EUGENE CITY, OREGON.

SLANDER.

"Twas but a breath—
d yet a woman's fair name wiited,
d friends once warm grew cold and stilted.
And life was worse than death.

One venomed word,
That struck its coward, poisoned blow,
In craven whispers hushed and low,
And yet the wide world heard.

"Twas but one whisper-one That muttered low for very shame, That thing the standerer dare not name, And yet its work was done.

A hint so light,
And yet so mighty in its power,
A human soul in one short hour
Lies crushed beneath its blight.

MYSTIFLED AUTHORS.

Father Prout Made It His Business to Hoaz

Notable Characters. Authors have often mystified the public, but a man who made a business of mystifying professional writers is a notable character. Such a one, however, was the Bey. Francis Mahony, better known as "Father Prout." His favorite trick was to take a well known and popular poem, translate it into another language, boldly assert that in its new form it possessed great antiquity and charge the author with having stolen it. This trick he played on more than one noted author during the early days of the present century, and each was sorely puzzled to explain the identity of the poem which he knew to be his own with that in a foreign language.

French verse, attributed it to Mme. La in closed forms which are composed of Comtesse de Chateaubriand and charged Moore with having stolen it bodily. The song, "Lesbia Hath a Beaming Eye," he rendered into choice Latin and claimed it as a youthful production of his own, which he had once shown to Moore. Another of Pront's achievements was the translation of Wolfe's "Burial of Sir John Moore" into French, claiming, at the same time, that the lines were written by Colonel de Beaumanois, who was killed at Pondicherry in 1749.

Not satisfied with this, he proceeded further and translated the lines into German verse and stoutly declared that, while Wolfe had stolen from the French poet, the latter had in turn pilfened from the German, the latter poem having, as he stated, been written to commemorate the death and burial of the Swedish General Toistenson, who was killed at the siege of Damzis. Poer Wolfe was dumfounded at seeing his popularity disappear and was not much comforted when the hoax was discovered.—Philadelphia Press.

STATESMEN'S ECCENTRICITIES.

Kate Field Says Our Senators Would die Lost Without Trousers Pockets. "Do you prefer side or slast or top

pockets in your trousers?" "I don't case, I'm sure. All I want is pockets that I can get my hands in-

This was the conversation I overheard the other day between a tailor and his customer, and I was reminded of it an hour later as I looked down upon the floor of the senate chamber and watched our grave and reverend lawmakers going through their work. In the mid- There are also the varied kinds of fowl. dle aisle, carrying on a triangular de- The streams all have an abundance of bate, were Senator Proctor and Senator trout and other kinds of fish. He pene-Gorman, each with his left hand in his trated into the wilds a dozen miles and trousers pocket, and Senator Allison saw things that filled him with wonder with both hands similarly incased. at the vastness of the forest, and that markable life was his before and after the They were presently joined by Senator any one should attempt to live in it .-Brice, who had his right hand pocket- Northwest Magazine. ed, while Senator Lindsay strode from the Democratic over to the Republican side, with both his hands in his pockets, almost running into Schator Lodge,

who was carrying his in the same way. I could not help thinking of the old story of Daniel Webster and the button are used for cloaks for little girls will on his jacket, which he always used to make a suitable coat for him. A coat twirl while making his best recitations buttoned down the front, with a deep in school. It is said that a little girl spelling class, and who was ambitious sure to protect his feet with overshoes tion, when Daniel felt for it and found as well as dry. Neglect of this precauit missing, he was so overcome that he tion is apt to bring on an attack of missed the world put to him, and his croup in children who are predisposed clever rival went to the head of the to it, and it is a fruitful source of colds. class. Suppose some malicious person, A woolen Tam O'Shanter is a pretty bent on destroying the comfort and digators sewed up over night, what would strings to tie under the chin. The three lation the next day?-Kate Field's and is very picturesque.-Ladies' Hazze Washington.

She Likes to Earn as Well as Spend. Mrs. Johnston, a member of Sorosis, speaking of the woman in business, says: Business is congenial to woman. likes to earn money as well as she likes to spend it. She has her own dainty way of doing it. She likes to earn money in tle, womanly ways. But a business life is different. A woman goes into it by fonce, not by choice. She takes into it her faithfulness and integrity and meets coult, cuming and gueed. She shainks from the wrong she finds. If she submits to the flattery of men, if she advances herself at the cost of giving up her dignity, sacrific ing her ideals, she has lost something she nevercregains, and by lowering her standard she lowers the status of all woman kind. It isn't business so much as business methods, the woman in the business world, the woman in the social world, that make the business life hard for a woman. As for the business education, s business man is said to be better educated than a scholar because of his practical and broad experimental knowledge. So a busisess woman has leisure to read, to study to entertain, to come in contact with life ander all its forms that the domestic woman lacks. As an element in a business cation for women club life is important, as it is founded on a fundamental usinesz principle, to teach women to be helpful to each other and useful to the

Liable to Be Misunderstood.

Liable to misunderstanding are such interesting adornments of shop windows pound. Nobody can touch it' - probably not-or the tempting notice of the dealer in cheap shirts, "They won't last The result, it appears, has been high-long at this price!" Worse still was the ly satisfactory, pence and silver coin dow of a cheap restaurant, "Dine here, and you will never dine anywhere else. The viands of this restaurateur must in a variety of ways. Parrots might be have been almost as deadly and unerring in their effect as the whisky known the proximity of wet paint on fences or in the western states as "forty rod," because that was the distance beyond which no drinker could walk after its imbibition. - Cornbill Magazine.

RAIN INDICATIONS

Why Cirrus Clouds Tell With Almost Absolute Certainty of Coming Storms

In order to better understand the role placed by cirrus clouds as rain indicators, we must first discuss the causes of these occurrences. A study of the weather indications and barometrical readings, as they appear in our daily papers from the report of our "Weather Bureau," shows that areas of high or low air pressure are constantly passing over the earth's surface in irregular succestion. The areas of high atmospheric pressure-or barometric maxima, meteorologically expressed-stay longer in one locality than the areas of low pressure - the depression or barometrical minima. These last are more or less defined currents of air, which circle in the form of wind around the region of the lowest atmospheric pressure, moving always from north to west or from south to east-the reverse of the hands of a clock. It must not be imagined, however, that the air simply moves around this area of depression, but rather that it is constantly being drawn into its center and is carried upward in great whirls or spirals. As the air rises, it expands and becomes colder. The vapors it contains condense into clouds and finally are transformed into rain. The center of the barometrical depression is therefore marked by cloudy, rainy weather. The wind which encircles the depression becomes more active as the difference of the atmospheric pressure becomes more marked, or, in other

words, as the barometer falls. In brief, therefore, barometrical depressions are caused by huge ascending spirals, or whirls of air, which are carried upward to extreme heights; and from there are wafted in any direction. Prout translated Moore's "Go Where In these heights the humidity of the at-Glory Waits Thee" into excellent mosphere is frozen and is wafted away ice crystals. These are none other than cirrus clouds, and they may float several hundred miles from the seat of the depression. It will now be seen why cirrus clouds may be justly regarded as forerunners of rain, even when they make their appearance in clear weather. They tell with absolute certainty of an approaching atmospheric depression, and this is substantiated by a gradual falling of the barometer soon after they make their appearance.—Home and

THE WILDEST LAND.

Oregon Has the Honor of Hicking the

Boughest Tract Knewn to Man. Assistant Chief Goode of the United States geological survey, who visited Oregon last summer, says that the wildest region of the entire United States is an area of 1,000 square miles lying in the mountains between Roseburg and Cognille in Douglas and Coos counties.

In describes it as a mysterious undiscovered country, in which roams undisturbed wild game, and whose brooks and rivers are filled with wild fowl. It is nearly all covered with a dense growth of pine, fir, hemlock and other trees. Many of the trees are of enormous size and stand so closely that it is difficult for men to make their way between them. Where the trees are not so thick the heavy growth of bushes of various kinds takes their place.

It is a country that is filled with all kinds of wild game, including, as reperied to him, elk, different kinds of bear, mountain lions, deer and other animals, including lynx and others.

Dressing the Small Boy.

A boy of 215 or 3 three years of age is not too young for kilts and blouses, but do not put him into trousers. Any of the thick flannels or soft cloths that collar or small cape reaching to the who had long stood next to him in his shoulders, is a good style for a boy. Be to pass him, contrived one day to snip and long gaiters when he goes out. It off this button, and at the next recita- is very important to have the feet warm head covering when it is not necessary nity of the senate, should contrive to to cover the ears. In that case have a have the trousers pockets of all the sen- felt hat trimmed with velvet and broad become of American oratory and legis- cornered continental hat is still worn Journal.

Mining In the Arctic Circle. Few people are probably aware of the fact that modern industry has already got a foothold in the arctic negiens, and that mines are worked on a large scale and a milread regularly operated in such high latitudes. This is the case in flaveden, where the Lubra-Gellivane national, built for the purpose of emping inon ore from the Gellivare Prines to the semport at Lulea, extends 100 miles above the arctic circle and enjoys the distinction of being the first railroad to open up the frigid zone. Gellivare excursion trains will yet be running to arctic summer resorts. In the meantime explorers will keep on bunting for lecture material and returning to civilization to peddle it out on the platform. - New Orleans Picayune.

Useful Parrots,

It has hitherto been customary to fritter away the intellectual force of parrots by merely teaching them to say 'Pretty Poll' and things of that sort, but the municipal authorities of a French town have instituted what it is to be hoped will become a general re-

The poor box at the town hall, it seems, had for a long time been in a condition discreditable to the more prosperous of the inhabitants. To remind them of their duty toward their poorer "Superior butter, I shilling per neighbors a parrot was purchased, which was installed close to the box and trained to cry, "For the poor, if you please!"

admonition which appeared in the win- having been freely given in response to the bird's appeal.

The idea is capable of being applied used, for example, to warn passersby of shop fronts, or to remind people on en-

tering a house to wipe their feet. In fact, parrots might be made really aseful members of society.

LIKE JEKYLL AND HYDE

Stevenson's Character Finds a Parallel In Theodore Durrant.

MORBID STUDENT OF MEDICINE.

The Man Charged With the San Francisco Murders Was Devout, Temperate and Polite-A Physiognomist's Study of His Character-Circumstantial Evidence,

If Theodore Durrant, medical student and Sunday school man, is found guilty of murdering Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams in Emanuel Baptist church, San Franciscs and hiding their mutilated bodies there, America will see in the murderer a character much like Stevenson's terrible and fanciful creation, Dr. Jekyli and Mr. Hyde, says the New York Herald. It will be shown, moreover, that in mer with a dangerous strain already in the blood, latent perhaps at first, the knowledge of surgery, of dissection, the disre-



THEODORE DURRANT.

gard of the horrible learned in the labora tory, may breed strange criminal instincts, and, to some extent, guard the guilty against the consequences of crimes born of such instincts.
Durrant studied surgery. Did he study murder at the same time? The police answer in the affirmative.

Crimes stranger and more terrible than those with which Theodore Durrant is charged have never perhaps startled this continent. The ordinary murderer, seized with terror after the deed, flees from the ne and soon excites the very suspleion he fears. The other murderer is the cool gambler among criminals. He does not harry his work, and when it is done he does not run away, but plays the ordinary

The San Francisco prisoner was es teemed a model young man until the police and the community, horrified by the murder and mutilation of two young and innocent women, began to look beneath the surface. In a week enough was discovered to prove him a despicable wretch, if not a murderer. He was devout, temperate, polite, of excellent reputation, a prombring student, an energetic church worker. All these attributes made up a disguise fitted for the purposes he had in view.

The defense attempts to implicate the

paster of the church, the Rev. Mr. Gibson. One of Durrant's lawyers alleges that the pastor's handwriting is similar to that on the margin of a newspaper in which three of Blanche Lamont's rings were wrapped when they were sent to her aunt, Mrs. Noble, a week or more after the girl's

The Rev. Mr. Gilson of course had access to all parts of the church at all hours, and when the first body was found he is sald to have displayed some reluctance about calling in the police.

Assuming that Durrant is guilty, as charged by the coroner's jury, what a reerimos! Edward Hyde, when he had killed and mutilated Sir Danvers Carew, fled like a hunted animal to his study, where he could put on respectability and safety in the personality of Dr. Jekyll.

Now, see with what they charge Durrant. While one victim lay dead in the church belfry he lured another to the pasor's study, below that very belfry, killed her, hid the remains, and then went to a social meeting at the residence of a church member where she was expected that night, washed what he said was dust from his hands, greeted his friends-and hers-with heartiness, played games until the party broke up and then went back to annel shurch.

Minnie Williams was not present. had been killed within the hour, but Durrant was there, and much in evidence. may have been Edward Hyde putting on Dr. Jekvil. Dr. Jekvil. too, sometimes covered up Hyde's tracks. So, it is charg ed. Durrant did not go home after he left this meeting, but went back to the church to cover up his crime. The first murder was not discovered for ten days.

And yet, unless a premature discovery marred the murderer's plans, unless be meant to dismember his victims and in time remove them from the church, it was simple madness to hope that the crimes could be hidden.

Durrant was in his senior year at Coop-Medical college. Some students who knew him intimately say he spoke strange



MINNIE WILLIAMS. BLANCHE LAMONT. read much on subjects which are safest in fury of a maniac. The jury wouldn't be the hands of hard headed specialists. Otherwise he was a man much like the ordinary, except, perhaps, that he spent more time in church or in the company of

churchgoing young women.

He is of ordinary height, lithe and strong. His hands are large and powerful. His face suggests strength, determination and a degree of vanity. His eyes are good, but the nose and mouth give the face an

ugly look when seen in profile. A physiognomist who has studied him since his arrest says the dominant characteristics of his face are vanity and sensu-

'He would inflict pain only as impelled from any predisposition for it. The color and curl of the lower lip and the shape of

the head at and between the ears would indicate not only extreme sensuality, but that its owner would be inconstant. Jealousy is somewhat in evidence. Be

Hef in his powers to every way is shown, arance. The thickness of his evelids inates a lack of feeling and sensibility This trait is further shown by the thick ness and coarseness of the lower part of his ose. He is not a liar in small things, but is possessed of considerable craft, as evinced by a certain droop of the cyclid and the nformation about the eyes.

'He is an original thinker on an exceedingly shallow and superficial plane has

While he may not be able to keep a secret any length of time if let alone, if he is guilty of the crime charged he will not be tartled into any sudden confession. To a hysiognomist his face would not convict him, and yet it would by no means acquit him. If guilty, he is probably a victim of an intermittent homicidal mania, which

would leave no marks upon his face except when it has possession of him.

Such is Durrant. Now, long before the murder he entited Minnie Williams to a suburb of the city and there insulted her. For a time she avoided him, but he succeeded in regaining her confidence. If Blanche Lamont feared him, she told no one. One other girl, Miss Turner, had beone. One other girl, Miss Third, ac-come suspicious and dropped Durrant's ac-quaintance. He gave her some medicine once when she was ill and afterward at-tempted to entice her into the pastor's study on the pica that if she would grant him a physician's privilege of examination he would cure her. She upbraided him and left him.

close friends, resembled each other in ap-the spirit of a rover, and no butterfly flit-pearance and were not living with their ting from flower to flower was ever more parents. Thus they were easier prey. Bother bore unquestioned reputations; both were devout worshipers; both, being alone in the world in a sense, were ready to accept Durrant's friendship, and in time, his at-

It was Blanche Lamont who disappeared first. She left the high school on the afternoon of April 3, met Durrant, say witnesses who saw them together, and ed. She never left it. In time the alarm rules of art. was given, and the aid of the police invoked. The police do not look for missing girls in a clergyman's study.

Minnie Williams was perhaps more anxious than any one else over Blanche La-mont's absence. Eight days later she left Alameda, went to Mrs. Foy's house in the eity, preparatory to attending a Christian wor society meeting that evening at Dr. Vogel's. She was to meet Durrant, it is believed. She perhaps knew most about Durrant. She was the person most likely to connect him with Blanche Lamont's disappearance.

The meeting at Vogel's was at 8. C. T. Hills thinks he saw Durrant and Minnie Williams enter the side door of the church at half past s. Durrant reached Vogel's just about an hour later, looking as usual. Women who were decorating Emanuel church on April 13 in anticipation of Easter Sunday looked in a closet off the pas-



REV. DR. GIBSON.

tor's study for something they needed and found the body of Minule Williams backed with many wounds. She had been killed with a kitchen knife after a brutal fashion and her body concealed in the closet. Aftbecame known that another crime had been attempted before her life was taken.

signal corps, of which he was a member He was arrested on his way back. He acted then just as an innocent man might, exing surprise and indignation, but little fear.

The police on the following day forced the door at the head of a marrow staircase leading from the paster's study to the beland there in a dark corner they found provided for more generously. the body of Blanche Lamont, divested of all clothing, with the marks of the strangler on the throat. Blood on the stair indicated that she had been killed below and carried into the belfry after death. The murderer had forced a gag of cloth between her teeth. Then, day by day, he hid her clothing, tearing it up and hiding it in oks and crannies with her hat, her school books and her gloves.

The circumstantial case includes, in the main, Durrant's conduct and tendencies previous to the murder, his being the last person seen in the company of the victims, his frequent visits to the church, his delay get a husband before long. Mr. Miller re in reaching Vogel's house on the night of the last murder and the fact that no one else, as far as is known, can be in any way

meeted with the crimes. Durrant must be acquitted entirely, found guilty of deliberate murder, or ad judged insane and imprisoned for life There is no half way measure possible. He is not without friends and sympathizers. His mother is his stanchest advocate, just was the aged mother of Carlyle Harris, whose history, in some respects, resembles that of Durrant.

The Christian Endeavor meeting and Durrant's appearance there will be won-derfully handled, no doubt, by defense and prosecution. His demeanor there recalls n incident somewhat similar in the great Borden case in Fall River, Mass., where Andrew Borden and his wife Abbie wege brutally murdered and no one was pun-

The police attempted to prove that Lizzie Borden killed her stepmother, hid the ax with which the blows were struck until she had welcomed her father to the house, brought his slippers and arranged the sofa ries, and if he returns to Honolulu with-for his afternoon nap, and that then, as he out making amends he may have a unslept, she backed him to death with the pleasant time there. lieve it, holding the evidence was incom

Incidental Marriage.

There was no fuss and flummery about the wedding of a Portland women last month. She had a job washing floors at the city hall, and one morning appeared with her pails and mops as mal. Along in the forenoon she surprised the janifor by announcing that she was going out for a few minutes to get married, and in just 45 minutes she was back, the ceremony all over, the by some offer emotion or cause and not nuptial kiss duly attended to, and resumed her scrubbing. She probably appreciated the fact that sometimes it is easier to get husbands than employment, - Lewiston Journal.

Changes In the French Language.

The French academy has announced that 1,200 changes have been made in the French language. Among others is the uniform formation of the plural -e. g., materiaux will become materiels, voix will be vois. The ph will give way to f, as in philosophie, making it filosofie. These alterations, it is said, are to go into into force immediately.-Journal of Education.

POET'S PECCADILLOS.

Fickle Lover.

ROMANCE FROM HONOLULU.

The Aged Foet's Version of His Relations With Pretty Arabo Miller Olivier Says He Does Not Pretend to Be Good-A Conspiracy of His Enemies.

Joaquin Miller, the Poet of the Sierras, who is notable for his eccentricities of apparel as well as for the qualities of his verse, figures as a fickle lover in a tale which has been wafted by southern breezes from the Hawaiian Isles. Though the long The other girls, singularly enough, were bearded bard is 54 years old, he still has inclined to wander from one garden of beauty to another than this man with a musical pen, who has written scores of amorous songs and sensuous pictures in He came back unexpectedly and hur-

riedly from Horpbulu a short time ago, and a romance has followed him. It is not a pleasant story, but novelists of the day went with him toward the church. She was interested in cooking. There was a book in the church is not shown that it is necessary to incorporate disagreeable episodes in a narrative book in the church library on that subject.
While it was yet light, and the church was
likely to be visited by the organist, the
pastor and others. Blanche Lamont enterthe poster and others, blanche Lamont enterprison in order to make it strong and
realistic, and the readers of their produc
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rules of art. tions will probably consider this idyl of the South sea quite in keeping with the The name of the young woman connect-

ed with the poet in the gossip is Araba Miller Olivier. The story from the Islands is that Joaquin Miller abandoned the young woman and that she is now wholly dependent on charity. She is living with a native family in Nunau street, and has been waiting in vain for assistance from Miller, who is now sunning himself on the heights beyond Fruitvale, in Alameda county, Cal. When he arrived in Hono-lulu, he represented that she was his daughter, the report stated, and they lived together during his stay. The girl was described as being very attractive in looks and as having an easy and confiding nature.

Joaquin Miller was averse to discussing the accusation when a San Francisco Chronicle reporter visited him at his place in the hills overlooking Fruitvale. He did not want to enter into any dispute with the girl in order to defend himself, and was willing that her statements should go uncontradicted. It appeared that he is still



JOAQUIN MILLER.

fond of her, and from a remark which he let drop it was inferred that he might return to Honolulu, if he can do so with safety, for the purpose of seeing her again. Miller was inclined to think that the scandal about him had been set afloat by persons in Hawali whom he offended by his The city rang with the news. Durrant published criticisms of the political condition of the island.

said, "silence is becoming, I think. Time ing, it immediately begins its benefit-turned and the people of Georgia were will set the matter straight. If any one cares to blame me, it is better that I should bear the blame.

He had very little money when he fled from Honolulu, it seems, and perhaps on that account Araba Miller Olivier was not 'I do not pretend to be a good man,"

may call me a bad man if you plea The listener thought that Mr. Miller meant well enough, but, like Byron and other poets, he is an impulsive being and lets his love for beautiful objects, especially if they be feminine, run away with him metimes. It was his impression that raba would not have come Hawaii even if he had asked her, as she was delighted with the place. It seemed as if she had settled down there for good. and if she were not already married would

are not as strict as in this country, and the present position of the girl is doubtless not regarded in the same light there as it would be if she were here. That Joaquin Miller has a many sided otional nature is evident in his poems. He is as sensuous at times as Swinburne. Here are some verses from his "Songs of

marked that marriage customs in Hawaii

the Sun Lands:" If earth is an oyster, love is the pearl, Made pure of pure carenes;

Then loosen the gold of your hair, my girl, And hide my pearl in its tresses There is many a love in the land, my love

But never a love like this is; Then kill me dead with your love, my lave, And cover me up with kisses So kill me dead and cover me deck

Where never a soul discovers; to deep in your heart to sleep, to sleep, In that darlingest tomb of lovers. In his criticisms of the Dole governm Miller reflected on some members of the party in power, and also on the millsiona-

Rained Balls of Fire.

Tarpon Springs, Fla., advertises itself with the following special dispatch to the Atlanta Constitution: "A terrible electric storm passed over this place yesterday, and at noon a blazing bolt, about as large as a man's head, descended from the clouds and struck a telephone wire near the center of the town. When the bolt struck, a terrific explosion followed that shattered glass in the windows of houses two blocks distant. Immediately following the descent of this bolt came a perfect shower of balls of fire about the size of walnuts. This min of fire was general over the town and continned for probably ten minutes. The balls resembled molten fron and spattered when they came in contact with the earth:

Parlor Decoration

A high easel arranged with a chair upon each side gives an upward, angular endency, which is undesirable. The placing of one chair by the side of this easel ald give a neutral effect and be all right, and the other chair could be placed ewhere, but the arrangement of everything to be cheerful should preserve a down pointing angle aspect. If designers reembered that, they would grasp the reason why the uneducated masses so often make big demands for certain patterns and leave others severely alone. The subtle influence of expression reaches them where artistic effects fail utterly to please

DYNAMITE IN THE DISH.

The Tragic Dinner Prepared by a Demented Russian Officer.

A shocking tragedy of a most remark-Joaquin Miller Figures as a able character is reported from Vilna. Ivan Klakwitz, a customs officer of highly respectable connection, became convinced that his wife was in league with a neighbor to aid the latter in a lawsuit which was pending against him. There was apparently no justification for the charge. The lawsuit was tried in the local courts last week, and Klakwitz lost the case. He addressed the judge in an excited manner, and after making a rambling statement implicating his wife in an intrigue against him

he left the courtroom. Later in the day, however, he professed regret to his wife for his baseless insinuations and hasty temper, and asked his neighbor and his wife to dine with him en famille. Thinking it better that a conciliation should take place, the neighbor accepted, and a social evening was arranged for. At dinner there were present Klakwitz, his wife, his two daughters, aged 19 and 17 years respectively; a young son, aged 11; his wife's mother and his neighbor and his

The dinner passed off very pleasantly antil the third course, when Klakwitz rose, and ordering some more champagne to be opened said that he wished all present to drink a toast to a special dish he had prepared as a surprise for this agreeable occasion. He then left the room, and within two minutes returned bearing in his arms a large dish covered with a dinner cover, and placing it quickly on the table he lifted his glass on high and shouted, "To our next meeting.

He had scarcely spoken these words when a dynamite bomb, which had been hidden under the cover, exploded, and instantly killed every one in the room with the exception of the servant girl and the youngest daughter-the latter living, however, only long enough to tell exactly what happened. The servant died within two hours.

The unfortunate people who were the victims of this insane frolic were sim- ment. But ever since his miraculous ply blown to pieces, and the walls of rescue from fire in his childhood he had the room in which they were sitting been convinced that he had been singled were partly blown out. The explosion out by his Maker for some special purwas heard for half a mile. -St. Peters- pose, and now he was prestrating himburg Cor. London Telegraph.

A WONDERFUL GERM DESTROYER.

Recent Investigations Which Have Opened a New Field In Medicine.

About 10 years ago a medical scientist advanced the theory that, in its nor- to give up his idol and turn to his God. mal condition, blood contained an ele- Wesley knew not what to do. He wanment that instantly killed many forms dered in the forests praying aloud for of bacteria. In this healthy state blood light as to his walk before God. He has been injected into the veins of dis- knelt under the blooming grape vines, eased persons for this purpose and has and shielded by the long gray assa begun the work of destruction. The re- from any living eye sought wislom sults had not been satisfactory, as the and comfort, amount of blood required was so great That night he asked selvice a second as to make continued experiments un- time of the elder.

the original idea, and a series of exper-cision?" iments of late conducted at the University of Michigan reveal most interesting possibilities. The destroying principle has been separated from the blood, and with it germs of cholera and anthrax have been killed. This element, was the end. to which the name of neuclin has been given, is coloriess and transparent. The relatives were "incensed and compelled As for this very delicate matter," he ing from many forms of germ poison- technical grounds, but scarcely estimate.—New York Ledger.

Mothers and Their Boys. Mothers are often remiss in their duties said the poet frankly. "I never have set and fail their boys at what may be a crit-up as being an exemplar of morality. You ical moment, perhaps a time when good ical moment, perhaps a time when good and bad are equally strong, and a mother's loving counsel would give victory to the right. The little 10-year-old, troubled over a doubtful transaction in rabbits, feels the need of a stronger conscience to guide him, but doesn't know where to seek it. His father is too often an unapproachable potentate invested with awful powers. His mother may be out on a social round or even down in the city, greedily delving for money that she doesn't

In such a case it may be that the much abused servant girl comes to the rescue with a favorite tart and the honest advice: "Give it back, my boy. Finding a rabbit ain't owning it, if you know who does."

What wonder if in after years that homely lesson in honesty helps the young clerk to overcome temptation, or that, as he does so, his grateful thoughts turn backward, not to his mother, but to the warm hearted, untaught servant, his first spiritual adviser?-Mary B. O'Sullivan in Donaboe's Magazine.

A Handsome, Inexpensive Parlor. The parlor of a tasteful young woman has a cheap wall paper that suggests June, with crumpled roses of pale pink and leaves of soft olive on a cream ground, and a dado that is between a light gray and green, with just the shadow of roses upon The floor is covered with cream white matting, and the curtains, of white swiss muslin, with broad white frills, are held in place by ribbons that match the dado, Over each window is one long, scarflike curtain of china silk of pale green, carried over the top of the curtains in simple, loose drapery and falling in one long end over one of the muslin curtains. The bookshelves are of pine painted in white enam-

The furniture is of rattan in its natural cream white color, with a divan of the same heaped with pale pink, green and yellow cushions. The piano in the room is cased in oak. There is a pretty light oak writing desk in one corner, a wicker tea table in another and a bamboo screen wherewith to create another corner when it is needed.—Boston Transcript.

Their Parts Equal.

The life of the money maker deprives a woman of privacy and retirement and transforms the home into a mere sleeping place. The morning meal is hurried, the noon repast is taken at the restaurant, and when night comes the woman returns wearled and nervous. Therefore I hold that a regular business life is uncongenial to womanly instincts, though some women there are and all bonor to them for itwho rise superior to their inborn predilections and find pleasure and solace in regular work, though it forces them to be absent from their firesides and leaves the place of home angel to be filled by some one else. As for a business education, the good housekeeper, the woman of the famhas just as much need of it as the provider and money maker—the man of the household. What he earns she disburses, and she should be able to do this with as much prudence, intelligence and advan-tage as he brings into play in his part of the work. - Mrs. Lee C. Harby.

WESLEY'S ROMANCE

THE SWEET, SAD LOVE STORY OF THE GREAT PREACHER.

The Struggle Between His Affection For Sophia Canston and What He Bellevil to Be Ilis Religious Duty-Parties of

Each Side Took Active Parts. It was at the house of Governor Ogiathorpe in the early days of Georgia says a writer in the Boston Herald

In the evening Sophia Canston was there, and the general had her sing for them some old love songs of England and Scotland, and snatches from the operas of London. She danced, too, and recited, and completely overwhelms the pious youth with her beauty and accomplishments.

That night, under the palmetto tres near the governor's house, with the dark eyed, handsome girl beside him, and with her entrancing voice in his ear, with the Cypress wine and Grimald's decoction hot in his blood, John Wesley became aware that he loved her.

The revelation was a shock to him. for he had been preaching celibacy since he was a small boy. He had felt himself wedded to the church, to his great faith and mission in life. The strife of spirit threw him into a fever.

Miss Canston did the only thing that a young lady in her state of mind could do. She nursed him, and he allowed her to. This circumstance was sufficient proof to their friends that marriage was certain. If more proof was needed, he raved of her in his delirium. Miss Canston brought her aunt to hear him, and between them they fancied him quits decided to marry Sophia. He asked her many times if she would or could many him, "and if he should indeed marry her." He went through with the marriage ceremony of the Church of England, for the benefit of imaginary con-

ples who stood at his bedside, After his recovery Wesley's friends came to congratulate him on his engageself before an earthly idol and forgst-

ting his mission. Alarmed for his soul, he rushed to the bishop and the Moravian missionaries for advice. They had the same hard, unrelenting convictions which hard mented Wesley, and they advised him

"We have considered your case," mid Recent investigations have confirmed the bishop. "Will you abide by our de-"I will abide by your decision."

Then the bishop said, "We advise

you to proceed no further in this mat-"So be it!" said Wesley, and that

Poor Sophia was heartbroken. Her vital essence of it seems tenacious of her to marry a Mr. Williamson, though life, as high degrees of heat, even to she begged Wesley to intercede inher the boiling point, do not seem to dimin- behalf. Even after she was married she ish its activity. If this discovery does wrote to Wesley and cast pitiful glances all that it promises, it marks an incal- at him until in his desperation one day culable advance in medical science. In- he forbade her to attend holy communjected into the veins of persons suffer- ion. He explained this afternoon on cent task of ridding the system of the against him. A charge of slander was enemy. Thus a new field in medicine instituted, but the assailants, knowing is opened, the ultimate results of which that they had small chance of success, even the most comprehensive mind can delayed the trial from week to week until life in Georgia became unbearable He made arrangements to leave the colony. But even in this the Canstons

thwarted him. He was forbidden to leave the province. He never went out that Sophia did not pass and repass him several times, and often she was known to look in upon him when he was at prayer in his

own house. During all these trials he continued to conduct his parish as usual, although he was a sort of prisoner at large. At 6 o'clock one evening the little flock gathered in the church for prayers Wesley led as usual. Delamotte was there with the friends who still remained loyal. After the service Wesley was seen to return to his home. But the faithful Delamotte had planned an escape from this slow torture. Three faithful friends led the young clerical through the darkness to the pier. There an Indian skiff bore him down the rivet. A sailing vessel was in waiting, and soon John Wesley was leaving the land

of his love forever.

Mrs. Shakespeare. Shakespeare, who was born in April. 1564, was in his nineteenth year when he married, writes Dr. William J. Rolfe in The Ladies' Home Journal. Of Anne's birth or baptism we have no tecord, but the inscription on her grave informs us that she was 67 years old when she died, Aug. 6, 1633. She must therefore have been at least 26 at the time of her marriage. Some biographers have taken the ground that the "smart" young woman of 26 entrapped the boy of 18 into this match, which, from a worldly point of view, was so impradent, but I fancy that the boy himself would have disdained to urge any such excuse for his conduct.

Tracks of Extinct Birds.

Several tracks of an extinct species of gigantic bird have at different times been found in the stone quarry at Holyoke, Mass. The last set discovered shows that the bird had a foot 11 inches long, armed with three nails or claws to each foot. The tracks average 4 feet 10 inches apart, and 11 of them have been revealed to view. They are perfect, even the toe nails being plainly distinct. St. Louis Republic.

Mrs. Edison.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison is described as rarely beautiful woman. Her father, Lewis A. Miller, is president of the Chatttauqua assembly, and a part of Mrs. Edison's summers is always spent at that re sort, where she and her two pretty children dren may be seen driving about in a for eign looking little pony cart, or you bring on the lake, or sitting on the broad verall da of the picturesque half house, half test that is known to the students at the summer school as the Miller cottage. An sunt of Mrs. Edison is Mrs. Emily Huntington Miller-at one time editor of The Little Corporal.-New York Mail and Express.