamonds in the solder, beds for the machine cutting, an operation that must be completed very deftly, for, first, there is the placing of one solder oval in the cup of the instru-

THE EXHIBITION AT MILAN. It Has Many Features of Interest to Ameri

can Visitors.

Many and beautiful are the buildings which comprise the united exhibitions at Milan, the intellectual, industrial and commercial center of Italy. This enterprise has been accomplished in a very short time, the plans having been made only last year. The citizens of Milan, without asking assistance from the government, raised the nee essary funds, and the result of their labors has received nothing but praise from those who have been fortunate enough to see the completed exhibition. The ground cov ered by the various buildings of the ex-hibition proper is about 50,000 square meters, and that devoted to the castle, garden and

The main building, the first that catches the eye of the visitor on entering the grounds, produces a most favorable impres sion. In this are the industrial arts, printing, engraving, etc. then comes the castle with a wealth of painting, sculpture and photography, and further along the ancient Rochetta, a fortress which used to sheiter stography, and further along the ancient



ENTRANCE TO MAIN BUILDING, MILAN

the signori of Milan when their enemi succeeded in entering the city; the ducal palazzo, historical residence of the Sforza lukes of Milan; the magnificent machinery building, the educational exhibit and the phylacteric and geographic displays, all combining to form a most imposing spectwice during a season they are always ready for any emergency that may arise. The exhibition will continue six length Augustin Daly's and A. M. Palmer's commonths. panies are also well supplied with under-

Milan is a superb city and offers many atstudies, and both have long lists of amatractions to the American visitor. It is rich in antiquities and antedates the Chris teurs ready to go on at a moment's notian era by 260 years. Aside from its fa-mons cathedral, with which every one is tice in case of sickness or other necessity. erally carries two understudies while on beautiful architecture and in libraries of rare books. There are at least 26 notable private art galleries, 15 museums and many members of the company to make themeducational and charitable institutions selves proficient in two or more parts. worth visiting. The city is surrounded by a circular wall seven or eight miles in cir Thus if the first comedian should sudcumference, and many of the streets appear denly be incapacitated the second come to run in circles. Milan has a population dian jumps in, and so on all through the of about 300 000 cast. The understudies who travel regu-

The year 1894 has international exhibilarly with the company are usually a man and a woman. The former undertions a pienty. Antwerp, Lyons, Milan, Madrid and San Francisco each have expo studies all the actors, while the latter is sitions which are exceedingly attractive and perfect in all the feminine roles. Their instructive and possess great historic intersalaries and expenses are on a par with

The Postmasters General.

Although many of the stars now con The postmaster general's department spicnous in the theatrical firmament bewas established on Sept. 22, 1789, and the first holder of the office was Samuel ies, it is not often nowadays that the Orgood, of Massachusetts. It may be stars themselves are understudied. It is added that Massachusetts has particigenerally assumed by the managers that pated actively in the filling of cabinet the star is the attraction for the public, posts, and enjoyed a century ago the poand to substitute somebody else is to litical distinction which now appears to Talk About Purs. It is almost as easy to run up heavy ills with a further that much resembles the cup of a "cup" belong to Ohio. The post of postmaster general has usually been filled from the the moring rays in metallic tints of gold-to the show. In some instances, how-en yellow, green and crimson. border" states. Pierce went to Ten

THE UNDERSTUDY.

TO TAKE PRINCIPALS' PLACES.

Chance to show Their Powers.

play as the principals.

those of the principals.

Every big traveling organization gen-

One of the most notable instances of

whose characterization of Happy Jack,

the tramp, was supposed to be inimi-

Felling Trees by Electricity.

ly cut through an ax or handsaw is used

A Crnel CuL

Hoslems Steadily Growing Richer, Christinns and Jews Poorer. SUBACTORS WHO MUST BE READY The lititish consul in Damascus, in a re-

port issued by the foreign office, gives some interesting information in regard to the condition of that city and its neighborhood. Delays and Incertainties They Find Is Damascus sends to Beyroot and Getting to the Front-They May Ge towns in Spria flour, grain and fruits, Through an Entire Season With No while in regard to the necessaries of life

DAMASCUS THE ANCIENT.

it is practically self supporting, with the exception of Manchester manufactures. After two years of patient waiting and Cotton goods were formerly all homemade, study a young actress, who was an un-bat the great cheapness of British cottons has destroyed the home production. The derstudy in one of the principal stock companies in town, gave up her position year to year; if there is an increase in the the other day because during all that trade in an article one year there is a cortime she never got an opportunity to dis-play her talents before the public. She enly fluctuate with the population, while was on the salary list of the company, the exports depend on the harvest, which

and as wages are paid 52 weeks in the rarriy tails. year by that particular organization if meened rather like quitting a good thing, but it was not a question of finance with her. She is an actress of rescarring abil. her. She is an actress of recognized abil- surround the greater part of the populaity, and understudying was not particu- tion, and the houses built outside are very larly suited to her taste. She had part few. The poverty of the Christians and after part in new plays and reproduc- Jews is remarkable, the Moslems having tions, but the principal somehow or oth. of late years absorbed the trade and wealth er managed toget through without being ill, or never suffered any mishap, so it seemed as if the actress was destined to wealth, while the Christians and Jews as become a permanent understudy. This things is said to be due to the loss of the instance is only one of numberless simi- through trade to Bagdad, to the difficullar experiences showing the trials and ties which those who are not Moslems encounter in business, and to the insolvency All the big stock companies are well of the government. The Damascus bonds,

supplied in the matter of understudies, which were repullated to the extent of and while they are required to keep a and while they are required to keep a and Jews, and the repudiation was a heavy blow to them.

But it appears that the wealth of the amateur aspirants for histrionic honors. place has considerably increased in the last who are only too willing to serve as un- thirty years, and it is probable that Daferstudies on the chance that some acci- mascus will still further increase when dent will take them to the front. Most the railways now projected from the coast of these come from the different schools are constructed. The exportation of liquorfor the training of actors. The under-studies receive their parts almost at the same time they are delivered to the prin-cipals. They are rehearsed regularly cipals. They are rehearsed regularly cus. It is estimated that in a good year no with the company and are presumed to fewer than 17,000 tous are gathered. Large be as well prepared for the first night of quantities are sent fresh into the neigh boring towns and villages, while the rest Manager Charles Frohman's company is dried or made into paste and exported to is probably one of the best equipped or. Egypt. Hemp, too, is an important local

ganizations in the country in the way of production. understudies. Eight of these are em-ployed as regular members of the com-There are about 2,000 looms for cotton, Local industries are numerous and some pany the year round, and while they are probably not seen more than once or calico, curtains and divan covers, the material used for the long coats worn by Moslems, and for the cloaks which cover the native women from head to foot. hand loom can turn out thirteen yards of striped cotton cloth per day, but the average day's work does not exceed seven yards. The cotton looms are constantly at work, while the wool and silk looms are frequent lyidle. The manufacture of ropes, harness, bammered fron, copper and brasswork the road. Some companies dispense with their services, however, by requiring the namental brasswork and mother of pearl inlaid work are chiefly supported by travelers, who pay exorbitant prices .- London Times

Morning in the Guiana Forest.

The bats are settling themselves in the bollow trees or under dense masses of creepers, making mouselike chirpings as they hang themselves up in their places. Here and there a lumbering moth, looking out for a safe retreat until evening, is flut tering lazily along before retiring to rest. The owl and goatsucker shrink before the light, and also hurry off to their hiding places, making room for the brilliant families of day birds which are calling and gan their dramatic career as understud-ies, it is not often nowadays that the voice of the howling monkey now horrifies the stranger, filling him with wonder and recalling stories of banshees and ghosts retiring at cockcrow. Then a flock of par-rots or macaws is heard screaming far overhead, their glorious plumage flashing in

were the birds near at hand, but as they placed by an understudy, the latter has rarely fly or perch low their voices are mel lowed by distance. Congregating on the Billy Crane was an understudy in the boughs of the highest trees-far beyond the reach of the Indian's gun or blowpipethey take their morning meal of fruits and nuts, chattering away like a lot of rooks in a clump of old elms. - Longman's Maga produced "The Daughter of the Regi- zine,

turf for the sports is 200,000 additional. and as wages are paid 52 weeks in the tarely fails. seemed as if the actress was destined to tribulations of understudies.

his chair weak and for the moment unnerved, but presently, as he saw the man looking at him contemtuously, he rallied, and it was with apparently perfect composure that he said

Your command is peremptory and unpleasant, but you seem to have the power Well?" to enforce it.

The man walked to the other side of the table, where he stood silently for a moment, looking down at Wilmerding. he spoke angrily and without the control picture of a woman which stood upon the table in a sort of easel frame. He struck it violently with his left hand, knocking it to the floor.

"How dare you have that-her picture -there?" he asked.

"Oh, see here," Wilderming answered in proud carelessness, although he looked at the pistol still pointing directly toward him and then past it at the angry eyes of his visitor, "I can't change my arrangements to suit the whim of an uninvited and unwelcome guest. Prav why have you favored me with this visit. Mr. David Bradford?"

"You know well enough why I have come?

"Apparently you have come to quarrel with me. You could not have chosen a happier time-for you," Wilmerding returned as he glanced at his own now useless pistol.

"Pshaw!" Bradford replied as he noted the direction of Wilmerding's glance. 'Now I can wait: I can kill you when I please; I can be sure that you will feel all that it means; I can know that you will appreciate your punishment. Had you been ready, I would have been compelled to be quicker-that is all."

"Indeed?" asked Wilmerding; "yet] dars say I would not have used my pistol any more than I now care for help. This matter can be settled in only one way. But if you hold that position long your hand, steady as it is, will shake. Sit down, you will be more comfortable." Bradford sat down and folded his

arms upon the table before him. He held the pistol, still cocked; but it was head, no longer pointed at Wilmerding. For at once. a moment or so Bradford looked ellently at Wilmerding, who, whatever fear ne

may have felt, showed no sign of it. 'You are cool," Bradford said at last.

"Yex."

"You are very cool."

"I can be very hot. At present I prefer to be cool.

"Do you think that because I give you time I may spare you? Do you think that any plen of yours will help you?"

"When I plead with you, you may respond," Wilmerding replied disdainfully. retaining his wotelerful command of

Dimeo!! "And yet life should be very pleasant

to you: one would think you would find It worth your while to save it." "It would be mere bravado to say that

I court death," Wilmerding replied as he shrugged his shoulders. "I will not stoop to that."

"Yet death is before yon-imminent and contain."

"You are very cool too." "I am. Yet man never had greater reason to lose hitself control than I; no. man ever had greater cause for passion or anger than I My very poolness

to bargain with me; because you had not bills with a furrier as it is with a jeweler offered me my life in exchange for the or silversmith. Furs, so far as good profits lying statement you want. That great are concerned to the fur dealer, are esdishonor you have spared me and I thank sentially luxuries of the rich. It is the y'ou.

'But I will make a bargain with you: I will give you your life for the state- mand prices which become fanciful in proportion to their scarcity. There is ment I want "

Wilmerding rose. He pushed his chair one point in favor of the fur dealer in from him so that it fell noisily to the the perishable nature of his most costly floor. For the first time in the interview wares.

heirloom, and at the worst the jewels of himself he had maintained. "You scoundrel!" he said. Bradford will only need resetting; services of silrose from his sent, recoiled a step or two, ver plate are almost indestructible, and raised his pistol, but then lowered it even if they are burned in some conagain as Wilmerding spoke on. "How flagration the precious metal remains; dare you think of me so badly? How but a set of sable or sea otter skins can

dare you think I would purchase even only last a certain time with the utmost life at such a price as that? You want care. The moth will find its way into the truth, yon say. I do love your wife. them or the hair will rub off with rough is that the truth you want? I do love usage, and the soft and velvety gloss your wife more than I love life or fear will suffer by exposure to the air.

denth. I love her, I say, but no word of The trade in furs has always been one love from me has ever hurt her ears. No in which the first cost of the article has word of love for me has ever sullied her borne a singularly small proportion to lips; yet I know she loves me. That is the price it ultimately commands in the the most glorious truth I know. She market. John Jacob Astor, at the time loves me as she never did, never could of his death the richest man in the have loved you." United States, laid the foundation of his

Wilmerding, as though now he only immense fortune, estimated at \$50,000,wished that some end might be brought 000, in furs. He was wont in his latter to the interview, any end to the suspense. years to declare that when as a young leaned far over the table toward Brad- man he went into the wilds of this state ford and pulled his waistcoat open imwith his pack on his back he often purpatiently. Bradford raised his pistol chased of Indians for strings of beads

again, his finger on the trigger. which had not cost him as much as six-"Do not be impatient," he said. "You pence sterling skins which when dressed commanded in London as many guineas. may even now change your decision and Of course the skins in passing through save your life."

Wilmerding straightened himself and the hands of various individuals were pulled at his collar as though he found advanced for various profits on them be it hard to breathe. Then he raised his fore they were sold for six guineas. Still, making every allowance for this hand imploringly.

"Wait!" he said. "One minute." the gains of Astor were enormous in pro-"Ah" Bradford said as he smiled portion to his first outlay. Although scornfully. "You know the terms." the profits realized in the fur trade sixty "And you can think I will accept or seventy years ago can no longer be Wait. There in that cabinet obtained the difference between the first behind you"cost of the skins and the retail price is

still extremely considerable. - Ladies' Bradford smiled again and shook his Cloak and Suit Review. Wilmerding divined his thought

them?

is a box. Hand it to me."

A Monster Bell.

"You fear to turn?" he went on, and The largest bell in the world is the one he, too, smiled. "You are wise. But if you will only extend your left hand a in Moscow, Russia, known as the "King little von may open it for me-so. On of Bells." It was cast in 1732, partly that shelf-a little lower, please-there from fragments of another great bel called the "Giant," which was broken Bradford had followed the directions in the early part of the Seventeenth centgiven him by Wilmerding not without ary by falling from its support. The thought of what might be intended, but "Giant," although not as large as the the box, he found, was small and light. "King of Bells," was, nevertheless, no It could contain no weapon, and he pigmy, for we are told that it weighed threw it carelessly upon the table be 288,000 pounds, and took the combined tween them. Wilmerding took it and strength of twenty-four men to ring it. opened it and looked at its contents. The "King of Bells," like its predeces "Bradford." he continued slowly, sor, had the misfortune to be broken five

"you could not, I suppose, have retained years after it was cast by falling timbers the love of your wife. Fate and your during the great fire of 1737. self-your own character-were against The bell is now upon the ground, the you and were too strong for you, but broken place in the side being as large you might at least have tried to retain as a good sized door. The bell itself is her respect; you might have chosen not large enough for a dwelling house, be to make all her life a hideous night ing 19 feet and 3 inches in height and 60 mare; you might have chosen not to feet and 9 inches around the margin. trample upon her and upon the love she This monster of monsters weighs 443,732 bore you. Even now, while society, as pounds. It is said that an enormous

you see to do but justice and to punish amount of gold (by some authorities me, you are willing to make her the life estimated at over a ton) was by accident long victim of a ruinous scandal. I can incorporated into its composition .- St. savy her. You are secure in your dwn Louis Republic.

and ball." hundle and all; then the other half must receive just the right degree of fusion at the gas and be applied so as to finish the oval. It is in the top of this up rarest and finest skins that yield the per part that the stone is placed while most incrative returns, as they com the solder is warm enough to be molded back sufficiently to leave one little face of the gern visible. When ready for the machine the entire oval is a little larger than a robin's egg. Dipping quickly in a dish of water hardens the solder, and Jewelry may be handed down as an then the cup and ball, with the stick end

up, is applied to the machine, which does the cutting by revolving 2,400 times a minute, so as to hold the diamond face closely down to a steel disk perhaps a

foot in diameter and covered with microscopic lines, on which diamond dust quill above. The dust from one diamond being caught on this disk, serves to polish the next diamond. So, as you see. work is intrusted must necessarily give may have broken out is perhaps con it their undivided attention.

In the lower center of this room the walls are so constructed that a second triangle is formed, also with a pleasant outlook. At the counters facing these that, with the plan he adopts, each pig windows the actual "diamond cut dia- eon can be made to carry six small tube mond" process, one of the first to which of vaccine, and to travel considerabl the stones are subjected, is seen. They are imbedded in wax, and then one is used to cut another by the most skillful Opinion.

workmen. It is this process that produces the chips so much used in small jewelry. At the other side of this inner triangle men are always busy repairing and inspecting the machinery, especially the disks, whose condition must be absolutely perfect.

There is one female operative in the atelier of great natural ability and many years of experience whose aid is very valuable, because she can instantly judge the weight of even the most minute stones handed her for inspection. The recompense for cutting stones up to those of more than medium weight is, believe, the same, because the amount of care and labor required is the same.

With the exception of the light whir of the machinery this large atelier is abso-Intely quiet, for there must not be even

singing here, lest it distract, though unconsciously, from the attention required by the work .- Paris Letter.

When Acculities Were First Analyzed. In 1796 a stone weighing fifty six pounds was exhibited in London. It was said to have failen from the sky in Yorkshire in the previous December, but this statement was received with great incredulity. At that time Sir Joseph Banks was president of the Royal society, and he ticed a

strong resemblance between the Yorkshire stone and one sent to hime from Siena, in Italy, which was said to have fallen from the sky. Two or three years later he resivel an account of a fall of stones near

Benares in Hindustan. A chemical analythe stones from all three source growed them to be identical in composition, and incredulity as to their meteoric origin began to give way -Notes and Queries.

Driven to Stealing.

Bagistrate - You're charged with lealing a gold watch. Prisoner-Want drove me to do it.

Magistrate-Want, en3 Prisoner-Yes, I wanted the watchi-Exchange.

ressee for his first postmaster general. made even a better hit than the star. Buchanan chose one from Kentucky. Lincoln appointed a Maryland man beginning, and Manager Joe Brooks tells Grant went to Maryland and Haves to an amusing anecdote of the actor's first Tennessee. Garfield had in Thomas L experience as an understudy. He served James a New Yorker, but since then in that capacity with a company that the claims of the west have generally been considered, Mr. Cleveland's first ment" in this city some years ago. postmaster general, Vilas, was from Wis-Among the parts which Crane had to consin; his second, Dickinson, was from commit to memory was that of the no-Michigan. John Wanamaker is the first tary. It was a particularly hard part be-Pennsylvanian to hold that office since cause the notary had to begin by dethe establishment of the federal government .- New York Sun. claiming a long legal notice. Crane got

Vaccine by Carrier Pigeons.

break he copied the process into a book At a sitting of the Academie de Mede has been scattered and is held in place cine Surgeon Major Stroebel gave a de-The notary wore a robe that trailed on by minute particles of oil dropping from a scription of the method he has devised the floor. In making his entrance Crane's for insuring the safe carriage of vaccine foot became tangled up in the robe and by carrier pigeons. The possibility of he pitched headforemost on the stage. being able to send vaccine into an in The book with the prompt lines flew nothing is lost. The girls to whom this fested town or fortress where smallpor across the stage. Crane pulled himself together in a moment, and without lossidered of little importance by ourselves, ing his presence of mind began firing but on the continent the matter is not the process off. He went through withone to be entirely overlooked. Dr. Stree out a break, and his original entrance bel, by practical experiment, has shown made a hit with the audience. Denman Thompson was in the midst of distances without any fear of the tubes his long run with "The Old Homestead" becoming damaged. - London Public at the Academy of Music. Walter Gale,

Description of a Text.

How many people know that the monument that Laban and Jacob set up table, was ill, and at the eleventh hour the manager heard of the trouble. The near the borders of Canaan and called part was a most important one in the "Mizpah," or a lookout, was erected in cast, and nobody could be found to take it among the members of the company. suspicion rather than love? The literal meaning was this: "The Lord watch be Finally a young Irishman named James tween thee and me when we are absent one from the other, and see that you are not up to some new trick as soon as my back is turned."

So when it is inscribed in an engage ment ring it might mean, "The Lord watch and see that you do not flirt when we are absent one from the other."

Those who use the text are sometime wiser than they know. - Chicago Journal.

When the Cut Was Sacred.

cumbed .- New York Sun. In the Middle Ages brute animal formed as prominent a part in the devotional ceremonies of the time as they had in the old religion of Egypt. The cat (miurus) was embalined after death and buried in the city of Bubastis, because, according to Herodotus, Itana Bubastis the chief deity of the place, was said to and revolved at the same time by a small have transformed herself into a cat when electric motor. As the cut deepens the gods fied to Egypt .- Burlington wedges are inserted to prevent the rift Hawkeys. from closing, and when the tree is near-

The Origin of the Coucord Grape

A recent account makes the Concord grape a chance seedling found by Mr. Bull, of Concord, Mass. But Mr. Bull oute told the writer of this that he sowed Reds of what he thought a good kind, and it was from one of these seedlings that the Concord sprang. - Meehan's Monthly.

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Their First Quarrel. He-When you married ms, Phoetse Jane,

you seemed to think I was a pretty good natch. She-I did! And gou've never once kin-died a fire for me fight that day to this! -Chicago Tribune

Cholly Chumpleigh — And you have pothing on your mind when I am away? Mise Coldeni-Nothing. I think of you -New York World.

his mind to try again .- Life.

Tormenting an Anteater.

The anteater is described as being an extremely stupid, slow moving animal, by no means given to attacking its neighbors, but when hard pressed it is the part pat, but in order that there said to sit up on its hindquarters like a should be no possibility of his making a bear and defend itself with its powerful which the notary was supposed to carry. don Saturday Review has heard the folclaws. Apropos of this habit The Lonlowing story of an anteater at the Zoo, and, though we cannot vouch for its scientific accuracy, it has a moral, and will, we think, bear repetition.

A man-one of the class so well known to and hated by the keepers, whose chief interest in visiting the menagerie appears to be to torment the unfortunate animals-standing by the antester's cage was heard to remark that this was the sort of animal he liked, as it could not understudying was that furnished while bite. He then proceeded to poke it with his new silk umbrella, on which the anteater retaliated by quietly taking hold of that weapon with its claws, with the result that the unfortunate owner was left in possession of the frame while the animal carried off the silk as a trophy of well earned victory over its enemy

A Swindling Fortune Teller.

An old female fortune teller at Tours France, has been sentenced to eight Fitzgerald, who was acting as dresser to months' imprisonment for swindling a Thompson, astoniahed that actor by de- simple minded man. She persuaded him claring that he would take the part. It that he would discover in a certain place seems that he was understudying Gale which she indicated a vast amount of right along unknown to anybody. Fitz- treasure guarded by a skeleton and a gerald went on that night and imitated good genius. The said treasure consist Gale to a dot in everything except the latter's soul racking cough. Young monds; but before they could be obtain-Fitzgerald made a hit and played Happy ed she ordered him to enter upon cer-Jack many times, but his career was tain ceremonies, of which the most brought to an untimely close by an at- important was the burning of candles tack of pneumonia, to which he suc- and incense. All this he faithfully performed, and then for several weeks most zealously at the spot of ground which had been pointed out to him. Trees are felled by electricity in the Finding his labor in vain he returned to great forests of Galicia. For cutting the old fortune teller, who encourage comparatively soft woods the tool is in him to continue, and he did so. the form of an auger, which is mounted she swindled the poor man out of 4,000 on a carriage, and is moved to and fro france -- Paris Letter.

> The large sums of money that the gorernment of India devotes annually as re-wards for the destruction of snakes has brought about an unexpected result. The snakes are being bred and reared by the natives for the purpose of obtain the usual head money offered.

The Word Mother.

Here are 15 varieties of the word mother, all bearing a distinct resemblance: Anglo-Saxon, modor; Persian. madr; Sanscrit, matr; Greek, meter; Italian, madre; French, mere; Sw moder; Danish, the same; Dutch, mosder; German, mutter; Russian, mater; Celtic, mathair; Hebrew, em; Arab sm --- Chicago Tribune.

to finish the work. In this way trees are felled very rapidly and with but little labor.-London Tit-Bits. Once More. Tipple-What should you think if a man threatened to commit suicide because you refused him? Bob-I should think he had made up