The Contrabandist; One Life's Secret!

TRUE STORY THE SOUTH FRANCE

on the loss of the price he had thought so safe, joined rucklessly in the income riot. The leaping, dancing fire of lagois glowed radly in the center of the cavern, easting a ruddy light upon each of those dark, awarthy, undurn countenances, grim and fierce, that clustered about it. Higher and higher leaped the flames, and more noise grows the necessaries of the income of the from the opposite direction—a confused from the direction in which lies was point. Higher and higher happed the flames, and more nolay grow the merciment of the brigands, till, finally, there came a lall in the while tempest of mileth. One by one grow less chanceous, showly drows mass lay atteched upon the beaps of skins that covered the cavern floor, in a torpor, even to Gasparde himself.

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sloud of this white vapor arose, spreading and circling till it filled the entire cav-ers, and a carious odor, faint, yet overpowering, was perceptibly proceeding from it. Ramonde, helding a handler thief to his fare, waited some five or ten minutes, then, approaching the senseless form of Gasparde, devictorate removed from the learners tell about his waist the ponderous keys that belonged to the walk.

taine, I'll warrant!" he mattered, with gnashing like a wild beart, as he santch a low churche. "You should be a little ed a pistol from his belt; "I will know—less excless. All people are not as hone of will know who is to will. Come on, my est as yourselt!" And, blind

Swiftly and quietly be traversed the Swirtly and quiety he traversed the gallery leading to the ords and opened the first door. It chanced to be the one in which the count was confined. Limia heard the heavy key turning in the wards; he looked to see Gaspards. But it was a carreful hand that unclosed the door, and silently into the cell stopped Haimends. simonte.
"Hist! be quiet, monsion le compte

he whitepered, as Lunia, recognizing him appraing to his feet, with a half-suppress ed exclamation of surprise; do not speak. I have come to give you your Director.

"My liberty, Raimende! Where are the brigands? Where is Gasparile?" "Sound salesp, meadour, and I have some reason to believe they won't wake in a harry. I have given them something to help. Here—I will take off these jew. els of yours; I dare say you wou't he sorry to be rid of them." And steepla-down, he unlocked and knocked off the fetters of the count.

"Ten thousand thanks, Rajmonde?" ex-claimed Louis, warmly. "But how did you know we had been retaken?"

you know we had been retaken?"
"I had returned to the eavern to get something which I had left here, monsleur, and was going away again, when we saw the men coming back with you and Jacques. You were in a swoon, I suppose, for II took two or three to carry you. We had some ado to get out of their way—Michel and I—without being seen. I watched, afterwards, while they were caronsing around the fire, and stale in. They are quite enough new. Come. In. They are quiet enough now. Come, manufeur, but stop a moment I see you will need something more than what you wear how. I will come back in a mo-

He left the cell, and directly returned. carrying a bundle of garmouts very much like those Louis was accustomed to wear in his excursions about the country. The hem, and then left the cell with his companion. How his heart leaped? What a thrill ran through him as he felt that he was once more at liberts?

Raimonde's next step was to liberate Jacques. The poor fellow was almost beside himself with joy, and only the ab-solute need of silence kept him from giving unbounded expression to his delight Stepping cautionaly among the extend-ed forms of the drugged alumberers, the three rapidly ascended to the cutrance, sprang out upon the forest soil and sped rapidly and silently away in the early dawn. Cool and fresh the morning wind came to the brown of these men, so lately prisoners, and it was like the benediction of an angel. For some distance they pursued their way together, and then

Raimonde paused.
"Now, monsieur le campte, I will leave you, as I wish to strike off to the right I should like to have Jacques go

"Well-well; then I bid you adjeu!" re turned the count, warmly, grasping hi band; "and I trust we shall meet again when I may offer you a more adequat

reward for your services than you re-ceived last night. I thank you a thou-sand times, my friend?"

And they separated, Raimonde and Jacques taking a right-hand direction, and Louis keeping the path to the cha-

Suddenly, as he advanced, some object Suddenly, as he auranced, some object upon the ground attracted his attention. Picking it up, he found it to be a little tiny slipper. It was one of hers! He had seen her wear it often. He gased upon it for a moment with feelings of un-utterable emotion, and then placed it in

his breast. "Poor little Rose!" he marmared ten-

derly; "where are you now?"

With the little relic sare in his breast, he pressed on. Soon he observed that the turf all about him appeared to have been trampled and crushed with many feet, whose impress it still bore. Every-where as he went this appearance conwhere as he went this appearance con-tinued. Further on, he came upon a torch lying extinguished upon the ground. Anon he picked up a handkerchief, em-hreldered with a delicate cipher-Francis Exerton's own. What could it mean? He reflected a moment. Yes—they had been seeking her—the people from the chatean seeking for Rose, their lost darling. And this torch was evidently one which they had carried in their search by night. couraged to think that they

had found her.
"And now, Gasparde," he said, involuntarily speaking aloud—"now, if all who rejoiced none might know how deep-your anticipated victims are safe from your tolls, look to your own safetyl for that den of yours while be opened to the light, and its intention of her cousin. light, and its iniquitous secrets revealed. An hundred men shall gather this day and rout you from your fancied security!"

Even as he spoke he suddenly seemed to hear voices shouting, one to another, none of it.

The brigands were having a merry on rousal after their return; and Gasparde, maddened by the cool, coorageous definence of his prisoner, and with reflecting on the loss of the prize he with reflecting of those voices came to be mistaken, the school of the prize he will reflect the cool of those voices came to be mistaken. some of his prisoner, and with reflecting of those voices came to his ear on the on the loss of the prime he had thought still, clear air of the morning, and the

form was yields by the red glow of the smoldering embers, slowly and carefully down from the mouth it came, possing at each step, and Relimonde's eyes glanced from face to face of those slospers. He had been watering ever since that time come when, without guard or watching ever commenced, and now was the time come when, without guard or watching, the way was left slope for him.

Stealing nedeclessly in he scattered upon the dying embers, from a small parcel in his hand, a time powder that came.

With sudden and firm resolution, Louis formed, marmed as he was, save with the stick which had served thus far to lear his path, and prepared to meet him. With a loader yell of triumph at be-hobling his anticipated victim so near, the brigand rushed on.

to drink his heart's blood, shound Gasparde, raging and



LOUIS PURSUED BY GASPARDS.

with rage, he dashed at his adversary What was to be the fate of Louis? There were four to one! But the other ree, tearing forward to the assistance of their master, anddenly paused, hen hastily turned and fled. No Louis nor Gasparde, however, saw any thing beyond each other; while the vi harged weapon from his grasp, cast him

ctus, followed by two or three of the illugers, stashed into the little glade, to the scene of combat. With exclamations of joy. Louis and his nucle threw them. es into each other's arms: while Franbut his handsome, deep-blue eyes sparkled with tears.

other direction; for Gasparde had risen to his feet, and his cry of rage and de-spair rang through the forest. Described by his companions, who had fled on wit-nessing the numbers of the approaching party, and desittate of weapons, he turn-ed and was bounding away, when a shot from one of the villagers struck him. With one horrible ery he sprang into the air and then fell heavily to the earth, There was a convulsive movement of the limbs, a contraction, a sudden spissm, and the form was stretched out in mo-

There was a time of silence, and then Francis clasped the hand of Louis and rew him gently away from the scene.
"It is too horrible," he uttered, with a midder. "Come, dear Louis, to where

shadder. "Come, dear Louis, to where a fairer sight awalts you; let us go and meet Rose, our sweet little blossom, who owes to you her safety!"

"She is safe, then!" said Louis, with animation; "ab, that repays me for all!"

"Ay—safe! We found her in the wood an hour or two since; and without waiting longer than to meet Helen, and assure or af her safety, the data girl inside. her of her safety, the dear girl insisted on guiding us instantly in the direction of the cave in which she had been con-fined. We were proceeding thirbry, with the domestics and villagers, armed with any wespons at command, when we per-ceived your form and that of your as-sullant. But see-youder comes Rome on the arm of the Count de Chairville!"

It was indeed the beautiful Rose, pale out smiling, who, advancing lightly in her white robes, over the forest turf, Louis with a low cry of joy, and with fervent gladoness returned his altent but eloqueit embrace. Then she stood apart as the Count de Clairville, with unspeakable emotion, greeted the escaped cap-

The bands of people who had gathered to assist in the search for the young count were gay with rejoicing as they wended their triumphant way back to their their friminant way have to their homes; and at the gates of the chateau, the good marquis extended to them, one and all, a cordial invitation to a merry-making, during the following week, to celebrate the happy return of his lost children. And then, among that joyful way were forever thanksgiving family, there were fervent thanksgivings and explanations followed and recitals of past plot and peril; and not the least blessed of all was Helen Montauban,

cousin.

Jacques, making his appearance next day at the chateau, was made a hero of; and fain would all have heaped favors and rewards upon him, but he would none of it. "He was going to Lyons, to eighty-five women for every 100 men."

seek master Hugh," he said, "and follow his fortunes," And that very day he departed. Home was deeply affected when she heard of this resolution. She longed to see her father, and confide to him all the trouble she had so lately endured—all that had been on her mind concerning Hobin; but, with further thought, she decided that it was better to retain her vexation and trouble within her own vexation and trouble within her own breast until she had confessed all to the narquis; for now she resolved to delay hat confession no longer.

And so Jacques went, and Hose only gave him a thousand loving messages for her father, and bade him tell of her ad-venture, and her final safety, and of the eath of the villain Gasparde. Nothing fall her sorrow did she desire her father a know yet. He must think of her only happy and cuntent.

The next day there was a gathering of tout and sturdy men from far and near round with surviceable weapons; and the orest was searched, and the robbers e discovered—a piace never known till o by the dwellers in that region. But brigatels had fled—their chief no longwith them; and the cavern was empty ip, and the men went in various directions to gain an unlawful living else getting married?" where; but they never were heard of again. Ruimonde went to Italy, and thenceforth was unheard from. (To be continued.)

YOUNG INVENTORS

Useful Discoveries Made by Children

is Their Picz.
Many cases are reported where mere hildren have made discoveries in their youthful diversions which have exrted a wonderful influence on important Industries in their delevopment. The children of a Dutch spectacle maker imprened to be playing with some of their father's glasses in front of the shop door. Placing two of the glasses together they peeped brough them and were exceedingly astonished to see the weathercock of a neighboring steeple brought, seemlugly, within a short distance of their eyes. They were very naturally puzsled, and called their father to see the strange sight. He was no less sur- do you speak? prised than the children had been. He conceived the idea that he might utilize of fare French, buby talk, society gabthis strange feature in the construction ble and boarding house table goods. of a curious toy which would be pro-ductive of both wonder and smuse ment among his friends. He did so and Galileo, hearing of this toy that was said to make distant things appear close at hand, saw at once what a help it would be to the study of the heavens. This was the first inception of his tele

When the poor Geneva mechanic Argand invented his burner, after securng an adequate and controllable flow of air to the interior, making what he ermed a "double current" burner, long endeavored to devise some means by which the current supplied to the outer circumference of the flame could be trengthened and regulated, and his efforts might have been longer de-layed had it not been for the thoughtless juvenile experiments of his little brother. One day, while Argand was busy in his workroom and sitting before the burning lamp, the boy was musing himself by placing a bottomess glass flask over different articles Suddenly he placed it over the flame of the lamp, which instantly shot up the long, circular neck of the flask with increased brilliancy. Argand was not the man to let such a suggestive occurene escape him. Thus the idea of the lamp chimney was born, and in a short time perfected and patented.-Weekly Bouquet.

Thief Caught by Turtles. The pickpocket who tried to "pinch" likely looking man's pocketbook and at full length upon the turf.

And now aid was at band; for the snapping turtles was a Japanese. A Marquis of Montanban and Francis Eg. native traveler in Japan had bought the turtles, and, being afraid that he would be charged heavily for their transportation as live antmals on the train, he placed them in a small per cis Egerton waved his car gaily in the air, and stepped lightly forward to greet Louis, calling. "Found—found] my dear-dear fellow!" and he classed the young man in a cardial and laughing embrace:

man in a cardial and laughing embrace:

man in a cardial and laughing embrace: table trunk which he carried. When man had something valuable in the box. So he got into the same car and took an adjoining seat. Taking the first opportunity he cut a small hole in the trunk with a sharp knife and slipped

in his hand. About this time the turtles conclud ed that there was "something doing" and they took hold of his fingers in a hearty way. Gritting his teeth, the thief tried to withdraw his hand, but he couldn't. Then he howled and the owner of the trunk selzed him and turned him over to the train people, who at the next station gave him to a The incident, however, wasn't closed until the traveler was punished for violation of the railway egulations.

Greatest Book Thief of All. Probably the most audacious and successful book thief that ever lived was Count Libri of Florence, who, de works!" emigrating to France, became in 1849. ecretary of a government commission to examine and catalogue the books and nanuscripts in the many communal libraries of the country. Availing him-self of his opportunities, of the care-Wearie Williamseness and ignorance of the custodians, and a consummate knowledge of the treasures unveiled to him, he quietby and leisurely despoiled the libraries t hundreds of their choicest manuscripts and most precious heirlooms, carefully obliterating afterward all igns that might lend to their identifica-

How the collection thus acquired ame into possession of the late Lord Ashburnham; by what means Libr's reference. robberies were afterward discovered able and remantic chapter in literary history,

Doctor and Patient.

Dr. Yungun-No, sir: 1 do not ap-prove of admitting others than the physician to the sick room. If the physician understands his business he can prepare the patient for the hereafter

Dr. Oldun-You mean, if he doesn't understand his business.-Baltimore American

In South Australia there are only

to Have Been Recently Born-Sayings and Doings that Are Old, Cur. ons and Laughable-The Week's Humor.

Emith-How old is your ion, Jones's Jen's-Ho'll be 21 to morrow. Smith-He's certainly a credit to

Jones-Well, he ought to be. I spent fifteen years in bringing him up and six more in calling him down.

Nothing to Do With it. "What, you married," excisioned the girl who had just returned from a str months' sol urn at the summer resents. Why, you said one time that you would never be any man's slave.

"True," replied the newly made bride, but what has that got to do with my

The Results of Society Education.



Miss Classic-How many languages Mr. Orr D. Nary-Five-Roglish, bill

Fortunate. Percy-I-aw-woodah why Miss Winsom is-aw-always out when Jack-On that girl was born under

a lucky star. Sure-Thing Camp. Biggs-I made a bet with Skinem on the result of the election this morning.

Diggs-Was the money put up? Biggs-No. Diggs-Well, I'll bet you two to one you will lose if you win

The Doctor-You regard society as merely a machine, do you? What part

of the machinery do you consider for instance? The Professor-You are one of the cratiks.

Choss the Wrong One Bleeker-Say, old chap, that eight on gave me yesterday was a daudy. Baxter-How careless of me.

Nothing Slow About It. Jack-How does that watch you wen at the raffle work? Tom-Oh, it's a willing worker, all

right. Some days it puts in thirty-six hours. Pa's Ontaion. Little Willie-Say, pa, this pape tells about a man who paraded his mis

Pa-Well, be might do it by escort muiden sisters to church, my son.

Spurned Dictation.



"What! Been playing football?" "No. Fell down stairs. You see, started to go down and my wife said 'Be careful, John,' and I'm not the man to be dictated to by any so I went."-Collier's Weekly.

Entirely To . Rapid. "Somehow I can't believe that the world was made in six days," said he unwilling skeptic

"Why not?" queried his friend, "Because," answered the n. s., necessarily belongs in the class of pub-

Secret Out at Last. Moldy Mike-Dis yer paper says the secret of aristercratic appearance is William-Dat's me.-New

Curious George. "George, would you love me if I were

"You will excuse me, my dear, if I decline to testify on the ground that I might incriminate myself."-Cleve land Plain Dealer.

Full Explanation. "I don't think very much of your

"I don't wonder, ma'am. My mir and traced back to him; together with tress was too busy to write it, ma'am, the recent sale of the library at a stuthe recent sale of the horary at a such pendous increase of price, and the methods by which the French government night school one winter, ma'am, an' the pen was a bad one."—Claveland

Not Like Mother Used to Make. Mrs. Slimdiet-You don't appear to e enjoying your applie pie, Mr. Fidg-

The New Boarder-Oh, I'm all right, ma'am; it's nature that's kicking. Nature abhors a vacuum, you know .-Boston Transcript.

Natural Conclusions.

"There goes a man," some one said to Brother Dickey, "who has three livng wives." "My, my!" exclaimed the old man wus he ho'n crasy or los' his mind growin' up?"—Atlanta Constitution. Charitable Act.

make the world happier?" asked the demn-looking person with the uniur-

Sure," answered the Jolly man with the double chin. "I was once invited to sing in public and declined."

Can't Fool 'Em. She-So you think that men are smarter than women, do you? He Some men, but not all.

He-Old bachelors. Bomewhat Different Little Willie-Are density and constency the same, papa's Ps-Certainly not, my son. Only a

She-Well, what men are smarter?

don e man would be consistent at all times.

Ing conversational sts? Diggs-Oh, I suppose it's because that survived boiling for five minutes. they are too modest to talk shop.

Femluine Chairity. "Yes," said Mrs. Noomaw, proudly, "Oh, we'll, don't let that worry you,"

His Opinion.

Singleton-But don't you think there hould be music in every house? o is the alleged music next door.

Tommy's Observation, mny than when we're alone.

New World. Desperate Case.
Mr. Tenguewed (excitedly)—Go up to ly house as quick as you can, doctor.

My wife has tumbled down stairs. Doctor-Was it much of a fall? Mr. Tongnewed-Much of a fall! Why, man, she was knocked speech--New World.

Nothing Home-Made. Mrs. Nurl ch-Well, I shou'd say not.

the got all of them things made to order in Paris.-Philadelphia Press.

Could Lick 'Em Both,



Visitor-Well, Johnny, I suppose your father thinks the twins are some-

phia Ledger.

Good Prospect. Summer Hotel Propeletor (proudly)-Searly all my watters are college men the are working their way through Guest-Well, Judging by the way they work their guests, they'll all be

graduated with honors.-New World. Fatisfactory Arrangement, Yes, we have the handsomest ushers in town at our church."

"Really? "Yes. They are so handsome that the comen who visit us on Sundays are

A Rare Chance. Nell-I was delighted to meet her at bargain sale to day.

Belle—I thought you detested her. Nell—So I do; and during the crush found a chance to give her a good pokes on my own account.-Philadelphia Ledger. Shutting Him Up.

"Yes," said the egotistical parson, "I am proud of the fact that I am a self-made man, but, strange to say, 1 from their curious fingers, and they achave never yet encountered a self- quired such dexterity that when bath-

to disgust a woman with the self-mak-Water as a Cure.

plexion and wishes one has a simple remedy right at hand if she cares to intimate study of the fresh-water fishes use it. And it is water, applied not of Europe, later the subject of one of outwardly, but inwardly. That is not his important works, began with his so much outwardly as inwardly.

This authority says that the sallow rat. girl should drink two quarts of water | As a boy he amused himself also between rising and retiring, but not a with all kinds of handicrafts on a drop at meals. More than this, the small scale. The carpenter, the col water drunk must not be too cold. bler, the tailor were then as much defee water does not help the cause of veloped in him as the naturalist. Cool spring water, if it is to Swiss villages it was the habit in those be had. 19 better, or, at least, water of the temperature of spring water. days for the tradespeople to go from house to house in their different vocathe temperature of spring water.

The drinking of too little water he tions. The shoemaker came two or believes to be the cause of many ilis. Surely here is a way to attain beauty of complexion that is simpler than family by the day; the tallor came to many of the cosmetics prescribed, but fit them for garments which he made its very simplicity will keep it from in the house; the cooper arrived before being much used, for there are in the the vintage to repair old barrels and land a number of people who believe hogsheads or to make new ones, and in complicated prescriptions that puz- to replace worn-out hoops; in short, to gie them, but in nothing that they fit up the cellar for the coming sea-

understand. Marriage occasionally sobers a man these who is intoxicated with love.



In the electric furnace of H. Gold schmidt, a ton of steel is made from the ore by 4,000 horse-power hours of ing of eye and hand gained in these childish plays.

energy, and from scrap iron by 1,300 horse-power hours, Annemic persons and convatescents eeking strength find great benefit in the grape cure, which is an autumn attraction at Wiesbaden. The effects are

explained by the sugar, which forms 25 to 50 per cent of the grapes. The hot springs that contain living bacteria are much below boiling point Biggs-I wonder why most profess in temperature, but J. Adams, of Dub-lensi joke writers are such interest. Hn. reports having observed eggs of a In temperature, but J. Adams, of Dubcertain mite (Tyroglyphus histiostoma)

Traction tests with electric automobiles in London have shown a surprising increase of the starting pull on alled pavements. A pull of thirtyeveryhedy says the buby looks just nine pounds per ton was needed to start on dry asphalts, forty-nine and a replied Mrs. Neighbors, "I've always 104 pounds on dry mscadam. On heard that the homether a baby is the greasy asphalt a pull of nearly several to the school greasy asphalt a pull of nearly several peces." half pounds on wood pavement and enty-nine pounds per ton was neces-Bary.

The wireless system of telegraphy has been tested successfully in the Weslerly-Sure. But what I object Coast Survey. Last summer, as an experiment, one of the surveying vessels, using short-distance apparatus, Mamma (to a friend who is lunching transmitted the half-second beats of its that the half second beats of its that the half second beats of its the half second beats of its that the half second beats of its always cut more when we have com- than sixty miles away, where they were automatically recorded on a mov-Tominy thelping himself to a third ing tape. It is anticipated that for lere of cake-I know why it is, the determination of longitude we have better things to est .- Wireless system will eventually take the place of cable and telegraph lines.

Human life is possible under varied conditions, and, if a recent report is correct. British New Guines has a tribe whose environment has made as walking and canoeing are alike imtrees just above the marshes. Disuse Mrs. Gaddle—I see you're going in has caused their limbs to shrink, while for society. Has your daughter made their trunks have become bloated, givhas caused their limbs to shrink, while ing them an ape-like appearance and guit.

German experts any that wood which has been floated in rafts, or otherwise, gives a more trustworthy material for joinery and building purposes than does that which has been carted, or otherwise carried dry, to the sawmill and workshop. The reason is that while the wood is lying in the water its sap and albuminous and salty materials are dissolved out. If these sub stances remain in the wood they readlly absorb moisture from the atmosphere, after coming out of the drying rooms, and the wood swells. Artificial processes of washing out the hygroscopic substances from wood which has not been floated are practiced in Germany.

In describing experiments made for the Department of Agriculture on the effects of lime and magnesia upon ani-mal production, D. W. May of the thing wonderful?

Johnny-Yes. But (in a confidential whisper) I could lick 'em both, easy.—

that it is a well-known fact that the greatest development in live stock has greatest development d "Well," raid the boarder who was fond of quoting things, "opportunity and quality of its live stock, and espeadds that in the blue-grass region of "Huh!" snorted Slopsy, "an opportu-nity to pay my board bill knocked at my door four times to-day."—Philadel. in phosphates. But even in that favored region experiments are under way to determine whether the quality of the animals may not be improved by the addition of certain mineral elements to the food.

INCIDENTAL EDUCATION.

Acquirements That Contributed Toward Success of Louis Agassiz.

It does not appear that Louis Agas any precoclous predilection for study, but his love of natural history showed itself almost from infancy. In "Life perfectly satisfied to sit where they and Correspondence of Agassiz," by are put, and never go away grumbling because they can't occupy the best of our remed pews?"-Cleveland Plain very little fellow he had, besides his collection of fishes, all sorts of pets: birds, field-mice, hares, rabbits and guinea pigs, whose families he reared with the greatest care. Guided by his knowledge of the haunts and habits of fishes, he and his brother Auguste became the most adroit of young fishermen, using processes all their own, and quite independent of book, line or net. Their hunting grounds were the holes and crevises beneath the stones or in the water-washed walls of the lake shore. No such shelter was safe

ing they could selze the fish even in "Oh, that's casily explained," rejoin, the open water, attracting them by lited the auburn-haired female, "one tie arts to which the fish submitted as caped death by a margin of less than a glance at a self-made man is enough to a kind of fascination. Such amusements are no doubt the delight of many a lad who lives in the country, but they illustrate the unity of Agassiz' intellectual development A well-known physician says that from beginning to end. His pet ani-the girl who has not a clear commals suggested questions, to answer mals suggested questions, to answer which was the task of his life; and his

> first collection from the Lake of Mothree times a year with all his materials, and made shoes for the whole

Agassiz seems to have profited by these lessons as much as by those he person 'earned from his father; and when a paper.

little fellow he could cut and put to gether a well-fitting pair of shoes for his sisters' dolls, was no bad tallor, and could make a miniature barrel that

vas perfectly water-tight. He remembered these trivial facts as valuable part of his incidental education. He said he owed much of his dexterity in manipulation to the train-

INCONSIDERATE FRIENDS.

They Did Not Do Things Exactly to

Suit the Barrawer, Eben Rawles was the town borrower. The position would seem to most persons to be one which would deprive the incumbent of the right to find fault, but Eben took a different view

"It bests all how long it takes some folks to read the newspapers," he said discontentedly one day to an idle list-"Now there are the John Potener. ters; a well-meaning family as ever lived, but they're downright thought-Why, again and again when I less. step in for their paper first thing in the morning, they won't know where it is. Oftentimes I've waited as much as half an hour while they hunted up that paper, and then very likely there'd be one page missing, and nobody'd

"They haven't got any system, that's the trouble with 'em. It's a large famlly of different ages, and I suspect they portion off the paper in the evening, stead of keeping it all together and reading it one at a time.

"I can manage better with their weeklies, for I told Mls' Potter I'd go right over Friday murnings soon as it came, and read it out on the porch. Then they could do what they were a mind with it afterward.

"But I experience my greatest tronble with the magazines," said Mr. Rawles, sadly, "I pledge you my word it's been ten days after a magasine was out, time and again, before I've got a sight at it. They keep it to read sloud, the women folks do. It's a them incapable of walking. These dreadful wasteful habit, but I can' people live in a swampy region, and, make any impression on 'em. An make any impression on 'em. And when I get it," and Mr. Rawles aspracticable, they remain constantly in sumed a stern expression, "It's ten to their dwellings, which are built in the one if that youngest child hasn't been allowed to cut a picture out of it that just spoils some advertising article.

"To persons situated as I am all printed mater is valuable, and I hate see such tampering with it; but we all have our trials, and I suppose discipline is what we need."

EUROPE'S HIGHEST RAILWAY. Roadbed and Track a Fantastic Play

of Turns and Loops. The Albula-Engudine line, opened for traffic recently in Switzerland, is described by Emil Rucker, in Page's magazine, as the highest in Europe.

The line traverses scenery of great beauty. By turns and loops and by the steepest gradient the track leads now above and below the highway, through the Bergunstein, famous for its guilles and rocks, to Bergun, 4,500 Abruptly emerging from rocky de

flies, the train passes Bergun, sur-rounded by the giant Albula Dolomites, Piz Rugnux, Piz d'Aela and the Albulahorn. During the last part of the panorama the rallway follows the slopes of the mountains. Between Muot and Naz parts of the railway may be seen above, below and on each side, with its chain of viaducts, galleries and bridges.

It is almost impossible to follow the convolutions of the line as by threefold turns and loops it passes through tunnels suggestive of the St. Gothard and the Brenner Railways. After ascending more than 1,300 feet the line reaches the entrance to the main tun rel at Preda. The track is in its last part a fantastic play of turns and loops, from which, by an easy ascent, one reaches the pass of the Weissenberg and the Devil's valley, where the steep basin of rocks is crowned by the twin giant. (Piz Giumells).

Here the Albula chain is pierced by tunnel more than three miles long, 6,175 feet above the sea and 3,900 feet under the Piz Glumells, passing the dividing ridge between the waters of the Rhine and the Danube-the highest standard rallway track in Europe.

Modest Request. The wit of the Irish is proverbial, and instances are not wanting to show that they have all their wits about them in time of danger. switchman employed in the freight yards of a Western city was unlucky enough one day to get his left foot fastened in that death-trap known as "frog." A vigorous effort to free himself falled. A freight-train was backing down upon him, not more than

forty feet away. Quick as thought he whipped his knife out of his pocker, opened it, cut the folds of his shoestring with one sweep of the blade, jerked his foot out of the shoe, leaving the latter in the frog, and jumped to one side.

The freight superintendent, hearing of his narrow escape, called him into

"Larry," he said, "you showed won-derful presence of mind in an emergency yesterday. I should like to do something for you to show my appreciation of it. What shall it be?"

"Well, sor," responded Larry, scratching his head, "the shoe is as good as iver, but the sthring's no good at all now. Ye might give me an ordher for a new pair av shoesthrings,

Moved by Inspiration. President Remsen, of John Hopkins University, who is one of the City College nlumni, tells this story of himself and of James Godwin, who was for many years a tutor at his Alma Mater. Mr. Godwin asked young Remsen at recitation a question in mathematics which the latter was unable for the

moment to answer. "Next," said the tutor, turning to the student who was to follow. Just then, however, the answer came to Remsen, who began to give it.
"You must be beside yourself," gen-

lally remarked Mr. Godwin. There are a good many laughs in the personal column of the average news-