

W writer, as under the nimble find home. The office boy brought her hat gers of the operator the type- and cloak, and Jack Robertson helped that is now creating wide-spread interrods flashed up and down with light- her on with them. He would have est, and it is a relief to turn from a that would not make respectable firening-like rapidity.

felt it, but yet each and all of those enough through the whole performtall-collared, clean-shaven clerks, who ance. kept throwing languishing eyes in the

direction of the fair operator, would have willingly changed places with Strand, still dreaming of her noble that recking, squeaking, jerspiring ma-

But Amy Northcote did not seem in Lancelot and Elaine. very good form on this particular morning, for gradually the rattle of the machine got slower and slower, and at last stopped altogether.

As a matter of fact, little Miss Northcote was in a very peculiar frame of mind. She was extremely romantic, and spent one-half of her time in reading novelettes, and the other half in thinking about them.

Tales of love and devotion, of heroism and martyrdom, King Arthur and his table round, Lancelot and Guinevere, errant knights and ladies fairevery legend she had ever read, and dozens of others she had made for herself, crowded in upon each other in wonderful confusion.

The long train of courtly knights and serenading gallants floated leisurely before her, and more came, and still more, and yet all of them, though so different in apparel, had the same face. And what a handsome face it was, too! What a tall, commanding figure! How graceful it looked in the robes of Romeo, and how glorious in the armor of Lancelot!

Suddenly her reverie was interrupted by a quiet voice that descended from some distance above her.

"Good-morning, Miss Northcote!" She looked up with a start, and there stood her Lancelot before her. He seemed to have discarded his armor and donned an ordinary black morning suit and a very white collar, "whereof," as the office boy once remarked, "the height and stiffness were marvelous great."

"Good-morning, sir," she said, in half-frightened voice, and then, as the junior partner disappeared into his room, she bent over her work with a very red and very hot face.

room with her.

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time.

this

In a tremendous hurry she proceeded

The first few words were enough.

"Dear Madante-In such a matter as

She knew every word of it-every

tap. It was the very letter she had

written herself; and with a little cry

of half-frightened joy she flung herself

on her bed, and had even a longer and

three times as long as usual.

Then the typewriter clicked again, but not so merrily as before, and frethe intention of having her cry first; quent errors occurred. Presently a but catching sight of the address as bell in the office rang twice. This was she was putting it down, she snatched the signal for Miss Northcote to go it up again. The envelope was in Mr. into Mr. Norman's room and take the Norman's handwriting. morning letters, for this young lady was also shorthand writer to the firm. to open it, and of course took about

The door closed and she was alone with the handsome young partner. Jack Robertson returned to the office, and, as he climbed sadly on to his lofty stool, a universal groan went around the room. Eight stiff white collars cracked simultaneuosly as eight heads dropped sorrowfully over their respective involces and bills of lading. The morning letters were soon finish-

more passionate cry than she had promed and the young lady rose to go. ised herself. "One minute, Miss Northcote, please, In these degenerate times the imperi-I have a private letter I wish you to

ous Lady Norman flaunts and flourrite. It is a rather delicate matter,

THE FUTURE OF CUBA ICAN INFLUENCES.

The Fertile but Devastated Island Has Inexhaustible Resources that Need but Proper Management to Make Them Very Highly Profitable.

Havana correspondence: The problem of Cuba's future is one

liked to escort her home, but dared not picture of trials and sorrow to a conisland under auspices that will bring way improvement and extension, and to the front its inexhaustible resources. Meanwhile the object of his thoughts These need but proper management to cently, favor the sturdy class of laborwalked pensively down the busy

make them highly profitable. Practic. ers. These prevent the ingress of any ally the vell is now dropped over the more Chinese, whose unsanitary condi-Lancelot. But, somehow, this time it panorama of human woes in a past ren- tions have been a menace in the past. was not Lancelot and Guinevere, but dered inglorious by the inordinate The health bureau has already burned

She stopped in front of Whitehall and gazed in admiration and awe at the the blood of the men who fell at EI ment is that which have overrun the gigantic figures of the two lifeguards on their passive horses. How grand they looked! How strong and handsome! Just as Lancelot must have appeared to Elaine. Then one of those noble warriors winked at her in a very



SCENE IN THE INTERIOR BEFORE THE WAR



TYPICAL CUBAN ROME.

-most practical and important, the devation of the people in all walks of dfe. It is Industrial Cuba that will now come into prominent view, and a comprehensive insight as to the future shows that the next decade is destined to see a nation ascend the stepping stones of industry, thrift and enlighten-

as temporary transition elements; it is the industrial movement that will con-

railroad and ocean docus, and honsing | One of the officers of Gen. Lawton's THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND'S NEW FLOATING PALACE. Its employes in the neatest buildings division observed among his men a c of their kind upon the island. The supored trooper of the Tenth cavalry. On

which is worth considerable study.

ply of iron is practically inexhaustible. being questioned, the man explained SHOULD PROSPER UNDER AMER- It can be mined, transported to sca- that he had lost his command, and askboard, carried by ocean to Philadelphia ed to be allowed to remain where ha and thence conveyed to Pittsburg, at a was, lower price than Michigan ore can be

He stayed and did fine service that bought at the latter city. This is a day. None of his white comrades were problem in labor and transportation able to outdo him in deeds of bravery, He twice risked his life in assisting wounded men to places of safety, but Up to date the Cuban railroad is a fearful and a wonderful thing, which each time escaped uninjured.

That night he asked the officer whom American genfus must shortly revolutiouize. It is narrow gauge, with cars he had met earlier in the day to give him a note to his own commander, ac counting for his absence, and certifying wood, and engines of a past age. The It's a warm day, too-very warm, It's a warm day, too-very warm, and no doubt that ill-fated instrument and no doubt that ill-fated instrument Lyric Theater, and wept copiously that seems signally sure to visit the clasped tightly in his hand, under cover of darkness he started in search of new immigration rules, put in force rehis own command.

> The next morning at dawn, Lieut, L started on a search for wounded men of his division, and happened to stumble over a prostrate body. He immedigreed of a greedy race, and it now re- down infected quarters occupied by ately recognized the brave cavalryman quires only the peace purchased with this class. Another undesirable ele- of the day before, who was fast losing onsciousness,

After struggling a moment for strength to speak, the prostrate man held up his little slip of paper, and said. "Give it to Captain A, of L troop, if ou can find him, and tell him Williams wasn't a coward."

Then, with a look of satisfaction in is eyes, his hand dropped to his side, and he was dead.

ORATOR, SCHOLAR, STATESMEN.

Spain Lost Greatest of Her Men in I millo Castelar's Peath. The death of Emilio Castelar has re loved a man who outranked all his contemporaries in the public life of

Spain, and who besides enjoyed international reputation as a writer, an orator and a statesman He was a man of wide culture and at talnments. Through a stormy career he maintained his per-

EMILIO CASTELAR. SORAL honor unsulpolitics he disdained the artifices of the practical politician,

Castelar was born in Cadiz in 1832, and at an early age lost his father. He was condemned to death. He fled to One can hardly realize that Cuba is Paris, where he remained two years, but a hundred milles away from our returning to Spain to be recognized as

Fiorida coast. This means very ready the chief of the Republican party. After Amadeus, who was elected access. There is no color line; the average inhabitants are pliable, lan- King by the Cortes on the expulsion of guorous, childlike persons, with tradi- Isabella, resigned, Castelar took the tions of idleness and case that must be folio of the foreign office in the Cabireplaced with wakeful, healthy ambi- net of the newly formed republic. tion. It is believed that the hum of Later, in 1874, Castelar became Presiindustry will arouse these people and dent of the republic, with almost dictaevoke co-operation. It will take much torial powers. While in this position of the leaven of true energetic Ameri- he did good service for the state. He can enterprise to accomplish it, how- was unable, however, to maintain himever. Gradually, as American goods self in power, and the republic fell. Al come more and more into use, there is fonso XIII, was then proclaimed King,



nique among yachts, being, as it is, the largest of its kind of craft in the world This new royal pleasure boat is as large as the United States cruiser Baltimore, and beside it William K. Vanderbilt's great yacht Vallant is only a moderately sized ship. The imperial German yacht Hohenzollern is by no means as spacious and bulky as the fine vessel of the Emperor's royal grandmother. The Victoria and Albert was built at the Government dockyard in Pembroke. Her keel was laid down Dec. 23, 1897, and Parliament appropriated nearly \$1,500,000 for the work. The total cost will be fully that sum. The dimensions of the new yacht are: Length, 380 feet; beam, 50 feet; draft, 18 feet, and her displacement is 4,600 tons. The hull is steel, wood sheathed and covered with copper. There are double bot-toms, three funnels and two masts. Two sets of triple-expansion four-cylinder engines drive twin screws with a horse power of 11,000, derived from eighteen Belleville boilers. This locomotive apparatus will develop a speed of twenty knots an hour. The royal cabins are placed amidships on the main deck. In the upper deck aft is a roomy pavilion and over this is the promenade deck. This floating palace will be handled by a crew of 278 men and officers, the pick among the best sailors in Great Britain.

TO AVOID COLLISIONS AT SEA. of a mile, reigned the most tranquil of Hungarian Inventor Perfects a Device

Which Works Very Well. The cut shows a break which it is towards preventing collisions at sea. It has been tried and found to be efficient.

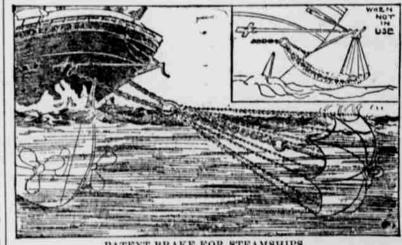
The steamship Clotlide, a boat of 1,000 tons, owned by the Austrian Lloyd Steam Navigation Company, was equipped with the brake. The ship was driven ahead until a regis-

"The morning of the next day I leave you to guess our stupefaction when we saw-what? The varnish, having hardclaimed will do for navigation what the ened during the night, covered the sea automatic Westinghouse brake has with a thickish crust that glistened done for railroads. The inventor with an irreproachable polish! The thinks this appliance will go a long way French three-master Lucien Guitry seemed the center of an immense mirror of amber, upon which, with fairylike effect, sparkled the beams of the rising sun!"

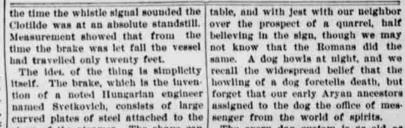
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calms. That, however, was nothing.

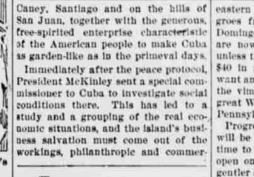
The research into popular beliefs is an absorbing and not a profitless stutered speed of ten knots was obtained. dy. Scarcely a day passes that we do At a given signal the brake was ap- not run across some piece of superstiplied. The engines were still run at tion that dates, in one form or another, full speed ahead. Thirty seconds from | from a far antiquity. Salt is spilled at

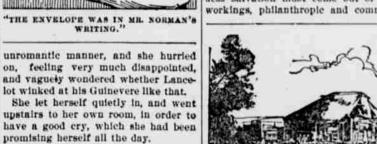


PATENT BRAKE FOR STEAMSHIPS.



The every day custom is as old as stern of the steamer. The shape can be varied, but it is preferably that of humanity; the nursery jingle may be a parachute. It can be lowered at will, traced back to an origin in the world's and instantaneously, into the water. babyhood; the familiar fairy tale

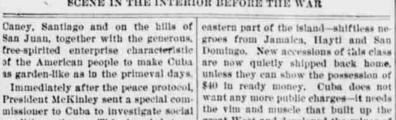




cial, of those who are interested in redeeming a people and their latent abilities. There are existing wrongs to refress, the destruction of war to repair

nent. Political questions and military colley are now being considered only

duce to settle all disturbing questions and improve conditions everywhere.



great West and developed the mines of Pennsylvania and Alabama.

Progressive work in Cuba for women will be somewhat circumscribed for a lied, and though actively engaged in time to come. There are few avenues open on the Island now in which the

gentler sex can earn a livelihood. None are seen in the shops, none behind the counters, none in offices. The "new woman" is not in Cuba. Still, the had a hard struggle to obtain an edutraining for hospital service and the cation, but by the aid of his pen sucorganization of a public school system | ceeded. The revolution of 1854 was the would give employment to many made starting point of his political career. destitute by the war. The value of the He made a speech at a public meeting American trained nurse cannot be over- in support of democracy, and the next estimated in influence and practical re- morning he was famous. He allied sults. One end immediately desired is himself with the then democratic pathat these educate Cuban women for per, El Tribuno, and each day saw his hospital service training-the better popularity grow. In 1866 he took part class of women-the refined and intelli- in an uprising against the crown and gent and now practically homeless.

ishes in her baronial balls, loved by her and I certainly ought to write the letter tenants and adored by her husband.



"I CERTAINLY OUGHT TO WRITE THE LETTER MYSELF."

myself, but as the business concerns the fair sex I thought you might possibly be able to help me."

"Dear madame," he began, "in such a matter as this, when the welfare of two people is at stake, perhaps a persound interview would have been preferable to a letter. But we city men. whose lives are spent almost entirely in business occupations, and whose thoughts are seldom allowed to stray beyond the conventionalities of this life, would, I am afraid, make but poor Wooers.

"To this letter, therefore, I leave the task of revealing to you what I fear to tell you in person. Whether the length of my acquaintance with you, or the circumstances under which we have known each other, will permit of my making this proposal, I leave you to Judge. In my own favor, all I can say is that I-er-that I- Well, I suppose I had better say love. Do you think that is the most suitable word, Miss Northcote ?"

"Yes, sir."

"Yes, yes, I think so, too. Now, thenthat I love you most ardently. Perhaps the nature of our intercourse has kept the flue. me from disclosing my regard for you, but I sincerely trust you will not allow this to influence your decision. Our formal acquaintance prevents me from expressing my deeper thoughts and feelings. Let your gentle heart plead for me rather than this cold letter, which I am painfully conscious is more like a business letter than I intended it to be. At least, let me implore you to give it a fair consideration, and if you will consent to be my wife my whole life shall testify my gratitude and constancy. I leave my future happiness In your hands. Until I know your declaion I shall have none. Meanwhile, I remain, yours forever.

That afternoon seemed a very long one to the little typewriter. She copied the letter perfectly, and delivered it to Mr. Norman, who posted it himself. Fhe then went on with the ordinary letters.

At last the long day came to an end,

But it is whispered among the servants that her ladyship will often retire to a little private room, where she has sometimes been seen shedding tears of happiness over the bones of a poor, rusty, rheumatic old typewriter,

-London Evening News. The Other Side.

Optimists are pleasant people to meet, but those who have business dealings with them sometimes regret the easy cheerfulness of their views. Somebody once asked a distinguished English barrister whom he met at a rallway station, where each was walt-

he was called in two ways at the same food and poor accommodations have so "Of course, I can't be in two places at

once," said the barrister, easily, "so I have to make a choice. For instance: to-day two cases in which I am concerned were called in different courts. One was in the interests of a clergyman and the other of a railway company.

"On the whole, it seemed wise for me to stick tot herailway company and leave the clergyman to providence. And I won my case."

"Will you allow me to add." said mild-looking individual, who had stood close at hand during this conversation. 'may I be permitted to say, sir, that we lost ours?"-Youth's Companion. ment, it is small wonder that for two

Uses of Salt.

For stains on the hands nothing is better than a little salt, with enough lemon juice to moisten it, rubbed on the spots, and then washed off in clear water.

Strong brine may be used to ad vantage in washing bedsteads. Hot alum water is also good for this purpose. In a basin of water, salt, of course falls to the bottom; so never soak salt

fish with the skin down, as the sait will fall to the skin and remain there. If a chimney or flue catch fire, close all the windows and doors first, then

hang a blanket in front of the grate to exclude the air, throw coarse salt down

For weeds in pavements or gravel walks, make a strong brine of coarse salt and boiling water; but the brine in a sprinkling can and water the weeds thoroughly, being careful not to let any of the brine get on the grass.

Cause of the Kettle's Song.

People often wonder what makes the high note of a simering tea kettle, but the explanation is simple. As the water heats little bubbles of steam are formed at the bottom of the kettle. These rush upward and, being attracted to the sides of the kettle, they make a commotion which sets the metal in vibration and the kettle "sings."

Every time we meet a school teacher we find that we have always been pronouncing another word incorrectly.

A man with an elastic imagination is ant to mistake it for his conscience.

laborers to work in the fields, and it further needs a feasible, definite plan of employing on a satisfactory basis the semi-slave laboring population now in Cuba. The conditions that have long prevalled on the plantations, and which are still to be met with, are not such as would induce European immigration. It is quite uncommon to find a laboring man who can read or write.

Marriage is loosely regarded, and the Cuban and the Spanlard allke are inveterate gamblers. Field labor wages average about \$17 per month, an overseer gets \$85, his assistant \$35. The hours of labor are long-from 4 in the morning till 8 in the night. Labor seeking for a train, how he managed when ing employment in Cuba at present must face these conditions. Meager

> far warned away outside laborers, even the negro. With advanced and advancing conditions, however, it is believed that unwittingly the American negro will be the ploneer of a new labor era in Cuba. It follows that what has ennobled labor in the United States will have its

elevating influence among the laboring people of Cuba. Herding laborers in barracanas like so many cattle, sleeping them, feeding them, bathing them with less care than is shown to fine cattle, ruling them with whip and spur, making no provision or allowing no time for their mental or moral improve-

centuries the sugar planter's crying need has been sufficient and efficient labor. The better grade that new con-



ditions will maintain clears the problem, and its workings must, in the minds of practical thinkers, enter an era of prosperity for Cuba for all

classes, that will astonish and attract the world. "Americanization" must take a hand in the rehabilitation of this country so

long laid desolate, and, with stable government, the same is bound to develop itself. In fact, even now the

War anecdotes of men "not mentioninitial suggestions of transformation ed in the reports" are now coming in, as are manifest. Americans propose to returned soldiers recall the incidents of build great docks in Havana harbor, battle, and many of these are full of Americans are anxious to construct genuine pathos. The Courier-Journal railroads and telegraph lines, trolley gives this story, told by a regular army roads and electric light plants. One officer:

In the two days of real fighting before has only to visit the Jurugua mines, Santiago men of the different regiments near Santiago, to understand what American development means. Here, became mixed, and for a time were lost upon mountains which are literally of to their comrades. This condition gave solid iron, an American company has rise to the report that a certain few created a small city, building its own men had shown the "white feather."



STARVING CUBANS AT AN INTERIOR RELIEF STATION.

a perceptible appreciation of the utili- and since then Spain has been a monties. Among the younger Cubans, too, archy.

development of these is bound in time

NO COWARD.

Santiago Campaign.

"Isle of the sea!"

a certain emulation, a comprehension Of late years Castelar had not taken that "things are on the turn" and a a very active part in politics, though new era is due-these elements urge he was a member of the Cortes subse occupation and ambition. Cuba to-day quent to the time when he was Presi has far more in visible national re- dent of the republic. He ultimately sources to encourage prospector and in- became convinced that a monarchy vestor than did any of the Western was the best form of government for States manifest fifty years ago. The Spain.

Few Die in Tasmania.

to make the Island rich. The new im-If the statement of Harry Benjafied portance given to Cuba by the coma health officer in Tasmania, is exact, mercial attention bestowed by this that country must be conducive to long country is likely to develop it into an life and its cities healthy to live in. He ocean depot, a maritime clearing house. says that the population of Hobart and a point for the transaction and transits suburbs is 40,000, and that in 1898 ference of business, the value of which the total number of deaths was 561, or cannot clearly be estimated in these, about 14 in every 1,000. He says. the nucleus, the chrysalis days of a further, that of the 561 persons who people newly freed from the bonds of died 385 were more than 65 years old, moral and social slavery, and just on representing 9½ per 1,000 of the deaths of children and all others under 65 the threshold of a bright, glorious future of ambition, and hence, industry, years old. He believes he is justified in To "Industrial Cuba" alone the econochallenging any other city in the world mist and the promoter alike look for to produce equally favorable figures the grander results yet in store for this particularly the small figures for deaths under 65 years of age. Tasmania has been under British control for about one century, and a large pro portion of its population is native-born Anecdote of a Brave Foldler in the of British parentage.-New York Press.

University Students,

The number of students at the larg est ten universities in the world is as follows: Paris, 12,047; Berlin, 10,306; Madrid, 6,143; Vienna, 5,710; Naples, 5,103; Moscow, 4,461; Buda-Pesth 4,007; Munich, 8,097; Harvard, 3,674 St. Petersburg, 3,615 .- Pittsburg Dis-

Big Directory.

The last issue of the London director, weighs eleven and one-half pounds.

The screw of a steamship, it should be plate of steel into this stream the power is obtained necessary to check the ship's way and bring it to a standstill independent of the engines.

Since the stream caused by the screw is of greater force when the ship is steaming fast, the brake would work equally well whether the speed were twenty knots or ten knots,



froubled Waves of Ocean Calmed by a Cargo of Varnish.

Clark Russell of England is the bestnown teller of sea tales at the present ay, and he certainly relates some marvelous adventures. But he will have to look to his laurels. Alphonse Allais of Paris, in a recent issue of Le Journal, gives the remarkable experience of a French sea captain, whom he allows to relate his own story. Since he set gloves .- London Tit-Bits. forth on his voyage from our own New England capital, which incontestably exists, and can be proved to be still in its place, perhaps we may accept his words as truth. "Captain of the three-master Lucien

Guitry," he begins, "I set sall from Boston Jan. 28, with an exclusive cargo of varnish. What use people could possibly find for six thousand barrels of varnish I do not know-and besides, that has nothing to do with this story. "The second of February, in the early morning, we were assalled by a frightbeat against my poor vessel, which strained and groaned threateningly.

We could not endure much more; yet the sky showed no promise of change We were in imminent danger; every shock increased our peril; it was impossible to survive such violence if it continued. What should we do? "Pour oil upon the sea! Certainly,

we thought of it; but, unfortunately, we had aboard only a litre of olive oil. destined for the mayonnaise dressing of an occasional salad.

"Suddenly my second officer was struck with an inspiration of genius. 'Suppose,' cried he, 'we should pour on varnish! Varnish is much like oil." "At that moment the hurricane redoubled its fury; truly we appeared to be lost.

"Pour on the varnish?" I commanded. "The result was stupefying. At the first barrel emptied over to starboard the waves were visibly calmed upon that side; the second, poured to larboard, achieved a like success.

"Thereupon a sort of frenzy took a thing as a collective hallucing ion; this was a collective frenzy, a delirium of wild exertion! We poured; we con tinued to pour. When evening fell, we had poured overboard all our cargo of varnish-all! And the effect! Around

us, at a distance, the storm raged more and more madly; but about the ship, in a circumference of at least a quarter

which delights nineteenth century explained, when working ahead, causes children is found in varying forms in a stream of water of terrific force to all countries, pointing to a common flow back in the direction from which origin in a remote age, embodying old the ship has come. By lowering the Aryan myths, and giving us interesting information of the conceptions of our ancestors regarding nature and human life.-Lippincott's.

The Right Kind of Gloves.

A good story comes from an up country mission station at the Cape. The occasion was a native wedding. and, as usual, the bride was attired in white hat, white dress and white shoes, but great surprise was occasioned by the fact that she wore black gloves. The native women on such occasions try to be quite a la mode, and there was a good deal of inquiry

about the girl's departure from the usual custom of dressing entirely in white. The mystery was explained when she told the clergyman's wife that she had studied an English fashlon paper, and had there read that the custom now was to wear flesh-colored

On Account of the Color.

There are of course some persons who know about books, says a bookseller, and insist on having the book they want without reference to the color of the binding, but the great mass of our customers judge by appearances. Drab books and gray books and brown books they won't have anything to do with; green books will pass; blue books sell a shade better; but red books always find a market. You can have no idea, unless you ful tempest. Waves as high as houses are in the trade, what a difference it makes to a book to be bound in red.

> Largest Diamond in the World. The largest diamond in the world is in the possession of the King of Potrugal, and is known as the Braganza. It weighs 1.680 carats, or fourteen ounces. It was brought from Brazil during the last century, and was then valued at some millions sterling by an expert, but its real value now is estimated at £400,000. It is uncut, and not a brilllant of the first water.

> Lar rest Swannery in the British Isles The largest swannery in the British Isles is that at Abbotsbury, in Dorsetshire, at the western end of the Fleet estuary. The swannery belongs to Lord Ischester, and contains over 1,000 swans. At one time the swannery held as many as 6,000 or 7,000.

Archaic Hair Tonic.

The oldest medical recipe is said by a French medical journal to be that of a hair tonic for an Egyptian queen. It is dated 400 B. C., and directs that session of the entire crew, myself the dogs' paws and asses' hoofs be boiled

Really Empty.

"What's an empty title, pa?" "An empty title is your mother's way of calling me the head of the house."

Cycling in Turkey.

It is considered a heinous offense to ride a bleycle anywhere near the city of Constantinople.

foremost. Every one has heard of such with dates in oll.

patch.