White Hand A Tale of the Early Settlars of Louisiana. BY AUSTIN C. BURDICK

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CHAPTER I.

We who turn our eyes weatward and behalding the "Star of Empire" setting solid the goldon waters of the Parific, while the folds of our nation's honor almost cowrap the continent, are prove to now good the values of the Mississippi as a region old in sivilization. Yat, long after the Atlantic abares were genined, with eithes and thriving villages, the great valley of the mid-continent was a Yast solitade universa for any forefaillers. Long after colleges and schools, geveraments and course, societies and churches, had arisen and flouriated in the Atlantic colonies, the red man functed his game is the forest, and drave his cance over the bosom of the great Father of Waters, unumbered by the pale faced incoder, In the middle of the sixteen century, a

hold and harsly band of "adventurous hnights and warriers, hed by Hernindo de Soto, landed at the bay of Sante Spirito, in Florida, and, in all the praise and possiof glorious array, storted off through the deep forests in quest of these failed eithes where entitle gold awaited their coming. On they went, meeting and over-coming obstacles innumerable, and, at length, a worn and weary remnant of the once promi-fiest and down to rear about the bank of the mighty river. A little further on, they went through the wilds Arkanson, but the same stern, dark forest, with his averaging hordes of red-men, met them at every step, and they canno burk to the Massasippt, where De Sore hild down and died. His great, hard heart was broken. The remnant of his - hasn'ts constructed a row rule and salised down the river, folthe curses of the Indiana,

this, the great valley remained n by the white mon for a cen-a hulf, when, in July, 1673, a

ad of Europeans and Canadians, under Jollet and Marquette, reached the banks of the groat river. They had come from the St. Lawrence, and had wanfrom the St. Lowrence, and had wan-dered through the cast solitules of the Manmae and the Wabash. They floated down as far as the month of the Ar-kanase, where, having made themosives sure that the Mississippl empired into the Gulf of Maxico, they seturned to their people in Canada. Great rejultings were held over the reports these adventures brought with them; yet Jollet and Mar-quette both died ove the white main spain sought the Father of Waters. Beyen years later, the celdurated La-

Beven years later, the celebrated La Salls, at the head of forty soldiers and a few monks, found the mighty river, and after recrossing the Atlantic, and returning with more wid, and after passing through adventures almost incredible, he fairly commenced a colony in Londsians. In 1987, he was associated by his own manions, and the few white men left were little better than a more hundrul of wandorers in the wilderness.

A few years later, came the men whose names are cherished as among those who suffered the most and worked the most fulthfully for the noble homes of the Bouth. Most prominent among them were the two brothers, Iberville and Bienville, the latter of whom was the founder of the city of New Orleans, and for many years governor of the colony. From this time really commenced the growth of Louisians.

This territory was inhabited by numer-ous tribes of Indians, more numerous, perhaps, than in any other section of the country. Some of them were never farm-lies, insignificant in their connects as the timetive tribes, but yet speaking an idlom peculiar to themselves, cherlshing their own exclusive traditions, and exceeding all the rights of independent powers. But the principal tribes in the southern coun-French of that period have mostly to

It was in the summer of 1727 that we It was in the stimulation of the plansant home introduce our readers to a plansant home roadly have given forty miles above where the city of Baron Reage now stands, the Marquis Brion St. Julien had incated himself, and created a is nearer thy heart!

a hald of deep thought which he had and her soft beams were poured into the TWO FOUGHTANARMY contracted than of any physical cause. His hole was gray-a dark, granite-like gray, and he wore it long over his shoul-ders, whither it depended in howeiy flowfixed for all purposes of conversation. Thus the family saf, when one of the ser-vants embered and announced that a stranger had arrived and asked for sheldera whither it depended in howedy flow-ing curits. His features were very rega-lar and handsome, but pais and thought ful. His dreas was mostly of black vel-ret, and its few ornaments of jut. Ho was, in truth, a noble-booking man, and just such an one as the common class would have to obey and inwincitwely re-spect. Hence his servants were foully ter and food. St. Jullen's answer was quickly spoken: "Give him food, and then conduct him hither." hither." In the meantime, lights were brought, and when the newcounce entered, the win-dows had been closed and the room waw now brilliantly lighted. He was a talk holdy formed man, not over forward twenty, with a profusion of aut-brown rivates clustering along this high. (201 ettached to him, and his slaves loved

He had nearly gained the southers The hast nearly gained the solutions adge of the copies, when he was startled from his reverie by hearing a crashing sound among the dry sticks near him. Ifs stopped quickly, and on the instant his plated was in his hand. He had time to see a dark object glide from the path in front of him towards the river, and he ringlets clustering about his high, full brow, and a sweet smile of gratitude lighting up his handwome face. "Hal a white man?" uttered the mar-

utis, starting up. "Welcome, sir-thries welcome! My mind has so run upon these red dogs, for the past four-andinimediately resolved that this was some-thing which wished to escape him. Antwenty hours, that I expected to have seen one of them now. And a country-man?" other thing, also, occurred to his mind, and that was that no man could escape by the way the mystic object had taken; for not over all feet from the path is "Yes, sir," spoks the stranger, in volce peculiarly soft and pleasant. "France is my native land." "Then welcome again," resumed the valee that section was a deep, wide ditch, which he had caused to be dug for the host, shaking the stranger once more by urpose of draining a piece of wet land the hand, and then conducting him to a

report the hickory wood. The margais stopped, and as he did as, i tall, powerful man at pped back in the orth. It was an Indian, who stood hear-y a head taller than St. Julien, and The conversation turned upon the nathose form was straight and muscular. "How?" uttered the margula, steppin ger's appearance, and now was engaged in scanning bis countenance. At length, he seemed to have arrived at a solution back and lowering the muzzle of his pis-tol, "what does the Stang Merpeut here?" He is only in the path which his white of the mystery, and a dark cloud gathered over his features. Meanwhile the conversation went on, and both Louis and Louise seemed trybrother, has made through the for

path.

returned the red man, standing proudly "But wherefore art thon in his path ?"

"The Stung Bergent is on his way to his people." "And are there none of thy people with "And are there none Second he who

they might come in contact. That Stung

tat oxeo, ch. mas'r?" "When did he go down, Tony?"

to those in absolute need.

"Jus' bout an hour arter noon."

their guard.

thes? Does the Stong Serpent-he who stands second among the Suns of Nat-chez wander alone so far from home?" of the Marquis Brion St. Julien." "Ah!" uttered the host, elevating his Yes, for he is not afraid. He knows France?" "Very well." the white chief is his friend, and where fore should be fear?" "But why did you come here?" asked "But-really---"

The marquis was here interrupted by Louis, who at that moment sprang from his chair. the marquis, coming more directly to the int. 'I came to guide some traders on their

"Aha!" the youth cried, "I know you way to the town of the great white chief, and my boat is left above where the great river turns foward the setting son," answered the Indian. "Do you?" said the visitor, arising and grasping Louis by the hand. "Yes-yes: Goopart St. Denla"" "St. Denla?" attered the old man, start-

"Then let my red brother return with to my bome, and there rest for the ing quickly from his chair and hastening forward. But the Indian would not accept the "Goupart" cried Louise, also springing

invitation. He professed to be in hasts, and in a few moments more, he turned on his way, and was soon out of sight. As the marquis turned once more home-"Goupart-Goupart" she re-"O, it is-it is! Dear, good forward. peated. Goopart!" And as these words fell from her lips ward, he pondered upon this thing. He knew the Stung Scripent well. He was the only involve of the Greent Sun, or chief, of the Natchez, and was the most she bounded forward and caught the

young man by the hand. His eye burned with a strange light as he met her glad forous look, and his voice was marked noted warrior of the whole trine. Thus far, in all their intercourse, St. Julien had found him upright and honorable. erceptive tremulousness as he said y a perceptive tremulousness as he said "Yes, Louise-it is your old friend

Goupart. but he well knew how treacherous the "Goupart St. Denis" multered the dark-browed nephew, to himself, as he cast a look of unmistakable hatred to-Natchez could be, and how the crime of one white man against them could be vis-ited upon the heads of all with whem

wards the newcomer. (To be continued.)

KNEW PRECISELY WHAT TO DO. Tickets Told the Whole Story to Her

Serpent should have come fifty miles from his village to guide a few traders did not seem probable, and yet the mar-quis was at a loss for any other cause of the visit. At all events, he resolved to be prepared for danger; so when he reached his dwelling, he called his proin One Gience. The sharp-nosed man looked dubious after the retreating figure of the together, and having informed them what he had seen, he bade them be on enographer. "I am in a quandary

what to do with that girl," he said. "I don't know whether to fire her or raise her salary. I don't know what to make After having done this, he was about turn towards the house, when one of his blacks, a huge Guinesman of Ashante, of her. She is the quintessence of either innocence or decelt. I can't figure named Tour, came up to him and spoke. "Look heah, ma'r, I seed dat ar Injun when he went down, an' he did hab two which. About two months ago some misguided member of a certain benevowhite men with lin. But he's been a lookin' all bout heah dis long white. Dis arternoon I weed him on de hill ober heah by de cattle, an' he was a lookin' sharp all round. S'pose he wants some of your ent society sent me two tickets for a charity ball to be given at a well-known hall in Harlem. I was surprised to get these tickets, for I supposed that ev-

erybody who knew me knew my sentiments in regard to charity. "I don't believe in it. I don't believe "Arly dis morain'." "And when did you see him first on his

in giving things away. I have to work for every cent I have, and I expect other people to do the same thing. To my mind, these folks that dance for charity and sing for charity and cut all sorts of didoes for benevolent purposes

went into the house. He did not wish to lose any of his cattle, though he would readly have given bountifully of them are only degrading the masses they are supposed to benefit. I had expressed this opinion so often that I was amazed Ah, St. Julien, watch thy cattle, but that anybody should ask me to coun molent scheme he hughn

### limb to the jury. It was very crooked, and the case looked bad for the sur geon. But McKinley had both his eyes

# REMARKABLE EXPLOIT OF YOUNG FITZGERALD.

Behind Cotton Breastworks on a Flat car, He and a Companion Held at Bay 3,000 Hondurans and Killed Eighteen of Them. groun had set.

The young man, William A. Fitzzerald, who was recently shot in by this man than nature itself did,"

fater, was a daredevil whose career surgeon who set the first one." 36 was as picturesque 15 as it was brief. He was a soldier of MT/B mas could have made the here of a fascinating ro-

nance. Bix feet WM. FITZOEBALD. fall, dark and handsome, the young man from Michand conversation turned upon the nat-ural topics of the times, but Simon Lobols igan was a noticenthic figure in any did not join in it. He had made one or company. His recklessness endeared two remarks at the commencement; but, suddenly, he seemed moved by the stran-came in contact in the Central Amerian countries-venturesome fellows who, from the daring in them, admired and respected the superintive during in One of his exploits is thus dehlin. scribed by a gentleman who knew him

in Central America: ing to recall some memory of the past, "How far up are you going?" asked the marquis, at length. "In a country where revolutions are periodical events. Fitzgerald was not long in finding an opportunity of stak-"At present," returned the stranger, "I had only thought of seeking the dwelling ng his life on a possibility of fame and fortune. The reations Gen. Van quez was ambitious of deposing Gen erebrows. "Did you ever know me in France?" An and of sonting himself in the Presidential chair in his stend. He enlist ed the services of Fitzgerald, who was

then but 21, and of a number of more or less well-known adventurers, among hem Jeffries, the new admiral of the Colombian fleet; Col. Pennypacker, iow general superintendent of the Central Railroad of Gautemala; Col. Bascom Jones, now major general of artillery in the Gautemalan army, and Col. Richards, recently banished from Gautemnia for excessive revo intionary propensities. Flizgerald, anxious to distinguish himself, and yielding to his dare-devil and impul-

ive instinct, decided to open hostilities independently of the rest. CAPTURED & TOWN.

"On the 7th of October, 1897, with a company of 13 Americans, Fitzgerald paddled across the lagoon separating Puerto Cortes from the mainland, and at dead of night entered the town. A rush on the cuartel, where a garrison of 300 men was stationed, resulted in

complete victory for the attacking party. The 14 Americans had captured the town. As the nature of the Central Americans is one of general indifference and of quick changes in the mat ter of political convictions, Puerto Cortez from a faithful Regalada port, be came in the short space of an hour a warm Vasques town. The conquerors were halled as 'libertadores' and toast ed in 'aguardiente' and rum. It was a night of great revelry and of many 'vivas' for Vasquez. In the morning 12 of the 14 Americans were so in toxicated as to be unable to tell their

own names. It was at this juncture that word was brought to Fitzgerald, who had taken up his headquarters in he alcade's house, that \$,000 men were on the way to recapture Puerto Cor-

Either because he himself was not entirely sober, or else because he knew the Honduran populace to be partisans of the upper dog. Fitzgerald decided to keep to himself the knowledge of the impending attack upon ing some of the town. He tried to enlist his 13 nights ago. nen in the defense of the place, but found them all, with one exception, ago." he said, "but there is one thing stupefied with liquor and unable to

chief of police of Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras. Christmas and "If a question is asked

GIVING HIM A SHOCK

Power that Holated Him. pen, as usual, and fixed them keenly "I was a clerk in the frader's store

As soon as the plaintiff was turned over to him, he asked that the other leg uid also be bared. The plaintiff and McSweeney objected vigorously, but the Judge ordered it done. Then it appeared that his second leg was still He had no curiosity. He had no in more crooked than that which the sur-

"My client seems to have done better Gantemala City by W. Godfrey Hun-tur, Jr., son of the suit be dismissed, with a recommenda-United States min- tion to the plaintiff that he have the other leg broken, and then set by the

YOUNGSTER HAD PLUCK.

on the man's other leg.

fortuns whom Du- Chastisement by Grandfather Merely Called Forth a "Thank You."

pale into insignificance ; esido the exhiother day. The boy is barely past the of dignity and when asked to explain period of transition from the kilts to knickerbockers, but he is wise and seri-"Heap lightning-heap strike-heap

one of the best known and ablest news- thunder come. paper men in the United States, and his grandfather is recognized everythe boy, who has had things atmost his proudly answered;

return. fact, that the grandfather, who worships at the shrine of the youngster AUTOMOBILE AMBULANCE with an intensity almost as strong as the devotion of the theologian to his Oxford in his college days, found it necessary to administer a chastise-

ment. With his teeth gripped hard and fast, that the city of Cleveland has the only an expression serious enough to appal one which is used as an animal ambu an expression serious enough to appai any venturesome candidate for in crease of anlary in his office, or to send chills down the spine of anyone "walk ing the carpet." the grandfather seized

ing the boy's hand he proceeded to the work in hand. Five large and resounding whacks he delivered to the out stretched hand with a force and a sting calculated to make most infants wince. Not so with Henry, however. Finally, the grandfather himself got out of breath, and he was certain that the youthful victim of the whippingpost plan of inculcating principles was duly repentant and sorrowful.

"Have you anything to say now. Henry ?" he asked. "Yes, sir," answered the boy meekly.

"What is it ?" asked grandpa, expect-

"Thank you, grandpa."

antly.

And the diminutive insurgent chucksign to the ordinary runabout, but the his little hands in his pocket, gave contemptuous look about him, and front portion has been enlarged to sustain a platform containing a wooden strode away with the air of a general who has won the first fight of his compaign, while his grandfather leaned back against the wall aghast, and coneded that he didn't need a guidon to mark where his colors were trailed in defeat .- Washington Post.

WORSE THAN STAGE FRIGHT. Public Speakers Dread the Man Who

Asks Fool Questions. One of the most effective public tomobile, with his two pet speakers in New York State was tell- who usually accompany him. ing some of his experiences a few

"I got over stage fright a long time Betrayed a Woeful Ignorance as a that nearly always breaks me up, and

Encial Queen.

Old Chief Insisted that It Was Mighty

at the Pawnee agency for three of four years," said a Detroll grocer the other day, "and, of course, I had a good chance to study the Indian There was a chief named Leaning Tree who never smiled or laughed.

of the birth of Christ .- Rev. F. E. Materest in anything belonging to the son, Independent, Brooklyn, N. Y. white man-not even whisky. He was the nearest thing to a stone man you received directly from Christ .- Rev. could find, and his imperturbability vexed me. I made up my mind one Rev. Dr. Holtzclaw, Baptist, Atlanta, Ga.

day to arouse him or perish. "The chief used to come down to the store every morning and sit on an many men to-day who are crucifying mpty barrel on the porch, I put half a pound of powder under that barreland

one summer's morning Leaning Tree took up his usual roost. I waited about fifteen minutes and then fired People may admire the stolid indif- the fuse. Ten minutes later there Philadelphia. ference and the unflinching traits of was an explosion that sent the chief the American aborigine, the bull-dog twenty feet high and ten rods away, claimed the law of service he was dealtenacity of the British lion, or the res- and of course, there was a rush from ing directly with all our interests. oluteness of the play of endurance by every side to learn what had hap-Rev. Dr. Raymond, Schenectady, N. Y.

the howing dervisites, but all these pened. "The old chap must have felt his No Arbitrary Limit .-- We can all see bition of spunk and defiance made by hair curl and been greatly mystified, that no arbitrary limit should be sit a 4year-old youngster in this city the but he got up without the slightest loss to the number of times an offender should be forgiven .- Rev. D. Utter, Unitarian, Denver, Colo. The Loftlest-Jesus Christ was the

nus beyond his years. His faiher is go up, but no heap hart me! Let more loftiest man of the first century, who urged all men to help one another to stand up in the kingdom -- Rev. F. A. "His dignity was a good thing for

where as one of the most influential me," said the ex-trader, according to the Detroit Free Press. "There was Distinctive Character - In reli wspaper managers in the country. an investigation, and they would have the Jew is to maintain his distinctive The boy's grandmother had just re- made it hot for me, but when the ofcharacter. He must forever retain his urned from an out-of-town trip, and ficers questioned Leaning Tree he Jewish religious beliefs and practices.

own way while she was absent, ob-jected to having his fun interfered ning-thunder-earthquake-big wind. with by anything so incidental as her But was I a child to be afraid? Bar-He became so fractions, in rel-humph! Powder-humph!"

# FOR CATS AND DOGS.

ued effort.-Rev. Dr. Mackensle, Pres-byterian, New York. Purity-One can not live for char-The automobile has been applied to a eter and tail. Purity is the sufest wide variety of uses since it becam thing in the world. As we keep our nonular in America, but it is believed faces toward the ideals of life that we find in Jesus Christ we shall have vie tory over ourselves .- Rev. Dr. Swift,

York.

Methodist, Chicago, HI. Our Lord's Advent-Man wandered from the house of his Father, God, and not only deprived himself of spiritual comforts, but he lost entirely the image of God. Our Lord's advent implies the possible restoration of all these.-Rev. George Adams, Methodist, Brook-130, N. Y.

Christmas-Christmas is a question

The True Light-The true light is

Crucifying Christ Anew,-There are

Love of God-The law of the life of

Law of Service-When Christ pro

Distinctive Character - In religion

-Rev. Dr. Silverman, Hebrew, New

Personal Effort .- The Bible is based

on the idea that what is good can be

attained only through personal effort and can be maintained only by contin-

Christ anew .- J. D. Rockefeller, Jr.

New York.

Present Trials-Present trials may be severe and unpleasant, but there is an afterward-there is a blessed and glorious afterward in all of God's dealings with his children. Afterward they will yield the peaceable fruits of righteonsness.-Rev. A. B. Conts. Baptlst, Akron, Ohio.

The Decalogue-The decalogue is a revelation of God's will. It is only a partial revelation. It does not set forth the whole of human duty. It must be filled up and enlarged by later Scripture and the teaching of Jesus .-Rev. Robert Haddow, Prosbyterian,

Toronto, Canada. Influence of Books-The influence of case, which is divided into upper and lower sections, the upper portion being books can only be transitory and not used for cats and the lower portion for permanent, because books are ideas, dogs. The sides of the case have slits and ideas change. The influence of a protected by wire to admit the air, life is permanent, because it is pracwhile each contains a dish of water, tical and can be applied. You are convinced as to its spiritual power .-- Rev. The portion for the dogs is divided also into two sections, so that three or four Dr. Roudthaler, Presbyterian, Indian canine patients can be taken at a time. apolls, Ind.

The accompanying likestration shows At Christmas Time-When at Christthe doctor making his rounds in the au- mas time the Christmas gifts and good tomobile, with his two pet buildogs, will and all the beautiful group of the sous of God come to rejoice together over the birth of Jesus, and congratu-SHE WASN'T THE REAL THING. late one another on the growth of civilization, Satan comes also in the of a Christmas punch bowl .-- Hev. Dr. Banks, Methodist, New York.

She looked like "the real thing." stand. The exception was Lee Christ-mas, a locomotive engineer, now the about something foreign to the line of the transformed line the corridor, who were also becomingly groomed, looked after type of our age is the man of millions rgument I am making, "If a question is asked on the same ally past them into the reception room privation, has conquered grim fate and Fitagerald rode to the freight yards subject it does not break the thread of the railroad and there comman-of the railroad and there comman-decred a locomotive and a flat car. Sell out an inquiry merely to attract anviors of the future .- Rev. Henry The dozen people already gathered Frank, Independent, New York. speaker is a thing I have never been in the reception room reading and alking were likewise visibly impress-"it is a hackneyed saying that any ed with the general excellence of her each and every one of us knows what cool can ask a question. There is nonr- manner and appearance and every one these laws are. The man who live or always one fool at a public meeting, of them would have been willing to a life in accordance with them is liand the bigger the fool he is the more take oath that there wasn't a kink ing a godly life and one free from sh in up-to-date life that she was not and the man who lives a life such as this is the man who is going to be say-By and by the charming creature ed.-Rev. H. L. Canfield, Universalist, dispelling the illusion. She looked drink problem we must have a broader doubtfully about as if seeking some- basis of charity. We must take a pothing she wanted badly, but didn't sition where moderate drinkers. know how to get. Presently she spied stand and work with us. We must a little black knob far up on the wall recognize the truth that the salcon has near the door and she stood up on a social side which can not be abol-her tiptoes and turned it gingerly. In ished. It is the only place of recreaan instant darkness had settled upon tion that many men have.--Rev. J. W. the face of the reception room and all Lyell, Baptist, Philadelphia, Pa.



tal. The rear portion is similar in de-

Julien had located himself, and creeted a house. He was now past the prime of life, having been some five years on the road through the second half century of his life, and had left France and of pure disgust for the society he was obliged to mingle with there. Unlike most of nose who came to the new home in the or and come to be your hand in the sat wilderness, he was weatthy. He d laft his wife in the tomb of her an-c stors, and her death was a severe blow upon his noble heart. The severe blow how noble he was at heart, and her farliers and her death was a severe blow

Money was potent, even in the wilderness, and the margals had the most sumptions residence in the country. Near his estate, the great river made a sweep to the westward, and his house was built upon a small tributary stream, which ran nearly south from its source, and at a distance of nearly two miles from the

Here he and his family lived, with such of his domestics as were needed about him. The house faced to the west, heing was she of the same age, but in every about ten rods from the river. Next were two buildings, one upon the north and the other upon the south of the main house, and each about twenty feet dis-These were for the residence of the tant. tant. These were for the residence at the black slaves. Then back of all these, and distant forty feet, were two more build-ings, one of them, twenty feet square, was for the stable, and the other, fifty eet square, was for the general store house of provisions for both mun and boast. In front of the main dwelling( bonst. a beautiful garden almost to Outside of all, was a stour, tended sarricade, completely enclosing the rrounds on which stood the buildings and ont of the garden. It was formed of sits driven firmly into the ground, at feet high, and then these intervals were tightly filled with other upright timbers, firmly fastened in their places by trans-terms girths and stout wooden plas. the distance of a foot spart and twelve

fruity fastenes in wooden pins, verse girths and stout wooden pins, There were numerous loop or port-holes through this harricade, which could be opened or closed at pleasure. The whole household of the marguts consisted of fifty-two persons. There were hinself and two children, and one nephew; eight male white servants and has formale whites! twenty-five black a perfect honor and genuine h which he treated all the whom he came in contact. kindness with Indians with whom he came in contact.

ndians with whom he came in contact. Late one aftermoon, the marquis wont at luts one of his fields that lay upon he rich hotrom of the Walnut River, The Marquis St. Julien was a tail man, with a slight tendency to stoop in his galt, though this was more the result of | moon was up, bright and full, in the west,

a ticket for a ball. Naturally, I

CHAPTER IL We have remarked that the Margula

them to the stenographer. "'Here, Miss Drew,' I said. 'You St. Julien had two children. They were twins, and were a boy and a girl. Louis St. Julien had some serenteen years of life, and he had much of his father's look. cnow what to do with these. "Yes, sir,' she suld. "Thank you." "It struck me then that there was no

easion for her to thank me for height. Those who knew Louis best, knew how noble he was at heart, and how fearless he was of danger. In the mesting her to perform her outine of duties, but I didn't matter a second thought unt hour of the deepest peril, he carried a steady hand and a cool head, and if he weeks later when a represent the benevolent society called to \$10 for the ball fickets.

was more than usually moved, it was for some loved friend who might share the "But I didn't use the tickets," I mild. danger with him. Ills hair, which was of a dark golden hue, hung loosely over his shoulders, curling, as did has father's. I don't believe in charity. 'Pardon me,' he said, 'they were

and his eyes were large and bright, and used. Here are the numbers sent you t a deep-blue color. The sister was called Louise. Not only and here are the tickets bearing the ame number which were taken in at the door. If you didn't want them, you speet of feature did she reamble her brother. She may have been a little smaller, but the difference was not read-ily noticed. She had the same regularity ught to have returned them to us at once, as requested in our communica-

feature, the same deep golden hair, "'But I did return them,' I argued the same brilliant blue eye, the same fair, open brow, and the same nobleness Then I called in the stenographer. 'Miss Drew." I said, 'didn't I gffe you two of expression. She was a beautiful girl, and as she and her brother wandered about together, many and many were the untutored red men who had dwelt with a ball tickets some time ago to be returned to the benevolent society?" 'Why, no,' she said. 'You gave me the tickets, but you didn't say anything fort of religious awe upon the fair ple about returning them. You said I knew what to do with them. We have also said that the marquis

"And what did you do?" I asked. had a nephew living with him. This was Simon Lobois, the son of St. Julien's "'I went to the ball,' said she. thought that was what you meant." sister. He was near five-and-thirty years "I was furious, but I saw the beneve

of age, rather below the medium stature of man, and not very perfect in physical lent society had the drop on me, and I paid them the \$10. The worst of it is to humpiness, and his head was thrown forward instead of standing erect. His arms were very long, and his legs rather the girl seemed so sweet and innocent and sorry that I haven't had the courage either to discharge her or deduc money from her salary. I can't make up my mind to this day whether

she really thought I meant to make her a present, or whether she notified the society to send me the tickets and then now growing fat off \$10 of my hardearned money."-New York Herald.

# Told of Miss Willard.

Frances Willard once wrote to her triend Mrs. Bain, of Kentucky, who Sister Anna, how much richer are you than Il Here I sit alone without a geon, and found himself pitted against child to die, while you are mother to an angel."

Candor looks with equal fairness at both sides of a subject .- Noah Webster.

pt them into an envelope and handed

> attention to himself and distract the "Puerto Cortez, it must be explained, s on a peninsula. Fitzgersta attention of the audience from the Christmas ran the too car on the line is a bors the strip of

shuman'they the particult chienal is perversed and there are or the arrival of the povernment f sugar bage bad been tailit, within consternation he can create.

he quality made of these bags repartee, and a public speaker must itsaccasi took up his position with four Winchesters and several hundred rounds of ammunition. At dawn

the 3,000 men appeared, marching in before we can fire back. The best pubclose formation on the railroad track, lic speakers usually digest their there being no other trail. The fire thoughts before uttering them, or at least stick up a few mental sign that greeted them from the flat car cleared the track in five seconds, evboards-except ou impromptu occaery man taking to cover in the junsions, which are rare, between our-Until 8 o'clock at night Fitzselves

perald alone held the flower of the "When a speaker has put up his sign Honduras army at bay, "Christmas loading the rifles for him; then, fearboards and is making his jumps from one to another, and a fool crosses his path it is disturbing to the best of us. The speaker who has his audience with ing an attack on masse under cover of darkness, the order to retreat was given, and the locomotive and flat car him can generally rely upon the audi-steamed back into Porto Cortes. That same night Fitzgerald and Christmas left in a canoe and Puerto Cortez was ing deflected. The fool has one thought

retaken. Gen. Drummond, who had been the nominal head of the expedition against the town, was captured and taken to San Pedro, but escaped two weeks later.

"Fitagerald, knowing how much his head was worth, walked 120 miles into to the audience, but he is always pres-Gautemain. In his fight on the rail-road track he had killed 18 of the enemy and wounded half a hundred.

#### Improved on Nature.

A year or two after William McKin Concerning Finger Bowls. loy had begun the practice of the law at Canton, Ohio, he distinguished himself deliberately worked me for a long time. In a humorous fashion in one of his But, whatever her motive, there is one first successful cases. As often happens charitable organization is town that is in court, the humor was not merely for the sake of the joke, but for serious purpose. Edward T. Roe, in "The Life-raise their glasses over the finger bowl Work of William McKinley," tells the

in order to drink to the king. The refer-The case was a suit against a sur-

friend Mrs. Bain, of Kentucky, who geon, whom the plaintiff charged with had just lost a daughter: "Dearest having set his leg so hadly that it was McKinley defended the sur bowed. John McSweeney, one of the most brill-

lant lawyers of the Ohio bar. McSweeney brought his client into La Moyne-"Of cou court, and had him expose the injured in a Turkish bath." "Whew-ew-ews."

"I am credited with being quick at familiar with.

who sat therein.

"Thleves!" ejaculated the men. oudest of all. "What has happened?" she cried.

want? "I wanted to call a bell boy," sobbed the apotheosis, according to the New York Times. "I thought that was the button."

#### A Bank Officer.

"Phwat's Michael doln' now, Mrs. Plannigan ?" "He's assistant teller in the bank." 'An' phwat's an assistant teller?"

"Well, the teller tells him the stove needs coal, an he assists it in."-

Pa-"I've noticed most children prefer chocolate candy to any other kind. wonder why that is?" Ma-"Doubtless because It makes

If you argue with a tool, he will get the best of yon. Theories in the hands of a fool are always stronger than facts in the hands of a man of sense.

It is easier to brag of one's future I than it is to boast of one's past.

Revealing the Father-The blossed "O-o-oh!" squealed the women and Savior has come to the earth for the The express purpose of revealing the Fathapothesis of grace and culture walled er and making known that side of the

divine which it had otherwise been impossible for us to know. "You've turned off the electric with her great panorama and resources lights," said a porter who had rushed of mighty power, has none of these in to prevent a possible crime. "What things that we cry out for .- Rev. A. C. Garrett, bishop of Dallas, Texas.

A More Positive Religion-1 plend with you for a more positive religion. for that which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which our eyes have seen, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled of the Word of Life. Where all is manifestation, how can the manifesting God be the unknowable?-Rev. Dr. Chadwick, Unitarian, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Plague in India.

Since the autumn of 1896 the plague has been epidemic in India. Official reports fall far short of the actual mor tality, but it is known that during the period from September, 1820, to the end of June, 1901, there were 659,804 lation, which in 1891 was 287,318.048. Cholera is regarded with far less four than plague, though the ravages of the former disease far exceed those of the latter. The total deaths recorded from cholera for the years 1806, 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1900 were 2,148,140, while

those from plague were 403,071.

their hands and faces diriter than any attacks and 525,401 deaths in the popu-

One of the penalties people have to pay for the privilege of meeting English Brooklyn Engle. Plausible

royalty is to be denied the use of a finger bowl. It is a plece of antiquarian lore and dates back to the time of the raise their glasses over the finger bowl

ence was obvious, for they meant to "the king over the water," although

La Moyne-"Of course not. He works

His Husiness. La Montt-"When you called that man 'Rubbers' he didn't seem to ob-ject."

other kind."-Philadelphia Press.

# not prevent the speaker from been The speaker has a lot and springs it. of thoughts to keep track of. "I have never stepped before an audience in my public career that I did not wonder right at the start where the

fool was. He has not always appeared ent in mind. I have spoken to public speakers on this subject and they all admit the same thing."-New York Sun.