Even casual observation will convince enyone that the latest feminine fashion to a little rough on the neck.

A man who was robbed of his pocketbook in the New York subway complains that it was a "low down affair."

"I love America and the Americans," says Hall Caine. Hall must have made arrangements to come over and lecture

Probably the largest of all the Ananias clubs, so to speak, was formed by the psalmist when he hastily classified all men as liars.

After all our leading statesmen have expressed their opinions of each other they should not expect the public to entertain a better one.

A man whose house was on fire saved his fish pole first and his children second. He was willing to spare the rod and spoil the child.

Some one has written a play called "The Lucky Rich." Perhaps it refers to those whose automobiles get away after striking a pedestrian.

Probably Mark Twain's life secret is that he made a vow long ago never to have his hair cut until he was elected President of the United States.

"Why does the rooster crow when the hen lays the egg?" asks a bright young newspaper man of the South. Our guess is that it is because he is a rooster.

a good-by kiss that is participated in by two women.

Two-cent postage to Great Britain is now in effect, and women who have of the reduced rates because of its resemblance to a bargain day.

Young Theodore Roosevelt is going to earn \$6 a week making carpets, which would seem much better than sitting on the back steps of the White ing and dressing you. Habit accustoms House, whittling a pine stick.

statesman who will probably be permay rise up to ask him where he got it. up a very large part of our lives. We New York has an area of 209,218

need to inflict pain on a patient." Still, it may not be possible in all cases to use an anesthetic before rendering a bill for services.

Recent discoveries indicate that men lived in the Alps 100,000 years ago. Poor fellows! They must have found it difficult to make ends meet, seeing that there were no American tourists in those days to gladden with their "tips."

If the bakers will make good bread out of pure flour, and educate the people to buy it. "the great destroyer of domestic happiness, dyspepsia, will be removed, and we shall hear no more of the divorce problem." So Dr. Wiley, the government food expert, told the American Biscuit Makers' Association the other day. The harm done by heavy bread, soggy ple crust and greasy cakes is so great that no one has dared to estimate it. That young woman who wishes to make the world better may begin well by learning how to cook digestible meals.

Explorers who go into far countries are sure to be out of touch with the busy world and to cause worry to their friends at home. Exploration is not 1.ecessary in the vicinity of postoffices. An American who tramps the jungles of the South American Amazon was reported lost a year ago; but in a few menths he turned up and got the mail that had been waiting for him. Sven Helin was lost in Tibet for several months, and his friends were alarmed. He has lately been heard from and is He has been hunting for the source of the Indus, and "there ain't no buses runnin'" to that interesting summer resort.

The practice of hazing has passed be-The spirit which indulges in it now is that of the bully, and no more that was always reprehensible. Now that It dares to run in defiance of public and at some seasons, when the hotel ac at 50 cents American. opinion, when it mocks at law and de- commodations are taxed to their ut- The Congress at La Paz, the capital lights at torture in the guise of a most, fully 300,000 people are chron-of Bolivia, has passed the bill which swift passage through the sea on its "joke," it is no longer to be regarded | icled in their home papers as "spending orders that hereafter the export duty homeward way to England. The day as less than criminal. The practical a few days in New York on pleasure paid on copper and bismuth, the chief was brilliantly fine, and the smoke joker was always a nuisance and a fool. The hazer adds to these attributes those of being both malicious and dangerous. If the college authorities are not brave enough or powerful enough to put an instant end to hazing wherever it is practiced they should appeal to the State and municipal police. Offenders should be punished without regard to their youth or their good intentions.

The most important question for the public library is "What books shall we buy?" In many towns the reading committee is a recognized adjunct of the library, and the librarian has the verdict of several different minds for aid in his task of selecting new books.

Most of the voluntary readers are like HE GAVE AWAY HIS STORE. ly to be women, and the service they render the community is a real one, if But the Next Day He Decided He

their judgment and taste are sound. On To a certain city there came, once Would Sell It. the other hand, a complaisant com-upon a time, a certain man with mendation of a book as "very inter-glorious ideas of fads and fashions and esting" may do actual harm when the the goods to represent them, says the book lies in the debatable land between Kansas City Star. He opened up a I want to go where the leaves keep dropbad and good—the land of current fic pretty little shop, placed some "creation and trashy juveniles. A great tions" in the windows and then waited. meeting of English librarians recently Day after day went by and the flood of set forth some general principles which customers he confidently expected also should help determine the desirability rushed by. They didn't even hesitate of books. First, they declared the no-at his window display, and the man tion exploded that a taste for goodwaxed exceedingly sore.

reading develops from reading poor "It's a jay town," said the man. "It books. The very contrary is true. The is a-I don't care what it is. They The brook, like a voice, through the sihabit of reveling in cheap fiction is de don't know the real goods when they structive of a wholesome pleasure in see them. Here I've paid duty on all sound reading. The love of books, like these fine things, just to bring them the love of virtue, feeds in high, clean, from Paris, and the women-. Ha! sweet pastures, not on refuse, and not They go somewhere else and buy Amereven on husks. Again, the demand for ican goods. Think of it, American certain books does not require the pub-goods!"

lic library to supply them. It is a And the man stood in his doorway specious argument that the taxpayers'each day with appealing invitation in money should answer the taxpayers his eye to all who passed. Finally the desire. More than sixty per cent of appeal was gone from his face and he the books drawn from public libraries looked grave and hard set. His fine are works of fiction. The thin, taste frocks and pretty hats were still in the less stream of modern fiction is toostore, and his friend found him with often the library's chief offering to the teeth grit as he stopped to call.

community. Certain libraries adopt the "Business?" he growled. "Business? rigorous measure of buying no fiction There's no such thing as business. until it is a year old. The librarians Here I've got the finest stock of dainty agreed that the rule is an excellentthings and-say!" His excitement was one, if it is slightly elastic in its ac-getting the better of him. "Say! If tual application. At all events, the somebody would only come in and ask the ticker was clicking out its meshelpful advisory reader for the public for something it wouldn't be so bad. sage, but he paid no heed to it. From library is the man or woman who be I'd-"

lieves that in proportion as a good book A fashionably dressed woman at that uplifted in mingled despair and rage. a blessing, a poor book is a curse. moment turned into the doorway, and the proprietor, wreathed in smiles, monium. Men seemed to have lost Some people seem to expect to ac bowed his acknowledgment of her their reason. Many were shouting in-

quire all their good habits in their sec call. ond childhood. They seem to regard "Something I can show you, madam?" good habits as fitting them for heavenhe inquired.

rather than this life on earth. But stop She looked carelessly at the finery in a minute or two and think about habit the cases and said: It is worth while. For there is no "Have you any men's overshoes?"

"A good-by kiss is a little thing," says greater, more constant, more insistent The poor man's hands went to his had judged his character accurately. Andrew Lang ln one of his recent force in any man's or woman's lifehead and his agonized countenance poems. Andrew is right if he means than the force of innumerable littlewarned the customer that she had financial genius had built up, and in habits. Not considering at all the com made a terrible mistage. When she which the public had placed confidence mon "bad habits," think of the thou had gone the man crept meekly to his and their money, had fallen to the sand and one little habits that deter friend. mine your every thought and act. Do "Overshoes!" he grasped. "That's there was hardly a soul in London who

you know that in the commonest things what I get with a store full of-it's would have believed it, yet the fact refriends in England will take advantage you are a slave to habits that you never all over. I give everything away. mained that Reuben Stern was himself suspect? Almost every move in the Take the place-I don't want it. Overprocess of the morning's dressing, for shoes! Bah!" instance, is involuntary and calls for And he clapped his hat on his head

no conscious thought. Many a morn and marched out of the store. ing your mind is absorbed in mapping. The next day a sign in the window out a day's work, while habit is wash read: "I'm selling out."

us to doing most of the everyday things in particular ways, and we consciously The Governor of New Jersey has turn the mind to them only when they fallen heir to \$250,000. There is a chance to be done differently. Anyone who stops to think about it can easily fectly willing to answer all people who see that innumerable little habits make

think along the lines worn smooth by acres. "With the latest anesthetic," says a habit, as well as act. Not an impression. Irish cows yield from 300 gallons of Berlin correspondent, "a surgeon will not as emotion, not an opinion, not a milk to over 1,000. In one case the resolution, not an action, is possible to

yield was 1,469 gallons. us that is not influenced, colored and directed by fixed conditions within our-selves—habit. It is indeed well worth are to be used largely on the private color died away from it. The sweet while to carefully consider the host of railway lines in Austria, about 2,000 mouth suddenly hardened. The eyes little habits that hide themselves in the miles of which are to be purchased by lost their softness. Every feature most secret cells of both brain and the government next year, at a cost of stiffened. She glanced at him in amaze-

muscle. None of them is too small to abouz \$15,000,000. be worth attention. Bad habits are the Among the applicants at Carrick-onlittle threads with which the weak Shannon (England) post office for an you mean?" Lilliputians bound the strong Gulliver old-age pension form was a man named in helplessness. Good habits are like a Pat Reynolds of the Cootehall Diswell-made harness, enabling us to dotrict, who has attained the patriarchal our work in the world with less fric age of 109. He is hale and hearty and and that is your love!" tion and waste of energy. Habits we'ln full possession of all his faculties. cannot avoid. Nor can we escape be- Ogden Mills Reid, only son of Whiteing controlled by them. But we havelaw Reid, publisher of the New York free choice between the habits that are Tribune, has begun work as a reporter good and helpful and habits that areon his father's paper. Young Mr. Reid,

who is 25 years old, is a Yale graduate of the class of 1904. Subsequently LITTLE OLD NEW YORK. he took a course at the Yale Law

Larger in Population than Sixteen School. Different States and Territories. A supply of sponges from Yucatan Some one who is apt at figures has may be looked for ere long. There is shown that New York City to-day is a large growth of fine sponges left unlarger in population than sixteen dif-touched so far, as the native divers do ferent States and Territories, and fur-not usually take sponges at a greater ther that within a radius of twentydepth than fifteen feet. The better class miles are living over 10,000,000 people grow in the greater depths, and these says the National Magazine. are now to be gathered.

The improved methods of transpor- Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood was in attation, which are fast widening the tendance at the maneuvers of the Gerlimits of New York's business energy man army in Alsace Lorraine, which oe realized." She paused for a mowill soon embrace a radius of fifty came to an end Sept. 10. He speaks ment, and then went on in a low, chokmiles, within which are located 2.364 highly of the courtesy of the German ing voice: "And now you have the different towns and cities, whose total military authorities. From Saarbrucken audacity to ask me to share your povpopulation, with that of Greater New Gen. Wood went to France, where he erty!" York, is equal to fully one-fifth of the was present at the French maneuvers.

bad and harmful.

population of the United States. ent increase in population of New York first five months of this year decreased last year was about 400,000, a city the by \$15,000,000. Imports exceed exports flowers in her bosom. She was suffersize of Cleveland, Ohlo, some idea of by about \$40,000,000, against \$30,000,- ing an agony of disappointment. She the tremendous growth of the city can 000 in the first five months of 1907. Of had felt so secure; had gloried in the be appreciated. One of the assurances the decrease \$12,000,000 was in exports. anticipated social triumph which this of a continued and permanent growth Imports of machinery, however, con- man's money was to purchase for her; youd all the bounds of law and order. is to be found in the 50,000 marriages tinue to increase steadily, showing that had even boasted of the future among that take place every year.

150,000 translent visitors every day, trade of \$178,000,000, reckoaing the yen away.

and business."

pass as clear timber. a crook has a big funeral.

affairs. Ain't it queer?

thing in time of trouble. He don't state hibit the export of that money. where he spends his vacations. It's funny where some folks get their Every one is occasionally shocked his bankruptey he had remained in rep. for wisdom. For instance, Solo-when he realizes how easily he be- England; but this concluded, he sailed

mon is said to have had a thousand comes reconciled to the death of a friend. wives .- Somerville Blade.

with borrowing trouble.

Borrowing money is synonymous unpopular than others. Some kinds of meanness are more

IN AUTUMN.

I want to go where the leaves are burn-Burning in scarlet and gold; The wind is up and my heart is turning Again to the forest old.

ping.

Dropping in crimson and brown, From dawn till dusk, not a moment stop-

ping.

They are drifting, drifting down. I want to go where the leaves are blow-

Blowing in russet and red; lence flowing. Still whispers of summer dead.

Yet, why go back where the leaves are falling. Falling again on the hill?

Though woods await and the winds are calling, Thy voice is forever still. -Ainslee's Magazine.

The Chance that Came

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The man collapsed into a chair before his desk. In a corner of the room the streets outside came men's voices

Throgmorton street was like pandevectives against this man who sat alone in his empty offices. People did not know that he was here. Some declared he had bolted from the country; oth ers were equally positive he would stay and face the music. These last

The schemes which that wonderful ground in one fatal hour. Perhaps Leggared.

He left his office, passed from the place which had seen his triumphs, and finally reached the West End. Entering one of the fashionable streets in Mayfair, he paused before a house. Then, setting his mouth a little more grinly, he walked up the steps, and, ringing the bell, asked to see Lady Gertrude Kingsley.

She detected at once the anxiety in Lis eyes, and came hurriedly forward. "Reuben!" she exclaimed. "What is wrong?"

"What is it?" she questioned again. "Tell me at once, please!" "I am ruined!"

He spoke the words with a dull, life ment.

"Ruined!" she murmured. "What do

"My plans have all miscarried. All that yesterday was mine I have lost, except the most precious thing of all,

She laughed hardly.

"Do you think me a sentimental schoolgirl? Was it likely that I should love a man who sprang from obscurity, from nothing? Let me be frank with you in this hour. My sisters have, most of them, married well. I mean to marry a rich man. I would have preferred a man of good family; but when you proposed you were too good a match for me to refuse. As for love. am I the woman, do you suppose, who would let love influence her? I would have made you an excellent wife, I have no doubt. I should have liked to be the mistress of a great London house. I wanted to entertain, to be a woman of real importance in my world. And you led me to imagine that every ambitious social dream of mine should

Her gaze was pitiless in its cold-The foreign trade of Japan in the ness. A quiver of rage shook her. Her When it is realized that the perman first five months of this year decreased restless hands were tearing at the manufacturing in Japan is developing. her own set, and of the rich gifts it Besides this permanent increase New The imports, as a whole, totaled \$100. would hold for her. And now to see of the fun-loving boy. The practice York is entertaining an average of over 000,000 and exports \$69,000,000, a total every promise it had contained melted

"Will you please go now?" she said. The Atlantic liner was plowing its products of the country, shall be in that rose in a floating column from proportion to the price of those articles the steamer's funnels was the only Many a board of directors wouldn't in Europe on the day they are exported dark patch against the cloudless sumfrom Bolivia. The Congress is discussimer sky. Two people were slowly Honesty is the best policy, but manying another bill presented by the gov- pacing the upper deck-a man and a ernment, to the effect that the national woman. The former was Reuben Stern. Love songs are all antematrimonial bank should be authorized to send sil- He had altered a great deal since that ver bars to European mints, and when time, four years ago, when his failure The preacher says religion is a great they return, coined, the law shall pro- had caused a sensation in the financial world.

During the official investigation of bottom again, he had regained a cerciers of that country.

need of a rest, he had decided to go tante of her year." there on a brief holiday. His companion was a woman whose acquaintance he had formed some weeks back at a this woman while I still lived. He has mutual friend's house. I was with a certain degree of pleasure that he had shall I do? Shall I put forth my right learned she was also going to England

by the same boat. "To morrow, I suppose, we shall say good-by, Mrs. Poole," he remarked to her now. "I trust, if you are staying in London, you will let me call on you, or do you any service that is possible?"

"You can do me a service," she rethat is, help me find some one-some whom I have come here to seek."

"If it is possible," he said, "you may rely upon my doing my best. But you crueity it had taken him four years to had better give me your confidence." "There is little to tell," she an-

swered. "I am that despised thinga deserted wife! My husband left me. We had shared three bitter years together, and then, without a word, he went away."

"And you want to find him; you care for him still?"

"Oh, no-but, yes, I do want to find him. He treated me as badly as a man can treat a woman. And yet I must find him!"

"And what is your idea as to the cause of his disappearance?" She paused some moments.

"It seems a strange fancy," she said, at last. "But what I believe is this: He left England under a cloud. In America he continued the same reckless folly. He married me for love, as I thought; but it was merely that I which he secretly ran. Our final quar-



"YOU MUST CARE FOR HIM STILL."

rel arose from my objection to this infamy."

treated you so shamefully?" "Not for the world!" she said, with

of my life. Some money was left me to start upon my humiliating quest. hard for a scanty living."

He looked at her keenly. "I believe," he said, "that you must care for him still." She shook her head once more.

"It would cost me hardly a pang to hear that he was dead," she replied. "And yet I must find him. Perhaps people's pity has galled my pride, and made me determine that my husband should acknowledge me as his wife under his right name, although we should never be more to each other than mutual bearers of that name."

"You are a woman whom most men would be proud to call their wife," he answered, seriously.

When they reached London Mrs Poole gave him all the knowledge she possessed of her missing husband. The details were meager enough, and she hadn't even a photograph to aid them. Stern found that he possessed aptitude for detective work; but profitless weeks passed by

One afternoon, however, he received a telegram from Mrs. Poole: "My search is at an end!" He went at once to her rooms.

"We met face to face in London yes terday." she said. "For a moment he tried to deny me; but, seeing it was useless, he hurriedly promised, upon my giving him my address, to let me hear from him to-day. He would not let me detain him, but broke away from me in a few monents. I was helpless."

"What shall you do if he does not write?"

But she did not answer him. Her eyes were staring strangely at an evening paper which he held in his hands. Some words at the top of the page

had caught her gaze. She snatched the paper from his hands with a cry. and read the few lines beneath the heading.

"Is -is that his answer?" she asked. in a trembling voice.

Stern read where she indicated. "We regret to announce that Sir Stephen Jesson met with a fatal accident in the hunting field this morning. It will be at once for the United States. And remembered that the unfortunate barin these four years, commencing at the onet came into the title, quite unexpectedly, a couple of years ago, three

But the longing to return to Eng. Gertrude Jesson who, as lady Germind had come over him, and, badly in trude Kingsley, was the lovellest debe-

> "He was a villain all through, you see," said Edith Poole. "He married uined her life, as well as mine. What to this man's name, and take it away from her? Or shall I forever keep back the truth that would strip her of everything?"

He did not answer. His features were fixed. He saw clearly, like a picture before him, a certain scene in a Mayfair drawing room-he heard a woman's hard, merciless voice, her insponded, quietly, "if you will. And suiting words. He remembered the utter desolation which this woman had one who, I am convinced, is hidden in created in his darkest hour. Time's that great wilderness of a city, and whirligig had turned, indeed, and brought with it this miraculous chance of crying quits with the one whose forget. The temptation gripped him. Why should she not be dragged down into the dust-her pride humbled, as nothing else except this one unlookedfor thing could have power to humble it? Then he crushed down the ignoble desire.

As suddenly as it had come up before him the black past vanished in a cloud of sunshine, out from which Edith's pale, serious face, with that strange, altered look that he had noted In it of late shone forth.

"What shall I do?" she asked again. "Chide me."

He took her hand in a gentle grasp. "Let this woman keep her empty honors. And for yourself-forget that you are this man's widow. Become my wife."

His tone was unmistakable. She looked at him with glowing, wondering might act as decoy to a gambling den eyes. He was struck by her sudden bewildering beauty.

"Do you mean it?" she whispered. There was no need for any spoken answer, and she crept into the shelter of a strong man's arms held out to receive her .- Modern Society.

## MINDANAO LAND RICH.

Big Island Has Millions of Acres

Now Lying Idle. Americans have taken the acquisition of the Philippines as a matter of fact. The islands are so far away, and there is so much of pressing interest right at hand, that the manner of arranging out new responsibilities and discharging out new obligations, is left absolutely to the government at Washington, says the Army and Navy Life. How many American people know, for example, that Mindanao is a little virgin empire, with millions of acres of the richest land in the world, now idle and fallow, but capable of enormous production? An American officer who has just returned from there calls it "the pearl in the golden setting of the achipelago, the promised land for the toilers in the east."

A while ago there was circulated through the islands a petition praying the American people to grant the same trade privileges to the Philippines that "But what shall you do, even have been accorded Porto Rico, which though you find him? You would sure- island, after getting what she wanted ly never live with him again, if he and what she needed, jumped her export trade with the United States from \$8.500,000 to \$28,000,000 and her ima faint shudder. 'And yet I must find ports from \$9,600,000 to \$29,000,000 anhim. It has become the fixed purpose | nually! Porto Rico is only a dot on the map in comparison with the Phila few months ago, and this enabled me | ippine archipelago, and the benefits accruing to American customers of her Until then I was poor. I had to work products are slight in contrast with those which would come with the extension of our customs to include the Philippines.

## A Temperate Announcement.

The man, woman or child who succeeded in extracting a word of commendation from Eben Hobbs felt that a notable feat had been accomplished His wife used to tell with much enjoyment the story of her brief court-

"I used to think he must like me," she always began, "for he came Wednesdays and Sundays regular, and sometimes took me buggy-riding in between; but he never said anything, really.

"Other young men would tell me 1 had bright eyes and rosy cheeks and so on, but Eb never did.

"I used to get real tried with him sometimes. But one county fair day I had charge of the candy table, and I overheard the young men talking outside the window that was right behind

"'Ella Lane's the prettiset girl in this town,' one of 'em said-she was my cousin, Ella was, "Most of the boys chimed in and

said so she was, but three or four of 'em spoke up for some other choice, At last I heard Eb saying my name. 'I don't see but what Milly Locke always looks as well as you could expect for one of her age,' he sald. And then of course I knew his mind was all made up, and so did they.

"When he beaued me home evening, he said, 'I most wish you could have heard what I told about you this noon, Milly,' and I said, 'I did, Eb; the window was open.'

"Then he said, 'I'm glad you did. You know my mind; is yours the same?' And I allowed 'twas, though his question might have seemed blind to some; but we were married within a month, and we've never felt to regret it, either of us."

## Businesslike England.

The English are not a revengeful people. They forget everything after a fight in their eagerness to trade with their late enemy. It is not so much the spirit of forgiveness of sins which prompts them as the spirit of pushing tain standing among the minor finan- strong young lives having dropped out. trade. That is the central impulse in Everyone will sympathize with Lady their being.-Dublin Irish Homestead