# R. : MEEKS' : PRISONER.

somewhat the worse for liquor, as did

Next morning, a half-score of leading

against by the little man, who seemed

It was about one o'clock in the after-

"What? Who?" asked Winslow,

The stranger was gasping for breath,

"'Cause in the first place, I didn't

think 'e'd kill th' man. Second"-and

"I reckon ve hain't real well acquainted

In less than an hour the little town

was practically depopulated of men, all

few bar-tenders having gone on the

Williams for the murder of Mr. Meeks.

The stranger did not accompany them,

being anxious to meet Mr. Williams.

However, it made no difference, as ev-

Thus, nearly every one being gone

southward to mete out justice to the

alleged murderer of Mr. Meeks, It was

and Mr. Williams, emerging from their

had brought the news, to loot the bank,

three stores, the hotel, and every saloon

in the place, and to get safely away on

And that is why every officer whose

In his paper on "This Country of

Ours" in the Ladies' Home Journal ex-

President Harrison writes of Congress,

result on its journal; the two Houses

must at 12 m, the next day meet in

joint session, and if it appears that the

of the votes in each House he is de-

clared elected; if there has been no elec-

jority of the votes a majority of all

the members elected to both Houses

declared elected. If there is no elec-

day at 12 m., and take at least one bal-

lot each day until a Senator is elected.

ith Kingfisher Williams, be ye?

but presently managed to explain that,

mounted on a panting horse that

"Kingfisher—he's killed 'lm?"

"What we talkin' about, man?"

shots by way of calute.

said his name was Meeks, body was hurt; and the general sentistruck thoughtful ones ment was of the "Well, I'll be dog-Buffalo Hern that the pa- goned?" variety, was singularly appropriate: That night Mr. Meeks had a levee man bimself was a mild- and blushingly received the congratulaic-lookin" little man, with tions of the best citizens of Buffalo atory air that suggested Horn during a period of two hours, mology on his part for pre- while his now staumen friend. Jim rist. He floated into town | Wylie, obligingly guarded his desperso unobtrusive and modest ate prisoner. Had he been a less temit was several days before perate man, he might have retired began to be noticed, and account of a rumor that most of the citizens of Buffalo Horn; reulation to the effect that | but he kept his wits about him and was s. Then Buffalo Hornites | turned in. arze, like all Western peoderstood that it is not best up Uncle Sam must be, to and his prisoner to Four-Mile Creek. bit of a man like this to This honor was modestly protested

oklahena malefactor! e nobody had the temerity not to see that he had done anything is to Mr. Meeks. There are remarkable, but he was hoosed down, es in which the one who pre- and when they reached Four-Mile his appearances is taking very escort parted from his with three rouss, and Buffalo Horn was ing cheers and a volley of revolvere. Therefore, Mr. Meeks d with great show of respect ding citizens, who squared non when an excited, hattess man, themselves by privately the horse-laugh." And, all dripped with perspiration, dashed up s. Mr. Meeks kept on his to the Hotel Winslow, in front of which ther, stayed where he was a number of citizens were sitting discuswalt for some certain crim- sing the events of the day and night wanted for violating a previous, and hearsely announced; we or less, of the Federal

test confidence, and with faith, he had imparted more mation concerning his misirt Wisslow, the landlord of twenty miles south, he had been resting stel where he was staying- under a tree by a stream, when a little eing after the manner of his man and a big man, whom he had reterate gossip, soon spread | known in Kingfisher as "Kingfisher" nation he had gleaned from | Williams, came along and dismounted | called. er, thereby causing a broad near by. The little man was leaning pear whenever his guest was over to get a drink when Williams

s ain't 'e easy?" chuckled down with his handcuffs. After this, ouple of friends, one day, said the stranger, he saw Williams take een a week f'r board an' and took a few shots at him.

S'posin' th' man sh'd come wi' th' bracelets?" asked Jim Wylle, a suddint?" said Jim Wylie, fiercely. mrshal "Say, I bet 'e'd die o'

asked some one sitting by the

Easy, Frank! . . Oh. t now. But I'll bet ye one in't nobody he's n-goin' t'

to be rumored, within a day hat "Kingfisher" Williams an Mr. Weeks was after, this ig based upon the fact that his horse being blown and himself not man had been-very quietly, making inquiries concerning as person, whom numerous ery one knew the ford which the il national officers were more stranger said was the scene of the ixious to meet. He was not | tragedy. somily to any one in Buffalo Mr. Wylie assured the little Kingfisher Williams was a san, indeed, and that if Mr. really child's play for that gentleman ted his capture it would be ather in his cap-whereupon | hiding-place in the hills just north of an swelled up considerably the town, and joining the stranger who ited Mr. Wylle to Join him at

bout a week after this conhat the secret-service officer | fresh horses at least three hours before ly marshal were standing in the pursuit could be organized. n, discussing some question hen the door opened and a business takes him into Buffalo Horn tered and, walking up to and neighboring towns is locked upon fied for whisky. Mr. Meeks | with suspicion until his credentials are earnestly upward into the approved.-Lester Ketchum, in the San Is face as the stranger en- Francisco Argonaut. dthdrew his gaze for a mose at the new-comer. Then for his revolver.

my man!" be remarked. a undertone, to the marshal, form the bar, please."

abfounded, did as he was e to see the stranger look Mr. Meeks got him covered. p. Mr. Williams!" comlittle man, "I want you!" ith, the other "drew," and seconds there was a conhots, in which the city mard take no part by reason of his ting stuck and refusing to Then the stranger threw ds, in token of surrender.

i-er-a pair of handcuffs, "Put asked Mr. Meeks, "Put m, please, Sorry, Mr. Willat I can't take any chances with

as did not answer, but growled under his breath as he subing handcuffed. on for this!" he said to

se latter stepped back after operation. ill, will ye? Wait ontell my Meeks, gits through 'ith ye, as," was the cheerful reply. out 'lm in th' cooler?" asked

The Governor of the State is required to certify the election under the seal of the State, to the President of the ks. He'll bunk with me to-Senate, the certificate to be countero-morrow we leave. Much the same,"

ot more than an hour before in Buffalo Horn knew that the notorious Kinglisher Will-are never abbreviated by the condition ever have any money that is "his own" ter a short battle in which no- of the thermometer.

EUROPE'S FAIREST QUEEN.

Retairs Ber Feants.

One of the fairest Queens in Europe is Queen Namile, of Servia, and pergreatest beauty is ler neck.

The Queen takes frequent and regular exercise with a heavy p toher on her head. The result of rids is to straighten and strengthen her neck, and to give if the form which the highest standard of female beauty requires. Not only does the exercise add to present beauty, but it arrests the ravages which time makes more quickly in the female neck than in any other place.

She appears in the park surrounding her castle at about 8 clock each morning taking a brisk walk with her pitcher on her shapely head.

Queen Natalie has abundant black hair and a rich coloring. Her figure is very strong and erect, and her carriage is perfect, for her favorite exercise tends to develop the latter quality as well as to beautify the neck and shoulders. Her flesh has the firmness of marble.

Her head is placed on her shoulders after the manner of that of the Venus of Mile. There are no protrading bones, no wrinkles, no hollows, but beither is there any superfluous fat-DOM:

The exercise to which Natalle owes so much of her charm is one which has been practiced by women of the poorer classes in many countries. Ruchel, it may be remembered, met Jacob when she was going to the well with her pitcher. The women of the Oriental countries, of Greece, and of Italy, have pitchers and burdens on their heads.

#### Spanish Schlers.

One of the most pathetic, and even fleer of the United States as sober as his prisoner when they heartrending, things in the history of modern warfare has been the sending of thousands of very young peasants citizens had sufficiently recovered from from the interior districts of Spain, m appearances; but, oh! the night's revelries to accompany him | who are in the deepest ignorance of the world's affairs, to combat in Cuba, not a visible enemy, but the terrible fever, which gives to but few of these unneelimated youths from the brae ng highlands of Spalu a fair chance of recovery. So little do they know of affairs that they are scarcely aware what they have come to the low coasts of the tropical West Indian Island for before they are stricken down.

The simple-mindedness of the average peasant-soldier of Spain is illustrated by a story told in a Spanish Journal. During the brief reign of the republic which followed the banishment of Queen Isabella in 1868, Don Carlos, a prince who claimed to be the rightful. excluding women from the throne, made war against the republican gov-

night two pickets of the hostile armies sneaked up behind him and struck him came together.

w'on 'e bit little Mooks Carlist politely.

the other. "Where do you live, comrade?"

"I live in a little village in Aragon. is it th' little feller wants, the stranger eyed Wylle quizzically- on the other side of Spain.

"Poss ble?

"Aye. And where do you live?"

On yonder mountain." "And whom are you fighting for but the cashier of the local bank and a here?

warpath to catch and hang Kingfisher do you fight?" "For the republic."

"That I don't rightly know, comrade, but I think she is a new queen who

lives in Madrid." The two men were silent for a monent, looking amiably at each other, and then the Carlist said wistfully: "Why doesn't our king marry her, I

wonder, and have an end of wars!"

How to Cure Trouble. Work is your true remedy. If misfortune hits you hard, hit you somebing else bard; go at something with will. There is nothing like good, solid, absorbing, exhausting work to cure trouble. If you have met with losses, on do not want to lie awake thinking about them. You want sweet, calm, sound sleep, and to cut your dinner with appetite. But you cannot unless

There are some great troubles that only time heals, and perhaps some that can never be healed at all; but all Election of United States Senators, can be helped by the great panarea. work. Try it, you who are afficied. It is not a putent medicine. It is an official remedy. All good physicians and tells how United States Senators in regular standing prescribe it in cases are elected. "The law of 1890," he of mental and moral disease. It opsays, "provides that the Legislature erates kindly and well, leaving no dischosen next before the expiration of agreeable or ill effects. It will cure the term of a Senator shall choose his more complaints than any nostrum in successor, and that it shall proceed to the Materia Medica, and comes nearer do so on the second Tuesday after it as- to being a "cure all" than any drug or sembles. On that day each House of compound of drugs in the market; and the Legislature must vote separately, it will not sieken you if you do not viva voce, for a Senator, and enter the take it sugar-control.

## Strange Funeral Customs.

Chocalisms enter largely into death same person has received a majority notices," remarked a funeral director. "In Pittsburg few people believe that a death notice is complete unless there tion the joint assembly must take a is attached to it the line. Friends of vote, and if any one receives a ma- the family, etc. Widow of the late is giso very popular. In Philadelphia, where there is always lots of spare being present and voting-he is to be time, they can to 'postry,' St. Louis people give the names of nearly all of tion the joint assembly proceeds with the surviving relatives. In New Orthe balloting, and must meet every leans there is an odd custom. There the death notices are tacked to telegraph poles in the business district the young married man, where the decessed worked or was known and in the neighborhood of her sechoed. "We don't keep theaterlene suphome. They have printed blanks for plies this purpose, and the udertaker fills signed by the Secretary of State of the them in and has them in the

The real sincere women are those whose prayers at night in a cold room money "of her own," but does a man

A COLONY FARM.

Queen Natalle of Servin and How She Chicago Record Discusses its Adapt-

Gen. Booth's plan of returning the surplus of city populations to the cotry by farm colonies, which has been in successful operation in England for several years and has also been put in can be made with the present tenant, plied: "Our mother-in-law," who pays a rental of only \$150 a year May of next year. The low rental and the accessibility of the farm to the city land has been selected by the salvation army leader for an experiment which promises to relieve at least a part of the unemployed of this city. The proposal to utilize vacant city lots for the raising of potatoes and beans is another plan which certain cities baye adopted beneficially, and its application here will still further tend to give profitable work to the unemployed.

in connection with the problem of deal ing with the unemployed is to be found in these efforts toward a utilization of opportunities and means that have heretofore been neglected as too small and unimportant to be considered. There is something inspiring in considering large plans of benevolence which look toward the abolishing of poverty and redressing the evils of the social always been accustomed to carry organization which result in poverty and destitution. The ditheulty lies in applying these comprehensive plans and principles, and the danger is in scorning limited means at hand for the immeasurably greater and grander means that would be desirable if attainable. The salvation army, therefore, is to be commended for taking up this method of relief in a practicable way, and thus demonstrating, on a small scale, the advisableness of further progress in the same direction. has been done on the farm of 1,000 acres near London, the success. of which enterprise is a standing refutation of those inclined to ridicule such them paint Bull Run!"

Perhaps the most hopeful indication

King of Spain under the old Salie law American cities, the population is large ply: "Sss ss ssss ss slss race who inhabit that part of Spain are to be secured by tilling the soil, but sody-water,"

in the city to going back to the farm. which we have so ably listened!" There is, however, a large class in On one occasion John McSweeney, a every city's population which will famous Ohio lawyer, was engaged as "For the republic? And who is the tion of the army's practical benevo-

Our Kin Across the Sea

The American is always instituting comparison between himself and to: English cousin. The Englishman is ever contrasting his American kinsman with himself. Personal comparisons are proverbially ungracious. The mecentuation of supposed contrasts is pecultarly so. Moreover, since men generally find what they seek faithfully. both comparison and contrast tend toward a factitious result. Thus it comes to pass that in most American newspaper offices there is a lay figure, clothed on with insularity, armed to the teeth in view of a possible opportunity for aggression, his face aglow with bitter and ill-concealed hatred of all things American. This is the "property" Brit. on, and his services are invaluable in se not infrequent seasons when the charlot-wheels of the editorial imagination drive heavily.

that well-ordered English households commonly harbor a corresponding American bogy. He is a fellow of infinite variety, who, when admitted to the drawing room, slaps strangers on the back, consumes unlimited tobacco, and interlards lds speech with barbaric slang. He serves the British matron as the wine-hibbing Helor served his Spartan master. He is even brought to Mr. Justin McCarthy and if is to be feared that in moments of weakness even Mr. Andrew Lang has taken counsel of him. - Century.

### Mus cal Freshs

his ours wag.

"A Makest p Hax." "I want to buy a mak; up box," said "A make-up box?" the confectioner

"I mean a box of caudy to take home to my wife. I promised to be home three hours ago."-Space Moments.

No man with a whisky breath can at the executive mansion. have a good excuse for turning off a | The President dines only at cabinet bill collector.



The late Mgr. Fabre, Bishop of Monoperation near Boston and New York, treat, was a thorough Goul. Dinlog is to be tried in this city under the ans- one day at the table of the governorpices of Commander Booth Tucker, general of the Dominion, he referred, says the Chicago Record. The Gaze in course of conversation, to "France farm at Riverside, the largest piece of our mother." "France your mother!" land the city owns, has been secured broke in the governor; "what, then, is for the experiment, subject only to the England to you?" The bishop smilcondition that amicable arrangements lugly shrugged his shoulders and re-

An eloquent but short-sighted Aberand whose lease does not expire until domina divine recently occupied the pulpit in a rural parish in Scotland, As only one person attended the service. markets are the chief reasons why this the minister felt called on to apologize for the length of his discourse, but as the congregation unanimously signified its approval of his preaching, the minister continued with renewed vigor and prolixity. The preacher's feelings may be imagined when he learned that the solitary listener consisted of his driver, who had been engaged by the hour.

A New England Congressman once went to Franklin Pierce demanding an office for a constituent. Pierce sent him to James Guthrie, Secretary of the Treasury. By and by the Congressman returned to the President in great dudgeon. "What did Guthrie say to you about appointing your friend?" Inquired the President. "He said he would be d-d if he would." "Did Guthrie talk that way to you?" "He "Well, that's the way he talks to me, too," was Pierce's consoling re-

On a recent visit to Boston, General John B. Gordon, the ex-Confederate, was entertained by a well-known lawyer, who showed him the sights. One of the places the Southerners visited was the cyclorama of the Battle of Cettysburg; the old soldier did not make any comment on it. When the two came out of the building and were on their way down-town, the lawyer inquired: "Well, general, what did you think of it?" "What did I think of it?" said the general, coming to a standstill and striking a deflant attitude-"let

methods of remedying cycls that re- The man stammered painfully. His sult from our present social system. hame was Sissons. Especially difficult At the same time, it is as yet doubt- to him was the pronunciation of his ful whether methods of relief that own name. He had the misfortune to seem to meet the wants of a portion stay out late and uproariously one at least of England's "submerged night (according to the Illustrated tenth" will meet with equal success in American), and to account for it be-American cities, where conditions in force the magistrate at the police court general are quite different. With the next morning, "What is your name?" exception of the foreign contingent in asked the court. Sissons began his rely made up of country been residents. That noise and tell me what is your who, for reasons that seemed to them | name," said the judge, impatiently, ernment. His standard was raised in good, have descried the country for the "Siss siss sisses "That will the northwest corner of the country. city. They are not farmers, not be- do," said his honor, severely; "officer, and almost all his soldiers were cause they do not know anything about what is this man charged with?" "I Basques as the people of the ancient farming and the independence possible think, your honor, he's charged wid

because they prefer the city and the oc- The lay leader of a prayer meeting The city of Riflan was defended by cupations of city life. This class of in a Vermont town, sometimes invaded maxing of the republic. One moonlight persons, unless wholly abandoned to by summer visitors, seeing an evident vicious courses, is a class to which the stranger present, came to him as the met outside the trenches. One, a sol- farm-colony experiment will not ap- meeting was about to open, and asked dier of the republic, were the uniform peal. If they desire to till the soil they him his name and residence, and seded towards the bar-room, the keys from the little man's pocket which but lately had been royal; the know enough about the conditions that cured his consent to say a few words. Meeks was engaged in "set- and unlock his handcuffs. Then he shot other, the Carlist, had on his mountains obtain in the country to seek employ- At the proper time, he asked; "Will not m" to the ever-ready crowd, the insensible victim with the latter's cer's garb, surmounted by the white ment there on their own account. They Mr. A., of New York, favor us with a see sech a sucker? Comes own gun, mounted, and rode away; and beretta, and carried an ancient flat- do not need to be taught about farm- few remarks?" When the stranger sat spec's th' duck 'e's layin' fer the new-comer hurried into Buffalo lock rifle. At the ends of their hearts ing. What they need, in most cases, down, the leader again spoke; "Will at intuit the camp and give Horn the faster because Williams the two "enemies"-neither of whom is the moral and physical courage to not Mr. A., of New York, ask God's I spose; so yere'e stays, dig- caught sight of him as he was leaving knew why he was fighting the other- give up their predilections for urban blessing on his feeble remarks?" A lous at th' bur. Oh, I c'n "W'y didn't ye shoot back-'r else git "Good evening, comrade!" said the pursued before coming to the city. your man whose duty it was to move a "Good evening, comrade," answered reason that they prefer it to the coun- floundered along through various comtry, and such is the fascination and plimentary sentences, and finally flickglamor of a great city to this class of ered out feebly thus: "And so I propose persons that they often prefer to starve a vote of thanks for the lecture to

> greatly benefit the adoption of the col-counsel for the defense in a California ony farm and the vacant-lot system of murder case. The case looked hope practical relief, and if the salvation less. Mr. McSweeny submitted no evi-"For King Carlos. And for whom army can utilize these it will redound dence for the defense. Believing that greatly to the city's benefit and in the case was won, the State's attorney crease the general public's apprecia- made only a few perfunctory remarks in conclusion. Then the great Ohio lawyer began in a quiet, conversational tone. No reference was made to the murder, but Mr. McSweeny drew a vivid picture of a pretty country cot tage, a loving wife preparing supper, three ruddy-faced youngsters looking up the road to see "papa" coming home to supper. Suddenly the speaker stop ped. Drawing himself up to his full height, he exclaimed, in a tone which startled the whole court-room: "Gen tlemen, you must send him home to A roar of applause followed and one old grizzled Juror blurted out: "We'll do it, sir, we'll do it!" Mr. Me Sweeny instantly stopped and sat down. The jury brought in a verdict of acquittal without leaving their seats. The prisoner, with tears streaming down his cheeks, wrung his counsel's hands, and thanked him again and again. But between his sobs he man aged to say: "No other man in the world could have done that! Why We are assured, upon the other hand, sir, I have no wife nor children; I never

White House Etiquette All good Americans may be suppose to feel an interest in the social doings of the President and the President's wife. High station, even in a republic has its own code of etiquette. Things must be done, even simple every-day things, according to established prece dent; for in one sense, there are n when that worthy adventures an Amer. people in the United States who have ican tale. He is of messimable worth so little liberty to consult their own wishes and tastes as the occupants of the White House. The Illustrated American thus sets forth some of the unwritten laws to which they are strictly subject: When the President and his wife

Prof. Black of Vienus has a pupil drive out, the President sits upon the peculiarly susceptible to the sound of right-hand seat and his wife on the a tuning fork. When remain chords left. If there are others in the carare struck his arms swing like pen-ringe, whether ladies or gentlemen, dulums. Another cherd in the scale they must sit with their backs to the causes his body to sway and turn, and horses. When the President's wife still another has the effect of making drives alone, she sits in the right-hand corner the place of honor

The lady of the White House cannot set foot within those splendid houses in Washington whose flagstaffs mark the foreign embassy or legation. She could not go without the President, and as an embassy or legation is tech nically a part of the country it repre sents, the President could not go se that she never sees the inside of a diplomatic house as long as she presides

houses, and his wife cannot dine any-

where without him. President Arthur dined with indges of the Supreme Court and with Senators-but as he had no wife, the whole system was very much simplified for him. The President's wife may, if she chooses, go to functions where there are no genilemen, or to teas, both being regarded as strictly informal, but the danger of giving offense by accepting one invitation and declining another is so great that it is seldom or never

At a state dinner the etiquette of the White House is exactly the reverse of the custom at a private dinner. The guests assemble in the east room and await the President and his wife, who appear on the stroke of the clock. Woo betide the late guest! He has committed a national or international breach the guests in order of precedence.

An invitation to the White House is ment command, and takes precedence of . It is said that the Indian library of all others, even of a dinner at one's the British India office, which is now own house. An infringement of this being catalogued, will be, when finishrule would be regarded as a shocking ed, the most complete of oriental literabreach of the amenities.

head of the White House, as Mrs. Mc- proaching Manx general election Hall land during a part of Mr. Cleveland's published a letter of contradiction. first administration; but her position is never like that of the President's wife. ble figure for the tamb of the younger She has much more latitude, and although she follows in a general way the etiquette laid down for the President's wife, she has by no means the recognized official standing of the "first lady of the land."

The younger and more inexperienced woman is when she enters the White House, the more likely she is to succeed; since she is likely to do as she is told, without presuming to act upon her own judgment. This is one secret of Mrs. Cleveland's success.

#### Cat and Puppy.

to the Philadelphia Times a pretty mulatto, my grandfather a negro, and story, partly pathetic, partly amus, my great-grandfather a monkey. My ing, about a Maltese cat belonging to genealogy begins where yours emis." ones knew no bounds, and she ran tence." about the place like a thing possessed. Renewed currency is now given to carrying one or the other of them in the story of how Browning was kept her mouth. One day, in a spirit of un-awake one night in a hotel by strange due pride, she took them out on the moanings, sighs and subdued murrerpavement in front of the house, depose lings and, on sending to inquire what Iting them, one at a time, lu a bright was the matter, was informed that his sun-spot amid the shade of overarch-sufferings were due to a meeting in ing pepper-trees.

Suddenly, without a sound of warn- society, ing, a big dog from over the way The French Senate, which sits in the swooped down upon the happy fam- Luxembourg palace, has struck against lly, tearing the kittens to pieces one by having any more statutes of bald-headone before the poor, scared mother had ed poets set up in the Luxembaurg gartime to interpose in their behalf. It dens. It draws the line at the hairless was an awful tragedy, and p or An- Paul Varlaine-the last poets honored, gela's grief was almost human.

For days she refused to be comfort- and Leconte De Lisle, being also baid. ed. She would not eat, and her teacup remained untouched. Miss Has- ist, says that just before Du Maurier tings despaired of her life, and strove in every way to assuage her grief, but

in vain Flually, when things seemed to have Angela disappeared and the most carnest effort to discover her whereabouts proved fruitless. Two whole days had passed, when late in the evening Miss life and return to the occupations they story of the same sort is told of a ner- Hastings was delighted beyond meas-They are in the city precisely for the vote of thanks after a lecture. He steps, bringing what seemed to be a young kitten in her mouth, But upon going down to meet her Miss Hastings discovered that instead of a kitten Angela's burden was a tiny young prairie-

The poor thing, bereft of her own offspring, yet with a heart overflowing with mother love, had doubtless wandered away in her grief to the outskirts of the city, where she had found, perhaps, a motherless little prairie-dog ready for her adoption. At all events, she did adopt it, and now seems as happy and proud in lavishing her love upon it as if it were her very

Miss Hastings says that Angela's first act upon getting home was to wash the little prairie pup's face, and begin at once to initiate it into the mysteries of tea-drinking; and though only n few days have elapsed, the dog is almost as expert at sipping the cup that cheers as Angela herself.

New One to Him

A captain in a regiment stationed in Natal, when paying his company one day, chanced to give a man a Transvaal half-crown, which, as one would naturally expect, bears "the image and superscription" of President Kruger.

The man brought it back to the pay table and said to the captain: "Please, sir, you've given me a bad half-crown. The officer took the crown, and, without looking at it, rung it on the table. and then remarked: "It sounds all right, Bagster. What's wrong with it?" "You luke at it, sir," was the reply.

The captain glanced at the coin, saying: "It's all right, man; it will pass in the canteen.

This apparently satisfied Bagster, who Queen wi' whiskers on!"-Answers.

### Ruskin's Only Sermon.

It is, or used to be, the heart's desire of nearly every Scottish parent that one son of the family should be a minister, or, as they say, "wag his pow in a pulpit." Perhaps it was owing to some such feeling as this that Mr. Ruskin's father and mother were most anxious he should enter the church. Years afterward, when the son had grown famous as a writer on art, his father declared he would have been a bishop by The Emperor of Germany and his that time had he taken holy orders, guests, on a recent deer hunt, managed When Ruskin was a child, however- to extract great fun from it. A little and there may have been talk at home camera is fixed to the gun and exposes of what he was to be when a man-he a plate at the instant the shot is fired. did preach at least one homily. The The plate is quickly developed in a little boy got a red cushion, and then, pocket-bath, The picture shows whethstanding up and thumping it, he deliv- er the animal was struck, and enables ered this sermon: "People, be good."- the hunter to avoid a fruitless chase if

Slaughter of Deer.

Nearly 6,000 deer were killed in New York State last year. Of the number low has it in triple-plated chunka,' O 1,233 were killed by right hunting, 2,634 by hounds, and the remainder by still

At 15, a girl quits playing, and begins to gad.



James Whiteomb Biley is quoted as saying that as a youth the heigh of his ambition was to wear a stovepipe hat and play a lew-sharp.

There is a pretty bit of southwest lit Nausen's dedication of a book to life wife: "To Her Who Christened the Slidp and Had the Courage to Walt:"

Mrs. Fleming, a sister of Rudyard of etiquette. At the table the Presic Kipling, has published a novel of life dent is served first, his wife next, then in India, the story dealing with the European rather than the native ele-

ture in the world. The President's sister may be at the - It having been stated that at the ap-

Elroy was during President Arthur's Caine would endeavor to secure a sent administration, and Miss Rose Cleve- for Peel in the house of keys, he has A French sculptor is making a mar-

Alexandre Dumas. The novelist will recline at full length in the robe by wore at work, with his feet bare, as his custom was when writing

Of his "Penny Novels" Mr. Stead has printed up to date 7,274,000. Among all the other authors, old and new, Rider Haggard tops the list. The sale of "She," an abridgment of which was the first of the series, ran up to nearly 500,000 copies.

One day a muliclons person sald to Alexandre Dumas fils: "Your father was a mulatto, was he not?" Dumas A Los Angeles correspondent sends replied: "Yes, sir; my father was a

a maiden lady of that city. The cut's The assertion that Frank R. Stockname is Angela, and one of its oddest ton "sometimes waits an hour for a characteristics is that it is a confirmed word" has called forth the following ten drinker. Angela led a quiet and interesting piece of information: "Alhappy existence till one day she phonse Dandet has long periods of brought to her mistress a litter of three mental mertia, in which he is willing to kittens. Angela's delight in her little work, but feels unable to frame a sen-

the next room of the local Browning

Theodore De Banville, Henri Murger

Edwin A. Abbey, the American artwrote "Trilby" he had fallen into disfavor in the Punch office and his drawings had actually been omitted from "Punch's Almanac." This depressed reached the lowest possible ebb, poor him greatly, as his eyesight was falling him. The enormous success of "Trilby" changed everything.

Ruskin and Emerson met at Oxford about twenty-five years ago, and their ure to see poor Angela coming up the first impressions of each other were son's mind a total blank," said Ruskin to a friend, "in matters of art." "I found myself wholly out of sympathy with Ruskin's views," said Emerson: "I wonder such a genlus can be possessed of such a devil."

The Ram's Horn asked General Lew Wallace for a list of ten best books for children and he sent the following: "Aesop's Fables," "Robinson Crusoe," "Swiss Family Robinson," "Pilgrim's Progress," "Vicar of Wakefield," "Paul and Virginia," "Life of Columbus" (preferably Irving's), "Short History of the United States" (preferably Benson J. Lossing's), "Child's History of England" (Dickens'), "Plutarch's Lives."

In a recent Issue the London Author tells of a meeting held in London May 4, 1852, for the purpose of discussing the subject of what percentage a bookseller should have. Charles Dickens presided. Free traders and protectionists were ranged against each other, the booksellers' association arguing for monopolistic methods and the authors vigorously opposing. Tennyson, Spencer, Darwin, Carlyle, Leigh Hunt, Gladstone, Grote and many others less notable argued in favor of freedom from trade restrictions, and their ideas prevailed.

### Made the Soldier Glad.

A pretty story, savoring of the romantic, is told in the French press about the kniser. Recently his majesty went to the Berlin barracks alone. The corporal on guard recognized the kaster immediately and saluted him. The kaiser was pleased, and, approaching the soldier, said: "Why do you look so sad, corporal?" The corporal did not reply. The emperor then asked if he was disappointed in love. At this the walked off, making the remark: "If corporal found his tongue, and replied you say it's a' right, sir, it is a' right; that he wished to marry Marguerite, but it's the first time I've seed the the daughter of his sergeant major, but that her father would not give his consent until he became a sergeant. "And do you love her very much?" asked the kniser. "Ob, yes," was the reply, "Then," said the emperor, "go and tell your future father in-law that William II. makes you a sergeant,"

The latest novelty is a combination of photography and shooting.. The photographic rifle, which is an accomplished thing, has proved a great success. he has missed his game.

Pure Velvet.

"Talk about lick! That Man Dens "How do you figure it out?"

"Why, his wife was born on Christmas and Christmas is also the anniversary of their marriage. You see the rest of the year is pure velvet for him." Cleveland Leader,