The Contrabandist;

One Life's Secret!

A TRUE STORY OF THE SOUTH OF FRANCE

will show me those in which you have

He saying he led the way from the cell, advanced a short distance along the gal-lery, and pausing before an arched door

in the wall, said, as he unlocked and

threw it open:
"The only other prisoner we have is in

And Louis, leaving the others outside, entered. This cell, like that of Jacques,

he said, tenderly, supporting her to the door. "Come with me, dear child?" "To set me free? Let us hasten, Louis-

But where is he that whicked Gas-parde?"

"Gasparde is absent, Rose, and we

"Transparile is absent, Rose, and we must escape ere his return. I will tell you all when you are once in safety."

Jacques stood at the door, unable to suppress his delight on seeing Rose again, an durging them to hasten. Ralmonde said, briefly:

"You had better use all the speed you

The man rose, indulently, and obeyed.

excaped from the lips of Rose and Louis.

half-fainting girl within the hollow tree

With an irrepressible cry of victorious oy, Louis hastened on, with Jacques;

their evident desire to escape increase

who now pressed close upon them. Con, still, they went; further and further

nearer to the edge of the forest.

the susplcions of the approaching party

the brigands gained on them. Shots were fired, too, but they missed their aim. "Monaleur Louis, we shall be taken!"

uttered Jacques, as he made a last effor

turning, fired at one of the men, who had almost laid his hand on the shoulder of

Jacques. The brigand fell. A short of vengeance was raised by the pursuers, and they rushed forward with mad haste.

"My good fellow, flight is no longer one. We must yield. But she is safe!"

He*turned to deliver himself up; he

heard a cry of savage joy, felt a heavy blow, and then lost all consciousness.

When the young count recovered his faculties he found himself lying on the stone floor of one of the cavern cells, which was fully lighted by the brazen

finshed so instantly and vividly upon his recollection as to persuade him that no very great portion of time had clapsed

since their occurrence. The flight, the concenhent of Rose, the moment of capture—all these were before him. He

And answering not a word, the co

assed the tree.

The cool, damp wind blew across their

live like an honest man."

A stranger brought a note for Louis prisoners confined."
"It is a bargain. Follow me, monsicur, Rose. He said his name was Raimonde. So this is your business, comrade?" and

Rose. He said his name was Raimonds. So this is your business, comrade?" and and that he had been sent by a person he smiled grinly at Jacquas. "Well, it's all the same to me, since I shall myself the missing girl. ne missing girl.
The note required Louis to trust him-

self absolutely in the hands of the mes-senger. For a time he hesitated. Then his anxiety led him to obey. He even consented to be blindfolded, as the letter had enjoined.
Under circumstances of a less orgent

and exciting nature, Louis might have passed to question the wisdom of his course in wholly and unreservedly en-trusting himself to the hinds of an uttrusting bimself to the hands of an ut-ter stranger. Together they continued their route. Haimmide paused, saying: "Will monsleur stand here an instant?" ward, with her hands clasped, and an

"Will monsters stand here an instant ward, with her hands of counters alour must be very careful not to remove the handkerelilef just yet."

He released his hand and left him she shrank back at first, with a low cry. Lonis, standing still, heard a hash, grat-ing sound at a little distance before him, and a sound as of some person lifting a heavy body.

as the disguised count met her view. She did not recognize him.

"Hose, do not fear; it is If" he said.

"You, Louis?—ab, Louis! I know you

"Come, monsion." said the voice of Raimonde, "take one step forward and here is my hand. I am below you now. You must stoop. Put your hand on my shoulder thus. Now, you know that you stand on a rock, from which I have jumped. You must follow me—so; that is it. Here we are?"

The grating.

"You, Louis? Leas, Louis! I know you now!" and weeping, and he ramile, and hereing forward to the arms outstretched to receive her.

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"Rose, I have come it.

The grating noise was heard again. Then Louis was conducted over what seemed to be a smooth and level path of stone. He had been admitted by Rainconde through the year entrance of Raimonde through the rear entrance of the cavers, and was passing now through the long subterranean gallery in the rock. At length they passed again; a noise of bolts and bars withdrawn, and a door nuclesed, through which Louis was led. Then the handlerchief was united, the door closed behind him, and taking off

the bandage from his eyes, Louis found himself in the rell of Jacques. "Monsieur!" attered Jacques, springing forward, "so you are disguised, sh? I did not know you at first."
"You here, my good friend?" uttered Louis, in astonishment, looking about him. "What place is this?"
" sh! not too loud, monsieur, if you please. I tuld you I was a prisoner—did I not?"

the bandage from his eyes. Louis found

Yes; but such a prison as this? And Rose-tell me where she is."
"She is here also, monsieur-in a cell like this, and close by it."

Sacques! so near me-and in danger? Let me go instantly and deliver her?"

He was at the disor, but Jacques sprang to his side.

'For pity's sake, monsieur, be careful, at present, and if you are caim enough to hear what I wish to say, and to act with me, we may rescue her in ten minutes, whereas such impetuous haste as yours would ruin the scheme."

It was plain enough. The count suffered himself to be led to a seat at the opposite side of the cell, and listen to the explanation of his companion, while burning with engerness to hasten to the

the explanation of his companion, while burning with eagerness to hasten to the rescue of Rose. Jacques made brief work of it. He began by relating the story of the abduction of Rose, and the plot that led to it. Louis was angered and indignant beyond measure, as he listened to the account of Gasparde's villance.

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Gasparde?" he uttered, hetly.
"The chief of a horde of brigands and

contrabandists, monsieur."
"Is it possible!—and yet, why not? One cannot be surprised at hearing it of one so hase as he. And Rose is in his pow-

Not exactly, monsieur. He brought her hither, as I have taid you, to this parde, were approaching; they discerned place, which is a cavern in the center of the forest, and after placing her in the cell of which I have spoken, want. Thus away with the men upon an expedition, from which they will not probably return until midnight or to-morrow morning. When he comes back, he will either extert from her a promise to marry him, or keep her confined in that cell, until she a death; for he is just so merciless. He never has forgotten the treat-ment he core received at your hands, nor the throats and rebokes of Hugh Lamonte; and he has been watching ever since for an opportunity of revenge, it is ours to deprive him of that revenge,"

Your plan-your plan, Jucques! "The man who accompanied you lithe in the guard left by Gasparde. He ha red for me an interview with you procured for me an interview with your but he never suspects that it is for the purpose of liberating Rose and myself; for were we to escape, he knows that the vengeance of the leader would fall on him. Now, we must either manage to gain his silence by force or by a bribe. If we bind him, and leave him here when we leave the place, why, Gasparde will shoot him when he comes back; but if a sum of money were offered him, I have an idea that he would not only suffer his prisoners to escape, but also take leave himself, since he has grown wears of the captain's tyrauny."

f the captain's Grand, by all "The bribe, then—the bribe, by all "The bribe, "I happen to have a considerable sum with me; but we must be cautious."

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"Yes—yes! we must be cautious, as you say; and in case he should refuse the money we must be prepared to spring upon him. A cord for his hands and feet and a gag—that will do the business. Now, then, for the work. I will call him in. Be prepared." And he called "Rai-

The guard appeared. Jacques glanced the conversation which we had at dinner?
—the agreement which we made about bidding adicu to monsion le capitaine?'
—The glitter of gold caught Raimonde's eye, from a heavy purse which the count held carelessly in his hand. His avarice was aroused. towards the count, and then said:
"Courade, you don't forget, I suppose,
the conversation which we had at dinner?

chain, the other end of which was fast-ened to a huge ring in the wall. He was in captivity, but that captivity was sweet, "I remember it very well, Jacques," be

answered.

The count stepped forward.
"My friend, suppose you were to shut your eyes for the space of half an hour, and unclose them at the end of that time to find yourself richer by a thousand france, or two or three times that sumperhaps?"

"It would be a very pleasant thing monsieur."
"I offer you that sum in return for a certain favor which I shall ask at your hands."
"Name the favor and it is yours, mon"I seques his thought of the calculated the chances of her finding the way from the forest, or, perhaps, sho had cannot be an every pleasant thing monsieur."

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It was a matter of ignorance to him. whether Gasparde had returned with the men who had captured him. He was in the power of murderers now, and there was no reason for them to be more lenient to him than to any other who might excite in them a thirst for vengoance. Yet, with the probability of the escape of e, he suffered no apprehensions to dis-

CHAPTER XII. With care booly, the spulls of that sight's work, the brigand chief, Gasarde, returned, a little after midnight, the cave. He was in an excellent amor with his multiplied success in efecting the capture of Rose and gaining ar more than he had anticipated by the solilery committed that night. What, then, was his rage and disap-

pointment to learn from the men whom he had sent back three or four hours earlier that Rose had made her escape! He raved like a muniar; he vowed the direct vengeance on the faithless guard, who had disappeared, and on the spur of the moment, would instantly have gone the moment, would instantly have gone to assassinate their new prisoners, had not some quarrel arising among the mea-diverted his attention for a time. Puring this interval he had as opportunity to become cool, and afterwards repaired to the cells to ascertain whom it could be that the man had taken in company with had taken in company wind partners, and who wore the disgular of a brigand. His mingled astonishment, rage and caultation may be easily imagined on discovering it to be the Count d'Artois. "Oho, my fine fellow! so you are there, are you?" he cried, savagely. "Wellowell, not a bad exchange of prisoners! Won't I make you dance presently, more

Won't I make you dance presently, mon-sleur! Just wait till daylight!"
"You may do with me what you will," answered Louis, calmly, "since she has escaped. I can suffer any torture now."
"You talk bravely, monsieur! But I mean to get her back again—do you hear that? I will watch, day and night, till the time comes, as I have watched since the time when I vowed revenge for all that happened to me at your hands. So you helped her to escape, did you?"
"Yes; and be assured that she will be kept now so far beyond your reach that no scheme of yours will ever draw her hither again."

see to that! Now mark me! I will get distinguished professors in the naval the girl back, and you shall starve before her eyes, day by day, hour by hour, till you die in your chains!"

Its went out, and left his prisoner in

BADGERS FIND RICH GEMS.

can, you can scarcely get away from here too soon."
"Thanks, my friend; and here is your reward," returned Louis, at the same time placing in the man's hand a well-filled purse. "And now, Jacques, let us They reached the front of the cave. Stretched on a heap of skins, by a glow-ing fire, lay the guard, smoking a shortfinding of true bine suppliers in the collection of Chinese war weapons and earth thrown out by the hadgers in dig- implements and Chinese curios in ging their holes. The ledge was traced America, if not in the world, was stemmed pips and meditating.
"Michel, come with me," said Rai-monde, briefly. across the country for a distance of brought to La Porte by Captain Royal several miles by means of these badger Ingersoll, United States navy, who, on in that section of the country, and, as Yokohama, where for the past two the limestone came very near the suryears be had been in command of the
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plant I'll bet \$500 that I can be provided to the limestone can be plant I'll bet \$500 that I'll b faces as they gained the entrance. An involuntary exclamation of thanksgiving where the badgers could dig holes deep Admiral Evans' squadron. The prin-"We are free-free!" uttered Rose, with sweet and thrilling selemnity; and pausing an instant, she bowed her head amough for their dens was in the soft cipal part of the collection consists of taneously, and as he could only stake United States consumes more than yellow clay which filled the lead at the sixty-three Chinese and Japanese surface. The genus are pronounced by weapons and implements of war, of experts to be equal to the true blue which thirty-six are a complete set of oriental suppliers, and command as the official weapons of the viceroys of good if not better prices from the leading jewelers of London, Paris and New the world outside of China is there When depth is attained on the vetn it is ums and in the possession of promin-found to be hard clay or shale, the re-ent persons who have traveled in the bet with you." voices at some distance to the right and the faintly discerned forms of persons moving through the trees. Jacques paussuit of volcanic eruption and identical China are found incomplete sets.

In appearance with the diamond de
Each weapon in this set of thirty

fore have they been found in the origi-nal matrix in which they were placed there being no two exactly alike in the They pressed forward silently, but they

were perceived.

"Yander-yonder! the third tree on the right!" whispered Jacques, frantically; "hide her, or she is lost!"

There were shouts behind; the brigands. port. The first shipment of these stones one of the Orient. Six of the weapon ness, and their suspicious were roused. They commenteed a pursuit. But they pursued only the count and Jacques; for Louis had gently placed the form of the and instantly took an opposite direction to lead their pursuers away from the spot. The ruse succeeded; the brigands

American cut stones, with the charac- ble moon blades, another is like a skillful cutting. The American company has in addition to its claims in weapons weigh from five to to County, from which there are washed darins. every month several thousand carats of sapphires of all colors and tints, ranging from greenish blue, pinks, straw

olors and whites. The Rock creek field also produces among the sapphires a number of rudes, some of them of the true pigeon blood tint, which exceed many times over the value of the finest diamonds These stones in Missoula County are found in the gravel and not in the matrix like the ones in Fergus County. They have evidently been washed by glacial action from some vein, the locallty of which has never been discovlamp swinging from the roof. How long he had been here he was unable to guess; but the scenes through which he had passed relative to the rescue of Rose in Montana, but until the Yogo fields were discovered in 1895 very few of the true blue sapphires were found. Many of these off-colored stones, as they are called, are of great beauty, the pinks and straw colors being exceptionally beautiful, and, while they have not the stamp of fashion the finer ones are purchased at high prices by the lovers of fine gems. Both of these companies are preparing to mine these stones on a

large scale.—Chicago Chronicle. Utah proposes to avert pending calamity to her agricultural section by upplying the Great Salt Lake basin with needed water. Irrigation has cut off the supply and the lake itself is in imminent danger of drying up. The usual supply of water is being withheld and evaporation is rapidly lowering the level of the lake. ago the shores of the great inland sait sea were high on the mountains, where the line of the ancient brook is visible hands."
"Name the favor and it is yours, monsteller."
"I desire the use of the keys which unlock the doors of these cells, and you chance of escape come to either of them?

To Jacques his thoughts turned. As to-day and the lake, which has sunk to been brought back, and he, too must be its present dimensions, promises to disappear for more rapidly than in the chance of escape come to either of them?



AN ENGLISH JOKE.

John Bull-Joe, you make me laugh with your funny sayings.-Cincin-

WEAPONS OF THE CHINESE.

Capt, Hoyal Ingersoli's Fine Collection-Some Curions Implements.
Captain Royal Ingersoll, United We will see to that, monsieur-we will States navy, for some years one of the the deep silence of his lonely cell to think of those cruel words.

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Deposit of Precious Stones Uncarthed by the Busy Animals.

The discovery of the ledge of precious atones on Yogo creek, Fergus County, Montana, was made by the These animals were numerous Sunday, arrived in this city direct from

posits of Kimberley, in South Africa.

True blue sapphires are found in India in the glacial gravels, but never bedien extremely hard and said:

six is about ten feet long and consists f. r. Instead of fumping at the chance them in their white state. Afterward they are sent to the designer, who the wood being extremely hard and said: by the volcano which created them. set. All are more or less suggestive The new gem fields are located about of fishing and farming implements, af-100 miles northeast of Helena, on a ter which they were evidently made tributary of the Judith River, in Feroriginally. Some of the weapons have gus County. The geological survey brass trimmings, with dragons' heads ook note of the deposits in its late re- thereon and other figures that remind was a cigar box full, which was ship-per to a New York jeweler, who bought them for \$3.750. He pronounced them army, including the Emperor. Two of Max O'Rell. The reason is conthem for \$3,700. He pronounced them army, including the Empediation of the Linder and the state of the state of the Linder and the state of the state of the Linder and the state of the state of the Linder and the state of the Linder and the state of have asked for all that can be fare, while the others were used in the Frenchman at table. obtained, offering prices ranging from days when the Chinese army was not phires. One, a London concern, has all star knife, another has a blade like a say we took to the kilt because our of its stones cut in London, while the Malay croese; still others are shaped feet were too large to get through American company has a plant in Hel- like harpoons, some have prongs, one is trousers?" ena, where the stones are cut. The a steel club, some have single and douteristic skill of American workmen, spear or pike pole, one blade is like an command a botter price, because of the inverted half-moon and some are like superlor fire and lustre due to the more forks. The blades are of extra fine oany has in addition to its claims in weapons weigh from five to twelve Ledger. of ground on Rock Creek, in Missoula from the residences of Chinese man-

> Deceiving the Spirits. The custom of boys wearing ear-rings in China is thus popularly ex-

the greatest blessing that beaven can send. The spirits like boy babies. It is natural that they should; everybody ilkes them. Very often, if the boy babies are not watched closely, the spirits who are constantly around grab up are girls, and will pass on and not by the natives. trouble them.

Time to Hedge His Wager. man to deal with.

off with an accompanying committee table ivory is manufactured into but-of two to see the money lender.

"Mr. Cash" (that wasn't his name), he said, "these gentlemen have but me factory it is cut into three slabs. In York. The stones are found at the sur-face of the ledge in soft, yellow clay. number of the world's largest muse you. I don't need the money, but you is partially shaped. Afterward the let me have it for a day and I'll divide thread holes are drilled and counter-

of the cool proposition was unlooked powder made in drilling to pollsh

"Did you make that bet?"

"T did." "You bet \$500 that you could borrow money from me?" "That's what I did."

"Then"—in a whisper—"go and hedge."—New York Press.

Little or No Hope.

He-I believe she has; the least she ever gave to any fellow.-Philadelphia

Freight Hauls in America. The railways of the United States haul 1,000 tons of freight a year for each employe.

Often the explanation has nothing to plained by the Chinese: The boy is do with the case.



Every little while somebody springs up and says, "Amateur photography is dying out," and the wise ones nod their heads and say it must be so, be-cause they do not see so many out with cameras now as they used to.

Some people still ride bicycles, because they find the wheel a real necessity, but the faddists, who rede because it was the fashion, have long since consigned their machines to obliviou, and are now reveiling in the innocuous pleasures of ping-pong. It was much the same with photography. "You press the button," etc. advertisements started the mob into the photographic shops, and in a com-

paratively short time a person who did not own a camera was looked upon as an eccentric, unworthy of a place in a progressive community. But, after a while, the mob discovered that photography required an effort, and it was chagrined; so the camera was put away on the top shelf, and art breathed again.-Photo-Beacon.

Spots are often caused by not moving prints enough in the toning bath. By leaving the prints piled up the bath is not evenly distributed over the surfaces and consequently some spots tone more rapidly than others. Prints should be constantly moved, especially in a strong toning bath, and only a few prints should be toned at a time, except by those who have such experience as to warrant otherwise,-Camera and Dack Room.

BUTTONS GROW ON BUSHES. Nuts Furnish Many of These Needful

Articles for Wearing Apparet. No, the ivory buttons you wear do ot represent the death of an elephant in the wilds of Africa; your pearl buttons were probably never nearer than you took them to the shell of a biraive mollusk, and the probabilities tre that no rubber tree was ever tap ped to produce the hard rubber but tons that adorn your overcost, says Popular Mechanics. Down in Central America there is a fruit-producing palm that has quite metamorphosed he button business and formed the quelens for one of the most important ndustries in the United States. The seed of this fruit contains a milk that is sweet to the taste and relished by the natives. The milk when allowed to remain in the nut long enough b omes indurated and turns into a substance as brittle and hard as the Ivory Most of the buttons not used in America, whether termed ivory, pearl, rubber, horn or bone, come from this ivery plant. Thus the probabilities are that your buttons are uade from a vegetable milk and they grow on bushes. The Ivory plant is one of the mar

veis of the age and is rewarding the growers with vast fortunes. The nuts ire brought to the United States by the ship load and hauled across the ontinent to the big button factories, from which they issue forth in every conceivable design, color, grade and classification of button.

The ivory plant has recently been discovered in California, but the nut it produces in its wild state is of inferior quality and will not make good buttons. It is believed, though, that with the proper cultivation the fruit would be as valuable as the Central American. If so, the growing of buttons in America would become an industry of importance second only to

ton, for everybody wears buttons. The best ivory nut for commercia the unwatched boy babe and carry purposes is found on the banks of him off to their home. Girl babies the River Magdalens, in the United are not such blessings, and the spirits States of Colombia, where by some it care nothing for them. The earring is called the Tagua paim. The fruit is a feminine ornament, and the spirits know that; so the Chinese mothers size of a man's head and weighs from have the ears of their boy babes twenty to twenty-eight pounds. The plerced and put in buge earrings, head is a kind of cluster of buibs and When the spirits are around looking in all contains from fifty to sixty for boys they will see the carrings seeds. The seeds are allowed to dry and be fooled into thinking the boys and are harvested several times a year

The Apparel Gazette, the great dealers' authority on everything that people wear, says: "The ivory nut is Several turfmen were discussing the used almost solely in the manufacsharp methods of a certain bookmaker ture of buttons, though some factories who adds to his income by money-lending. He was conceded to be a hard nut, however, has superseded the archaic mud, rubber and bone buttons in "But 171 bet \$500 that I can borrow vogue formerly. It admits of wider ninance," said one. purpose than any other known sub"Done" answered the crowd simulstance and is easily worked. The one bet they pooled against him, one-half of the world's product of Thinking he had a sure thing, he went Ivory nuts and nine-tenths of the vege-

"When the nut reaches the button sunk. The button is then sent to the The committee gasped, but the effect polisher, who uses the shavings and the designs needed to make them match the various weaves, coloring and textures of fabrics. After receiving these outlines, if the buttons are to remain smooth and receive another coat of coloring, they are put into dyes. If they are to be stamped with a segreguted pattern they are put into a pressing machine fitted with dies of the pattern desired."

STORY OF A GOLD PIECE

had been cleaned he found that he had broken the record. In the stomach of a cod was found a \$10 gold piece, with two diamonds set on one side and the initials "P. C. E." on the other. Mr. Levy was so amazed that he sent the story to the papers, and it was copied throughout the country. This he thought would be the end of it, and was forgotten. But Tuesday of this week he received a letter from Patrick C. Evans, residing in Kansas, who Tattler. claims the \$10 piece as his own, Mr. Levy will surrender it to him. Mr. Evans in his letter tells the following

"I some days ago saw in a St. Louis paper an item about your catching a up a \$10 gold piece, on one side of which was a couple of diamonds and Strike it heavily with a slick or thrust on the other the letters 'P. C. E.' The it open with a spear, and in an instant coin is my property, Mr. Levy. The coin son: I was fool enough about five years ago to go into a 'wildcat' gold nining scheme in Colorado. I paid the piper to the tune of \$4,000 before I found out what I was up against. The only thing I got out of the enterprise was this same \$10 piece, which I borrowed from the president of the company, a man named Harris Colby, at Lendville, Col., having only a check in my pocket at the time and being shy ready money. As it happened, I did not change it, and the next day the ine busted up. So I said I would keep the coin as a warning to me not to be played as a sucker by any man or men who owned gold mines. Frank H. Wells, a jeweler, of Denver, Col., put two diamonds in the piece, and also put my initials on the date side, charging me \$30 for the job, and I guess the transaction is still on his books if you wish to verify my statement.
"I were the coin some years, and it

made good whenever I was tempted to go into some scheme that promised nch of money for next to nothing invested. I was in New York on May 4, and remained over for some time with friends. We went blackfishing n the lower bay, and I was hauling in a fish, when somehow or other the chats to which the coin was fastened

got caught in the rigging of our sloop, which just then rolled, the chain anap ped, and away went the colu. You can prove the cruth of this if you will write , when I will write and send you the addresses of witneses of the accident. I will also give you references of good men here and in New York, will vouch for my business and moral character. I am interested in the salt industry of this town, and have also mining and ranch interests.

HIS NERVE WON.

Hown Young Man Succeeded in Gala-

ing Papa's Consent.
As the young man entered, the old man looked up and scowled. "Well," said the old man, shortly. "Your daughter—" began the young

nan, but the old man out him off abruntly. "I've noticed that you've been hang-

ing around here a good deal," he said.
"I suppose that you've come to tell me that you love her and want to marry her?" "No," replied the young man, calmiy,

"I've come to tell you that she loves me and wants to marry me." "What?" roared the old man. "She says so herself," persisted the

young man.
"I never heard of such an exhibition of egotistical impertinence," said the

old man. "Then you misunderstand me," ex-

plained the young man. "My assertion is dictated by policy and not by impertinence. You see, it's just this way: What I want is nothing to you; now, "Why-er-not exactly."

"I might want a thousand dollars, but that wouldn't matter to you, "Certainly not."

"You're under no obligation to supply me with what I want, are you?"

"Hardly." "Then, what a foolish proposition it would be for me to come to you and say, 'Mr. Parkinson, I have been very favorably impressed with your house and furniture, or 'I think I'd like your daughter,' or anything else in that line. But when your daughter wants anything it's different. Now, isn't it differ

"It certainly is different," admitted

the old man, cautiously.
"Precisely," said the young man.
"She and I figured that all out very carefully last night. You see, I have no particular prospects, and we could both see that there wasn't one chance in a hundred that you would give her to me. Ther she suggested that you had never yet refused anything that she wanted, no matter what the cost might be, and that perhaps it would be a good plan to change the usual order somewhat. We sort of felt that it wouldn't be right to ask you to do anything for me, but it's different in her case, as I remarked before. So I'm here merely as her agent, to say that she wants me, and that she wants me very much, and to ask you to please see that she gets me. She never has wanted anything so much as she wants me, and I am so favorably disposed toward her, that, if you care to make the investment, I shall be quite willing to leave the terms entirely to you and

Naturally, she got him. No wideawake man is going to overlook chance to get such a fine sample of nerve in the family.

Miraculous Vault in Dublin. The most interesting place of pil-grimage in Dublin is St. Michan's Church, where the organ is still to be seen upon which Handel is said to have composed his "Messiah." In the graveyard is the last resting place of Robert Emmet, and the vault of St. Michan's provides a more grewsome thrill than the morgue. The sexton lifts an iron door and descends a few rude steps carrying a light, without which the place would be pitch dark. You follow and find yourself in a narrow passage, from which cell-like recesses belonging to different families branch off. Whether it is owing to Some few weeks ago A. E. Levy, of the extreme dryness of the surroundthained, offering prices ranging from days when the Chinese army was not to as high as \$100 per carat.

There are two companies mining saphires. One, a London concern, has all star knife, another has a blade like a say we took to the kilt because our discontinuous and the companies of the pince, the process of personal could shall be a say we took to the kilt because our discontinuous and the companies of the pince, the process of decay has been arrested, and the features of personal could shall be a say we took to the kilt because our discontinuous and the companies of the pince, the process of decay has been arrested, and the features of personal could shall be a say we took to the kilt because our discontinuous and the companies of the pince of t recognized from authentic portraits. Here lie the brothers Sheares, who were executed for their share in the United Irish conspiracy, side by side almost with the Earl of Leitrim, who was murdered about thirty years ago. The Earl's aucestors for hundreds of years back rest in the same vault. Perhaps the strangest thing about the the matter slipped from his mind and vault is the fact that, spart from the weird sensation, there is nothing offensive in the surroundings.-London

> The Octopus. The following pen-portrait of this strange creature has been given by a recent writer-"Sometimes you will see one crawling over the congewol, changing from one pool to another in codfish which when you opened it gave search of prey; its greeny-gray eyes regard you with defiant malevolence. its color, which a moment before was is valuable to me, for the following rea- either a dark mottled brown or a mingled reddish black, changes to a ghastly, horrible marbled gray; the horrid tentacles writhe and cling to the weapon or spread out and adhere to the surrounding points of rock; a black inky fluid is ejected from the soft, pulpy, and shiny body, and then, after raining blow after blow upon it, it lies unable to crawl away, but still twisting and turning and showing its red and white suckers a thing of horror indeed, the embodiment of all that s hateful, wicked, and malignant to nature."

Only One Place for Him-Darkleigh Brown-Br-r, but it's cold. m just dying to get to some place where it'll be really warm. Leiter Green-Well, I can't think of any quicker way to get there,-New

A Change.

Her headgear now is strangely great; It tilts and veers in mad delight. She queries, "In my hat on straight? For it is it isn't right!"

Sometimes a bank cashler saves up enough to pay his running expenses.

God will not give you power until

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