

A 泰 SINGULAR 泰 GUEST

anyone."

this week?

She beckoned to the gondoller.

Her, with determined gentility, "Can-

you come around to my club one night

"Whaffor?" demanded Mr. Apps sus-

"'Evens knows where I shall be on

"You must consider me at your dis-

posal if you require any introductions,

"Oh, come off the roof," said Mr.

"Isn't it capital?" asked Lady Staple-

hurst of the gondoller delightfully.

"How much more interesting it would

be if everyone would only talk to me-

Lady Staplehurst arose with some-

"What regiment do you belong to,

Captain Norman?' asked the gondoller.

"Am I too curious? I know very lit-

tle of the army, I am afraid." The

to Ludy Staplehurst's friend, "I always

"I know as many of them as I want

to know," said Mr. Apps, evasively. "A

man in my position in life 'as to be a bit

The hostess returned from Henry

"I can make nothing out of this man,"

"Well, blow me!" said Lady Staple-

her effort to imitate the cockney's ac-

careful who he mixes up with."

arose, "I think he's silly."

talk as you can."

anybody here, I suppose?"

"You have heard-"

"Thinks a jolly lot of hisself."

"Oh, I think a lot of him, too," re-

realism. You don't know how it works,

"'E don't look 'appy, that chap," said

"Will you excuse me for one mo-

"Oh" (with relief). "I don't mind

While Lady Staplehurst was making

the gondolier resume his ordinary ex-

pression Mr. Apps thought and thought,

The couples promenading after the

"It's the rummlest show you was ever

in, 'Enry," said Mr. Apps; "you're 'av-

ing 'em on toast, you are; but you'll be

gled to get upstairs agen. You want

them diamonds, that's wot you want.

Lady Staplehurst hurrled toward the

doorway. A murmur of amusement

went through the room as the guests

saw a new arrival in the costume of a

police constable, accompanied by a man-

over his exploit, gazing abstractedly at

clothes man tapped him on the snoul-

man like you," said Mr. Walker, cheer-

fully, as he conducted him toward the

doorway. "I've wanted to run up

Much commotion in the ballroom at

agreement that Lady Staplehurst was

But, loveliest girl," said the gondo-

"I know," said the lovellest girl, trem-

"Yes, yes. Don't make a fuss. I don't

to supper, like a good fellow."-London

a perfect genius at entertaining.

far? That's a real detective."

Time means money to you, 'Enry,"

what it is."

"Not me."

"All I want to."

with great interest

gondoller.

L suppose?"

gondolier gazing at him.

"I want to speak to him."

waltz looked curiously at him.

in and—

ment?"

man.

no daght."

against you before."

"A real-"

apprehensively.

VIII.

"Find out," said Mr. Apps.

Apps, with much discontent, "Wat's

I know a lot of good people, and to any

friend of Lady Staplehurst-"

the use of torking."

"Why, to dine, Say, Thursday."

TENRY APPS of Hexton completed the fixing of the wires on The lawn of Hasleigh court, He friends," she said, in an explanatory booked up at the dim light in the dress way. "He has not been long home ing room and chuckled softly as he bent from abroad, and he knows scarcely the last yard of wire. "A trip in time," said Mr. Apps.

"saves nine." He threw the rope ladder gently in bit, Captain Norman," said the gondo-

the air, and at the first effort caught the projecting nail. "Once on board the lugger," quot-

ed Mr. Apps, facetionsly, as he mounted the rope ladder, "'and the gurl is piclously,

He opened the window very gently and soon stood inside the dressing room. Thursday," said Mr. Apps. "I don't." Near the table in the corner of the room was an iron safe.

"Well, I'm jiggered!" exclaimed Mr. Apps. He loosened the flaps of his fur cap and wiped his brow with the back of his hand, "Well, I'm jiggered! If they 'aven't been and left the key in it

"I might 'ave sived myself a lot of trouble if I'd a-knowed."

Mr. Apps swung open the heavy door of the safe and listened to the music in their character." downstairs. Young Lady Staplehurst was giving (as Mr. Apps very well thing of haste in her manner and spoke lnew) a dance, a fancy dress dance, to Henry VIII, on her return from the continent, after her term of widowhood.

"I'll just see, first of all," he said, "that the coast is clear, and then-then for a

bagful." Henry Apps stepped out into the gondoller was resolved to be agreeable broad passage. He slouched with his finmy sticking out of his capacious side | dodge the army nights in the house. I pocket a few steps toward the stairs. suppose you know several of the ser-Suddenly a girlish figure turned the corvice members?"

"Bless my 'art!" cried Mr. Apps. "Why, how do you do?" said the young lady, stepping forward.

She gave a soft laugh that was very pleasant. "Do you know that I recognized you at once in spite of the cos-

She held the hand of Mr. Apps for a moment, causing that gentleman to gasp for breath, and called one of the

"Just bring me a pencil and a card," she said. "I must arrange for a carriage to take Captain Norman back to his hotel in the morning. I wasn't sure that he would come." "I can walk," remarked Mr. Apps,

with restored self-possession, "I won't hear of it. When shall we say, now?"

"Say in an hour's time," said Mr. Apps. "I can go upstairs again alone, change my togs and do all I want to." "And can't you stay longer?"

She gave the card to the maid and ordered it to be dispatched at once. "I've got a busy night before me,"

urged Mr. Apps, excusingly, He thought of his dog waiting on the lawn, and feared it might give an inpportune bark. Besides, the safe was still open and the diamonds were waiting for him. He had noticed with sat-Isfaction that Lady Staplehurst was wearing none,

"You were always an active man, cap-"Always a-doing something," agreed

Mr. Apps. "If it isn't one thing it's an-He shook his head reflectively, "I

often wonder I don't write a book about

"I don't believe you will know anybody here, Captain Norman," she said, as they walked downstairs, "but I couldn't help sending you a card, seeing how friendly we were on the Peehawur. Do you remember those evenings on deck in the Red Sea?"

She was really a very fine young woman, and in her costume she looked extremely well. "Do I not?" said Mr. Apps, with much

fervor, "Shall I ever forget 'em?" "And then the journey from Brindist,

you know; and the funny little German -you remember him?" "He was a knockout, that German

"And the girl who played the banjo,

"It was great," agreed Mr. Apps. The large ballroom was very full. A

small covey of brightly dressed young people flew toward the young hostess to complain of her temporary absence from the room, and a broad-shouldered condoller shook hands with her and took up her card with something of an air of proprietorship.

"I thought I had left the key in theercuse me." The young hostess took back her card from the gondoller. "I am engaged to Captain Norman. You his boots, regretting their want of polcon't know him? Allow me." "Pleased to meet you," said Henry

Apps, "'Ow's the world using you?" That's an original costume of yours. Captain Norman," remarked the gondoher, "I don't know that I've ever seen anything so daringly real before,"

"Well, wot of it?" demanded Mr. apps with sudden aggressiveness. "Wot's the odds to you wot I like to wear? You needn't think you are-"Captain Norman," interrupted the oung hostess laughingly, "you mustn't sterdo the part. Look here. I've put four name down for this waitz, but if 700 like we'll sit it out—that is, if you the diverting little scene. General omise to keep up that diverting east end talk. I like it. Do you think we can manage to do so?"

"Ra-ther," said Mr. Apps. "And it is a capital make-up, Captain "isn't this carrying a joke rather too rman," she went on. "Do you know

that at first, just for one moment, I ought you were a real burglar?" "Fancy that, now," said Mr. Apps. He was relieved at seeing an obvious way Inr. too.' out of his difficulty. "There's nothing like doing the thing in proper, striteforwant the dance spoiles. Take me down

"And," said Lady Staplehurst, with her fan on her arm as she walked

arross the room, "you have got the east and accent capitally." "Tain't so dusty, is it?"

A BIG ICE MINE.

It Is in Virginia, and Is Thought to Be a Relic of the Ice Age.

One of the greatest curiosities in the United States, or in the world, perhaps. is the wonderful ledge of ice which exists, even in the midst of the hottest summer, in Scott County, Va. This natural ice house is situated on the north side of Stone Mountain and about six miles from the mouth of a small stream known as Stony Creek. The marvel is said to have been known to at least one of the earlier settlers, a Mr. Dunridge, who, it is alleged, discovered it while deer hunting away back in 1830. Owing to the fact that "Captain Norman and I are great the land on which it was situated could not be bought, Mr. Dunridge positively refused to tell of the whereabouts of the ice ledge, and only visited the place when it was absolutely necessary to ob-"Not a blessed soul," echoed Mr. Apps. tain a supply to be used in case of sick-"You must let me show you around a

The old man died many years ago. and from that time until 1893 the location of Dunridge's ice mine was unknown, the old gentleman having never even taken his own family into the se-

In the year last mentioned, however, a party of herb diggers visited the unfrequented region contiguous to Stone Mountain and were fortunate enough to rediscover the lost lee mine.

During two or three months in the middle of summer the ice is only protected from the sun's rays by a thick growth of mess. The formation of the ice layer is similar to that of a coal vein, being thin in some places and thicker in others, the average thickness being about four feet. Persons of some selentific attainments, who have visited the place for the purpose of sludying the wonder say it has the appearance of having been there since the time of the ice age, which the geologists talk so much about. Another plausible the ory is that somewhere beneath the bed is situated a great natural laboratory where ether is constantly formed and expelled, and that the process of freezing is now constantly going on. Whatever view is taken of it, it is one of the greatest natural wonders the State af-

Royal Phrase-Making.

Phrase-making two or three generations ago played an important part in French politics. Louis XVI, had a liferary prompter who used to prime him with phrases and plan for him scenes such as would excite the people's admiration.

"Your majesty will soon be going to whispered the gondoller to her, as he the races," said this prompter one day. You will find a notary entering the "If you knew his qualities you bets of two princes of the blood; when wouldn't speak of him like that." She you see him, sire, make the remark, resumed her seat by the side of Henry What is the use of this man? Ought there to be written contracts between gentlemen? Their word should be hurst, screwing her pretty mouth in

cent; "blow me if this ain't a fair take, I mean tike dahn," she laughed. "It's of no use, Captain Norman, I can't kingly! That is his style."

"It's a gift," said Mr. Apps, "that's "You don't want to be introduced te "These are my sledges!" said Loui-She pointed in the direction of the pointing to the loaded carts, and he de-their aid, a person totally deaf could clined to foin the party.

house, you know. I watch his career have used on the day he entered Paris: different kind. "There is nothing changed; only a Frenchman the more in Paris."

As a matter of fact, the king did not | Both gold and silver exist in about marked Lady Staplehurst pleasantly. 'And is that a jimmy sticking out of your jacket pocket? This is indeed there would be no change,

"Well, I've got a kind of hiden," said Mr. Apps. "Lookee 'ere. You put this Mr. Apps found himself getting quite the cholera was riging in Naples. He quantity of gold per ton of sea-water excited in the explanation that he gave, had been invited by the municipality varies between half a grain and one It was a new sensation to meet one whaof Genoa to a banquet, which he de grain. Calling the average three-quarshowed an intelligent interest in his clined in these words:

profession, and he could not help feel-"Men are feasting at Genoat mening flattered. Looking up, he saw that dying at Naples-I go to Naples."

"Horses with Wheei.." "It was in the early days of railroading in the South," remarked the gentleman with the stock of reminiscences the other day. "I was located in Flor-"Wot are you up to, miss?" he said lda about the time when the Government had made vassals of the Seminole Indians of that State, and in order to impress the redoubtable Billy Bowlegs,' the Tecumseh of the Semi noles, it had invited that theap blg chieftain' to make a trip to the seat of the National Government. Billy was a bit dubious about accepting the invitation, fearing possibly that the Great Father at Washington might have designs upon his life or happiness, but he was prevailed upon to make the trip, and he embarked on board of the train with a great show of courage. The trains of that period were not the flyers of to-day; in fact, on many of the short line the engineers were compelled to get out of their cabs and walk to lighten the train and permit it is proceed at an even rate of speed. When in plain clothes. Mr. Apps, thinking Billy Bowlegs returned from his visia he had overcome his trepidation, and looked with scorn upon the locomotives. ish, did not see them until the plain I visited Billy a day or two after his return, and asked him how he liked traveling on the Iron horse.

"'Hub,' he sald, with an upward "What, Apps again?" exclaimed the twist of his prominent proboscis, horse this column, Monieur Moissan gets wid wheels no good. Big heap no good "Yus," said the burglar, discontentedly. "Yus, it's Apps again, Mr. Walker. Me on horse better than two; run 'way but of diamond. Curlously enough, And vurry glad you are to see him, I've all time. White man heap smart; in now that we know how graphite may fun heap better. Huhl "-New Orleans | be turned into diamond, it has also been "Always a pleasure to meet a gentle- Times Democrat.

chair backs are made in heart shape, hausted Crookes tube. In such a tube They are covered with light-colored it is believed that invisible molecules satin, silks, or linens, and embrostered of matter are continually durting about in some graceful pattern; and many and these molecules produce a ceaseof them are made up plans and parted less bombardment on the surface of the chair back with small colds and has comes visible in a black stain, or crust, Her confidently to Lady Staplehurst, sels.

The Populat on of Germany, Germany has a population of 51,770. bling now a little. "That's a real burg 284, according to the census of 1805, the results of which have just been published: 18,501,507 persons are en- plaining at a London reception why it gaged in agriculture, 20,253,241 in mining and manufactures, 5,993,845 in commerce, 880,807 in domestic service, and marked, with an obvious sense of self-2835,222 in the service of the state; importance, "in which I have twenty \$326,862 persons are not classified.

Not for thirty years has the Birming | Everything young is handsome; evham timplate trade been in so prosper erything old is ugly.

New Use for X-Rays.

It is said that the X-rays have been successfully applied in France to the detection of adulteration of food, where the adulterants consist of some kind of mineral matter. The food to be examined is reduced to powder and spread thinly upon glass. An X-ray photograph of the glass reveals the presence of the mineral particles by the fallure of the rays to penetrate them as they penetrate the other constituents of the powdered food.

Felt Through the Fa-th.

Prof. John Milne, who studied earth- expenditures for dress and wine. quakes for many years in Japan, where they are frequent, now has an "earthquake had occurred about 6,000 miles have the best." away. Afterward it was learned that the earth between the Isle of Wight clothes, wines and clgars. and Japan is about 6,000 miles.

Trains Without Rails.

Experiments which are described as satisfactory have recently been made in the suburbs of Paris with a train, drawn by a steam locomotive, running not on rails but on an ordinary road. The train used at present consists of only two cars, one of which contains the locomotive machinery, together with seats for fourteen passengers, while the other has twenty-four seats, The engine is of 16-horse-power and the average speed is about seven miles an hour. The train is able to turn in a circle only twenty-three feet in diame ter. Another train has been construct ed for the conveyance of feright. It is hoped by the inventors that trains of

The Phonograph for the D. at. An apparatus which may enable the record of a phonograph to be under-The scene came off-the prompter stood independently of the sense of saw to that-and the courtiers exclaim- hearing has been contrived by Profesed: "What a happy thought! How sor McKendrick in England. By this apparatus the revolving phonographic Another scene, more likely to impress cylinder is caused to produce variathe populace, was planned by this tions of intensity in a weak current. was arranged for the king. Just as it through the hands, which have been the sound variations, it is thought, by sufficient to excite their fears,

The Gold of the Sea

trouble himself to utter the phrase; equal qualities in the water of the but Talleyrand inserted it in the jour ocean. Various estimates have been nais of the day that the people might made of the total amount of these preflatter themselves that their king had clous metals held in solution in all the forgotten the past, and consequently seas of the globe. The latest experiments bearing on this question are Perhaps the most striking phrase ut- those of Professor Liversidge of the tered by a modern king was spoken by University of Sydney, who finds in the King Humbert a few years ago, when waters surrounding Australia the ters of a grain to the ton, and putting the number of tons of sea-water to the cubic mile, in round numbers, at 4,200,-000,000, we see that there are 3,150,000,-000 grains, or about two hundred tons of gold in every cubic mile of seawater. It has been estimated that I marry?" and "Have I seen her?" all the oceans combined contain about 200,000,000 cubic nilles of water, so that if the same proportion exists everywhere, the total quantity of gold held 000,000,000 tons. This would be worth, at \$20 per Troy once, \$30,101,040,000,-000,000, or translated into words, more than thirty-nine thousand millions of millions of dellars!

Turning Diamond Into Craphite. Elementary chemistry teaches us that, as far as the nature of the substance composing them is concerned, brilliant white diamond and the black graphite forming the core of a leadpencil. Both are simply forms of carbon, and if we could readily turn one into the other, the diamond would cease to rank as the kind of gems. In fact, very minute diamonds have recently been made in this way by Monsleur Molssan, the French chemist Graphite can be dissolved in molten iron, and when the Iron cools the graphite crystallizes. By performing this operation in a particular manner. which has heretofore been described in microscopic crystals, not of graphite, discovered that diamond can be changed into graphite. This is effect-The latest cushions for head rests on ed by placing a diamond in an exquilted. They are fasemed to the diamond. After a time the effect becovering the diamond. On examination this is found to be composed of graph-

Vulgarity.

A lond-voiced American lady was exwas that she had come to Europe. "I have a house in New York," she rebed-rooms." "It must be a palace," remarked the hostess, graciously. "Or else a botel," added a more cynical commentator.

"It is my own house," the lady ran on, "and it costs a pile of money to servants, even when I am not entertaining!"

There was a pause, during which the compuny either looked bored, or exchanged peculiar glances, and then awaited in silence her explanation of her journey across the Atlantic.

"I cannot endure having the same furniture," added the lady, after a critical examination of the rings on her fingers, "longer than four years. I have refurnished my house three times in twelve years, and it is now time for another revolution. I have come abroad to look at furniture and to get some new diamends. But, do you know, I cannot find anything that I want to buy? Everything seems cheap and second-hand in the furniture line.

By this time the hostess was blushing from mortification at luxying been caught by her friends in the act of entertaining so vulgar a woman. Whether the visitor was exaggerating or not the resources of her establishment and the capraciousness of her taste, she was making an indecent display of her wealth.

Another American of the same type undertook to entertain an English company with a detailed account of his

"I order about thirty suits of clothes a year," he remarked, with a smile of quake observatory" on the Isle of self-approval, "and seven or eight Wight. In describing his observations overcomes. My wines soldom cost me there during the past year, he recently less than three thousand dollars a year, remarked that his instruments en but they are the choicest brands which abled him to feel heavy earthquakes I can import. I seldom find anything at great distances, even right through in England which I consider fit to the earth. For example, on August 31 | drink. As for clgars, mine come directlast a disturbance of the instruments by from the best Havana factory. I led him to conclude that a violent earth- have to pay well for them, but I must

This, too, was highly seasoned talk there had been an earthquake in Japan | for guests who were not accustomed to at that time, and the distance through | hear any one bragging about fine

There are vulgar people in England who like to make a show of their newly acquired wealth and importance. There is nothing distinctively American in vulgarity, but the trait attracts more attention in Americans because they travel extensively in Europe, and some of them flaunt their diamonds and their bad manners in the fashionable hotels of the great capitals. Amerlean reputation abroad suffers more from occasional displays of this kind than from any other cause,

Trapping Turkeys.

One of the methods by which wild urkeys are taken by native hunters, as described in "Hunting and Fishing in Florida," by Mr. C. B. Cory, Curator of this kind will be extensively employed | Field Columbian Museum, Chicago, the Department of Ornithology in the certainly does little credit to the intelligence of the turkeys.

A place is found where turkeys are numerous. Corn is scattered about, and if that is eaten more corn is placed there the next day. The birds are fed in this manner for a week or two, until they become accustomed to going there for food. Then small logs are laid, forming a square box about six or eight prompter. A sledging pleasure-party and these variations, when conducted linches in height; possibly two logs on each side, one above the other. Inside was about to start several carts passed moistened for the purpose, are easily is placed the corn, and the turkeys enby, carrying wood to the poor of Paris. perceived. Since they correspond with ter it readily, as the obstruction is not

The next night another log is added, appreciate the rhythm and character raising the box a little, perhaps a foot Talleyrand coined for Louis XVIII. of a succession of sounds thus trans- or so, and this process goes on until "He's really making a big name in the the remark which he was reported to formed into a series of sensations of a the small logs form a cone-shaped box, narrowing at the top, leaving an opening perhaps a foot or eighteen inches wide, by which they can enter at the

Corn is placed in the box, and a few kernels leading to It, as usual, and the turkeys, mounting the last log, drop in and eat up the corn. And now they are caught. The opening is so narrow that, although a turkey can easily jump down through it with closed wings, it cannot Jump out again with its wings spread.

Must Be an Astrologer.

Ignorant people think that an astron-Herschel once received a letter asking him to cast the writer's horoscope. Anand answer these two questions: "Shall

Maria Mitchell records in her journal censed firing for several minutes. that on an Atlantic steamer an Irishwoman, learning that she was an astronomer, asked her what she could of the gun was raised a little when all ment wall before he could even begin in solution by the sea would be 60. tell. Miss Mitchell answered that she was in readiness and the command to break into the vaults. When the could tell when the moon would rise, given to fire. This time the aim was officers arrive the next morning the when the sun would rise, and when perfect and the deadly projectile was water is drawn off, the masonry torn there would be an eclipse of the moon thrown over the brow of the hill and down, and the vaults epened. It is said or of the sun.

her fortune told.

Once in a town not far from Boston, during a very mild winter, a lad, driv there is almost no difference between a ling a team, called out to Miss Mitchell on the street, saying: "I want to ask you a question, Miss Mitchell!" She stopped. He asked, "Shall we lose our ice crop this winter?"

Unhappy French Queens.

Of sixty-seven Queens of France only thirteen have died without leaving their histories a record of misery. Eleven were divorced, two executed, nine died young, seven were soon widowed, three cruelly treated, three exiled; the poisoned and broken-hearted make up the

London's Insane.

The London County Council has derided to spend £1,000,000 on the provison of new asylums for the Insane. The expenditure is to spread over five years, and at the close of that period it is believed that the provision of asylum accommodation will be fully adequate to the wants of the metropolis.

Ink Stains.

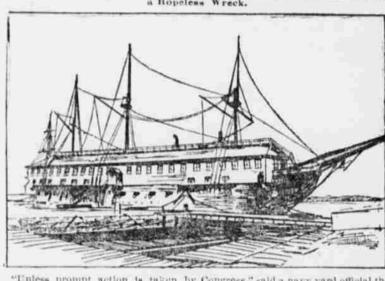
It is said that when ink is spilled upon a carpet or anything made of woollen the spot should immediately be covered with common salt. When this has absorbed all the ink it will, carefully take it off with an old knife or spoon and apply more salt. Keep doing this until the lnk is all taken up.

Cut flowers will keep very fresh if a small pinch of common saltpeter is put ends of the stem should be cut off a little every day to keep open the absorbing pores.

There are three ex-Mayors of the town in the newly elected City Council of Bath, Me.

FAST GOING TO PIECES

keep it up! Why, I have ten or twelve Unless Specially Repaired the Gallant "Old Ironaldes" Will Soon Be Only a Hopeless Wreck.



"Unless prompt action is taken by Congress," said a navy yard official the other day, "the battered old hulk of the frigate Constitution is liable to go to pleces almost any time. She now lies tied up at the old stone wharf at Kittery Point, Me., and it is an open secretamong the staff that she is sadly in need of repair. At the present time she is leaking budly, and it is feared that the ice and winter gales may send her to the bottom before another spring. The people of both Kittery and Portsmouth are united in hoping that the historic ship of war, which has grown to be a sort of local landmark, may be preserved. Prominent citizens on both sides of the Piscataqua are interesting themselves in the frigate's behalf. Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire is heartily in sympathy with the movement and has promised to bring the matter to the attention of Congress.

ONE SHOT DID IT.

Wonderful Work Accomplished by the Dynamite Guns in Cuba.

Lieutenant Ramos, of the Cuban service, while in New York recently, gave of the wonderful dynamite gun of pressed air, and the center holds the grammar and arithmetic! . .

of the month that we met two Spanish brains with studies after the old mascolumns, which meant a battle with ters. It is the real grammar of art, and even forces. As we reached a hilltop time thus employed will be profitable to overlooking a narrow valley we saw the end of their career." the Spanlards on top of the next hill. only a quarter of a mile away. They were at work throwing up a line of fortitleations

"A few shots were exchanged, when

Bonheur in the Ladies' Home Journal. "The garret of the house had been arranged as a kind of studio, and while my father was running to the four corners of Paris to give drawing lessons I worked alone as best I could. One to the Herald an interesting account night, when he returned home after his day's labor, he found me finishing my which he has had charge while with first oil painting after Nature: a hand-Macco's army. The gun, as he deful of cherries. 'Why, that's fine,' he scribes, is about 6 feet in length and said, and in future you must work seriweighs 250 pounds. The dynamite gun ously. From that time on I copied plasis formed of three parallel barrels. The ter casts, engravings and drew from right tube holds a cartridge of smoke- Nature; and how much more agreeable less powder; the left tube confines com- I found the work than I did studying fron projectile, in which is the explo- Soon after this I began to work at the sive gelatine-which has three times Louvre. My costume and independent the force of ordinary dynamite. When ways gained for me the nickname of the cartridge is exploded in the right "The Little Hussar' among the keepers barrel of the gun it sets free the com- of the galleries. My breakfast usually pressed air in the left barrel, which consisted of a one-cent roll and two rushes suddenly into the center barrel. cents' worth of fried potatoes, with a and hurls the projectile at the enemy. goblet of water from the fountain in When this projectile strikes, it explodes the courtyard below. I made some imwith tremendous force, not only de-portant copies. . . . How many stroying human life, but uprooting trees of them I have copied, and I cannot and tearing loose the ground and rocks. repeat sufficiently to young beginners The work done by the gun in battle who wish to adopt the hard life of the is thus described: "It was on the 13th artist, to do as I have done: stock their

Guarding the Money. There are plenty of ingenious burglars in the world, but he would have to be a very ingenious burglar indeed



DEADLY WORK OF THE DYNAMITE GUN NEAR CAYAJABOS.

Maceo ordered our gun forward, and who should find a way to rob the Bank had it trained on the enemy. He stood of France. The measures taken for by the piece and observed us closely, as guarding the money are of such a nawe prepared to fire, and when the re- ture that burglary would seem to be omer is also an astrologer. Sir John port was heard he watched the result impossible, with the deepest interest.

"The alm was too low and the shot the vaults in the cellar, and before the other letter-writer requested the distin- fell short of its mark. No one was in- officers leave, masons are in attendance guished astronomer to consult the stars jured, but the effect of the explosion on whose duty it is to wall up the doors the ground where it struck apparently of the vaults with hydraulic mortar. astonished the Spanlards, for they Water is then turned on, and kept run-

"During those minutes we were preparing for the second shot. The muzzle in a diving suit, and break down a ceinto the very midst of the Spanish that the treasures of the Bank of "Oh!" exclaimed the disappointed troops. The explosion brought conster- France are better guarded than any woman, in a tone which plainly said: nation. The shot had done its frightful others in the world. "Is that all?" She expected to have work, and the Spaniards, disappearing

from sight, did not fire another gun that night.

THE DYNAMITE GUN.

"We waited for morning to renew the battle, but as soon as it was light the enemy fired one bombshell and then retreated. The battle was won by that one shot from our gun."

In another fight Generals Eschazus and Munoz led their battallons against you will be of looking at a painting with Maceo's intrenched positions near Cayajabos. The fighting continued during two days, and though the insurgents were at first driven back into the hills. they inflicted such damage on the pursuing columns that the Spaniards could head does it impress you as having the not hold their advantage. This was the first general action in which dyna. It look like a human being? Suppose a mite projectiles were used. Their aw. landscape is under discussion-do the ful efficiency may be judged from the trees sway, the clouds float? Is there photograph of the result of a single any atmosphere in the painting? These discharge, which was taken by Ten- are the tests of a painter's facility with lente Salcido, of Maceo's command, on language. But more than this is rethe afternoon of the first day's fight- quired-it is the intellectuality behind in the water in which they stand. The ing. In this fight the Spanlards had, the brush. Herein lies the difference by their own account, over a hundred between sublime art and the commontilled and wounded, among the latter place." being General Eschazua.

Rosa Bonbeur's First Painting.

Every day when the money is put into ning until the cellar is flooded.

A burglar would thus have to work

Selecting Pictures.

"The value of a picture depends upon what there is in it for its possessor, writes William Martin Johnson in the Ladies' Home Journal, on the "Selection and Framing of Pictures," "A painting by an amateur may be more precious in your eyes than one of Raphael's cartoons. Therefore, sell your cartoon to the highest bidder, and when you outgrow the little painting buy back the cartoon if you have learned to see its beauty.

"No one can tell you how to understand art without your seeing it, studying it, living with it, any more than any one can tell you how to tell good cloth from bad; you must first have had experience with cloth. Learn a language before you try to converse. But do not go so far as to imagine that you must learn drawing and painting before you can appreciate pictures. The less you know about technique the more capable an unprejudiced eye. Get at the artist's intention. Does he express an idea to you? Is he interesting in the way he tells his story? Does he convince you of a truth? If the picture is that of a Characteristics of an individual? Does

"Well, now that you are back, you can tell us how much it costs to go to "We had gone back to live in the Rue Europe." "All you've got and all you des Tournelles" (Paris), writes Ross can borrow over there."-Judge.