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M
Im really fond of you, and I think you
are of me, but-
"O! why didn't I want to marry a decent barrister, a doctor, or even a
Journallst Instead of an Earls younger son "" sald Miss Murie Mallett, with or two in her large, limpld eyes-eyes
which made all the men think, wrourly, that she was poetical and sentment
at. "But, seriousty, can you give me
up\%."
The Hon. Bob Hartindale hooksed at
her. She was Just his Ideal-tall, wellbuilt, but with a saucy face in whicl
the blg black eges seemed out of place If raselnating. There was in her coun-
tennace the strangeness which, accord Ing to Bacon, is necessary to great
beaty. She afrected a tallor-made yet, though her dress was a trifle man-
nish, to the brusque movemente whit nish, in the brusque movements which
showed that slie was fidgety, glifpspes
of gossamer stocking and fine Valen clenness revented themselves, and showed wat she had a consclence in costume
that would have delighted the hero of
Gautler's novel with the fand "My dear girl, if it were a question of risking my life, or anything like
that, $I$ wouldn't hesitate; if it were even ne of those afrairs of fellows whe
for a few hours of--of-well, you know gladly dle, 'rd be there; but-but I can't
be a cad. They have brought me up es a swell without any profession, and
$\mathrm{r}^{\mathrm{m}}$ a bit of a fool, and I couldn't live
on your earnings as actress, so there Miss Muriel sighed. Bob was a handbave the title and estates some day two obstacles were to disappear. "I did like you, Bob, and do, and
you were always straight. I should like some mone
as to borue the thvo thou. old a juggins "Ytt me-1 didn't know you then," "Yes, if we'd the five thou," "" sho
started a litule. "You will marry m
if ever I have e 6,000 ? O , you'd have to work, have
He nodded.

## "Yes." "Honor bright?"

"I I I rus straight? Well, book here, you want to break it off.'
He lowered his head.
"I'm young onty ${ }^{4}$ en t House. Vd like to have married wife, too. However, some day $t$ good
want to marry some oue else.: "A broken engakement tan't a cerglve me one. That's fartr;
She got up and wheeted to him a dille-skin writingepad, with silver
edges. She openol tit took out writige paper, and found litm pen and Ink. palnful duty to tell you that I hav gain my father's consent to our mar
rlage. He utterly refuses, saying that hee so sodastloned as to object to
have an actress as daughter-in -law of my engagement with a woman Whom I stlll love and catcem."
The Hon. Bob slgned the letter sad Now, be off. I've to go to rehearsal more, If within two years 1 have five
thou. as capptal, you promise you will
"Yes, darling, on my word of honor""
With a swift moveneme With a swift movement she threw
her arms around his neek and klissed fim passionately. A minute later he bewlldered
the bls manasion in Belgrave seling in and the Farl of Hexbam drank to apectability of the prodigal Bob.
"We'll soon find you a wife, my boy,"
he sald, over the port, which he drani in honor of the afrair and in delaance your rich American tranh, "Non one of decent family and, the sort of
solld, reasonable dowry that a youmger Next morning at 12 o'clock, when
he Eari wis vainly trying to put on his boots without swearing at the pain,
the Hon, Bob entered the Hbrary with

## thought she'd have done 1t, sir," he salid. "Done what?" "Look;; the beasty thing says, "The platutif claims dunages for breach of

## Im, he took a cab to Brompton Cres nt, and grew more and more per Mexed'erery thch of the way. Miss Muriel, lookkg very neat, nat. M, handsome, und plquant, with a pro <br> has hansome, and plouant, weath a pro- Iglous glow of Hfe In her eyes, shook

 and wown on the sofat by her slde. Forst durter of an hour she stimulated bi "uriosity by talkkng thbout noteting in
partleular. At last bis patience broke

## "Look here, Ella." be sadd brusquely tow the cuckle

bear mallee; but what on earth put it
tro your pretty head to send for meg
She taughed boud, long, and heartily
 exploring New Zeatand with rery prom
ising results. Blue and white topaz and splendid specimens of amethyst
hisve been discovered by them, as well as large pleces of quartz so thled with
slender, purte ergotals ass to momemble

## masses of matted hair.

## Prof. Marsh, of Xale, has recently an- nounced lits opinion that the remarba-

 ble remains of a skull, teeth nual othertossil bones tound by Dr. Dubo's in
Java bulonged to Java belonged to an anmal that "was
not human but represeneen! a form er apex," This opinton contirms the be-
Hief of the discover of the bones, who called the auimat pithecanthropos, or ancient roleante deposits, and belon: as the Pllocene.
New Kind of Kites.
Meteorologists are now trying study the atmosplere high above the
ground with the ald of self-20 ground with the ald of self-recording
barometers and thermometers, etc., sent up in ktres. This has resulted in a great improvement in the forms of
kites, which are now constructed on kites, which are now constructed on
sclentific princtples. At the headquarington box-shaped kites, with open ends and sides partly covered with silk, aro
used. Instend of twine or cord, fine plano wire is employed to hold the kite. ton, box-shaped kiters have been sent
to to an elevation of almost a mill up to an elevation of almost a mill
above sea-devel.

## A Phosphoreacont Party. Monsleur Heary, of the Parlis Aca emy of Sclences, has

 emy of Sclences, has invented a phos,phorescent starch with which surpris. Ing effeets can be produced. Used as a
tace face-powder, It makes the countenance
glow in a dark room with myterlous radiance. Recently a "5-oclock tea"
was given in Farls after dark, no light belng employed except that supplled by phosphorescent starch sprinkled over
everything in the room. The carpet everything in the room. The carpet,
the celling, the pletures on the walls, the furniture, the teacups, the flowers,
the faces, shoulders and dresses of the
ladies all glowed and gleamed making a spectucle that was at once startling
and beautiful.
 According to statistics collected in
Germany the oldest man known to be
living anywhere on the earth is Bruno Cotrim, a negro born in Africa, but now Hiving in Rlo Janeiro. Epon the same
authority is based the seemingly Icred-
iblo statement that thene ane sons livemgent that Bulgarate, areh of whom
has reached, or passed, the age of 100 years, making one centenarlan to every
1,000 Inhabitants of that country many, with a population of $52,000,000$, France, wlth a poulation of $40,000,000$,
213 centenarians, whlle 2. centenarians, while Ireland, whose
population numbers only $4,600,000$, tas
575 centenarlane

## Deatroying Friction,

## man was content with the use of oll to

 keep machlnery in running order until he began to ride the blicycle, when hedemanded some better labor-saver and
livent Imented ball-bearings, the Scientif
American proceeds to fllustrate and deseribe some recent applications of such oearings. They are employed for wag.
on and carriage wheels, for the carrier Wheels of cable roands, and for the
shatts of swift-cunning shatts of swift-running machinery
They practically dispense with the use of the oll can and grently reduce the amount or friction to be overcome, thus
adding to the effective power of all ma-
chines in which they are used chines in which they are used. The
singula fact t noted that Prot. Boys, ot London, showed experimentally that
ball-bearings, when properly construct ed, are practically proof a gingst wear.
He demonstrated this fact by welghing the balls of a blcycle-bearing when they been subjected to long service. They showed no loss of welght.

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marle County, Virginin, the scene of
one of Poe's welrd tales, exists a great deposit of sompstone which is a shid to
be the finest in the worli. It was dis. covered only atout twellee years ago spot and a three quarries have been open
ed. The stone, which ls vers hen

 Cemman abonarore misibed and wise ine


Does Woman Earn Her Ke
Thousands of women Work
 wormenty woreded trom tement The linen-thread spinners Labor Commissloner, branch of the industry
stand on a stone floor round, most of the time
a spray of water from breast; and the condest nighit
ter, as well as the wither mer, these poor creaturuses muy because there could not be bpul change their clothing."
are "exempted" frome are "exempt
by hardship!
Desplte the and linen-thread sphnerem, we be exempted from privilege care of
her llvellhood and that of spring."
It would seem to be time
Ilbet upon woman should by fair minded men. Froun ty the majority of fatiful workers, renderin
equivalent in share of the world's for thels of every Ind
this. In ou
were
earn thelr hlivellhood? W
wis, weaving, the sowing, th
doctoring, the nursing,
the "the work that was never doni
was not was not carning a subsistence
in these days as pubelves the reward of l as publicly as man, she
worthy of her hire. Her
sweet and sweet and saintly soul!-dla
of recompense. But was
due, and thall due, and shall we refuse to
because man was then a self
Ignory ignoramus who deemed hlisel
only one fit to acquire propel ular Sclence Monthly

The subbect of renewing
leges of the Bank of France ly come up for discussion in thi
ber, after having been in al
since a bill for the purpose.
The bill has not slie and the provisions Included in il terial alteration. One of them, Its note issue from $3,500,000,000$ to $4,000,000,000$, was passed as tuf
as 1893 . The charter explres of
31. 31, 1897, and the proposal is to os that date, in consideration of th
making certain concessions state.
Among these concessions is Which the bank is to forego
Interest on the gorement
omed 000,000 francs, and not to dem
payment of the capital so long
charter undertake the service of dhe and transact other bushos
treasury, both at the head offo branches, free of charge, and
annual payment to the 000 francs during the first yeat corrency of the new charter and
000 franes per annum sutsequ and make advances
operative socleties It is not improbable that an
will be made to convert the bail a state institution, but such financlat_or ministerial clrcles,
not in the least not in the least degree llkely
with suceess.- Edinburgh Scots

Edison's speech.
Mr. Edison has only once make a apeech. It was before
seminary ture on electricity. He had a friend named Adams to ope
apparatus whill
the the "Wizard" arose before
ence, he felt so dazed that said: "Ladies, Mre. Adams address you on electriclty, an
demonstrate what be has to the apparatus."

Heard while Waiting. A passenger, while waiting at a
way station for his train, amused
sele by watehling the antics of a talless cat as it played happening to pop out of his offic
lintending thele and sald, "What kind of a ca lanx?
ter, with
press."

A woman should at least be gn
for one thing: she is never asked for one thing
a pallbearer. )

