## THE IRON PIRATE

A Plain Tale of Strange Happenings on the Sea

By MAX PEMBERTON

CHAPTER L.

The train moved slowly over the sandy aim—without aim, ha?" marsh which lies between Calais and Bou "And you mean to ru pretty head had fallen against the cushion. then being carried over the dull, drear him before December comes upon us " pasture land of France, to the lights, the

music and the life of the great capital. Roderick and I had been at Cains Colphan 24 years of age, young, rich, desire him at eight o'clock?" ing to know life, caring for no man, not vioil enough to realize danger, a good much danger," fellow, a gentleman. His sister was his only care. He gave to her the strength of | girl is waking! an undivided love.

For myself. Iwas 25 when the strange pened to me. My father had left me £50,000, which I drew upon when I was of age; but, shame that I should write ed to me. Of what was my future to be, I knew not. In the senseless purpose of my life, I said only, "It will come, the tide in my affairs which taken at the flood should lead on to fortune." And in this supreme folly I lived the days, now In the Mediterranean, now cruising round the coast of England, now flying of a sudden to Paris. A journey fraught with folly, the child of folly, to end in folly, so might it have been said; but who can foretell the supreme moments of our lives, when unknowingly we stand on the threshold of action? And who should expec; me to foresee that the man who was to touch the spring of my life's action sat before me-mocked of me, dubbed the Perfect Fool-over whose dead body I was to tread the paths of danger and the intricute ways of strange adventure?

But I would not weary you with more of these facts than are absolutely necesmary for the understanding of this story, surpassing strange. Mary and Roderick slept, while the Perfect Fool and I faced each other, sick to weariness with reflections upon the probability of being late or arriving before time. At last he spoke, and, speaking, seemed to be the Perfect Fool no longer.

"They're both asleep, aren't they?" he asked suddenly. "Would you mind making sure, for I have a favor to ask."

He was looking at me with a fitful plending look unlike anything he had shown previously. I assured him at once that he might speak his mind; that, even if Roderick should overhear us, I would pledge my word for his good faith.

I wanted to speak to you some days his hands continued to play with a paper. "It must seem curious in your eyes that I, who am quite a stranger to you, should have been in your company for some weeks, and should not have told you more than my name, Martin Hall. As the thing stands, you have been kind enough to make no inquiries; if I am an impostor, you do not care to know it; if I am a rascal hunted by the law, you have not been willing to help the law; you do not know if I have money or no money, a home or no home, people or no people, yet you have made me-shall I say, a

He asked the question with such a gentle inflexion of the voice that I felt a softer chord was touched, and in response I shook hands with him. After that he continued to speak.

"I am very grateful for all your trust, believe me, for I am a man that has known few friends in life. You have given me your friendship unasked, and it is the more prized. What I wanted to say is this, if I should die before three days have passed, will you open this packet of papers I have prepared and sealed for you, and carry out what is written there as well as you are able? As for are the man to overcome them as I hope to overcome them-if I live!"

The sun fell over the lifeless scene with out as Martin Hall ceased to speak. I had thought the man a fool and witless flighty in purpose and shallow in thought, and yet he seemed to speak of great mysjester's cloak fell from him, and I saw the mail beneath.

"Tell me, are you quite certain that you must be more explicit. In the first place, how did you get this absurd notion that you are going to die into your head? secandly, what is the nature of the obligation you wish to put upon me? Why should time you, who are going to Paris, as far as I mny reason to fear some mysterious calamity in a city where you don't know a

"Why am I going to Paris without aim. do you say? Without alm-1, who have shall accomplish to-night! I will tell you. I am going to Paris to meet one who, hefore another year has gone, will be wanted by every government in Europe; who, if I do not put my hand upon his throat in the midst of his foul work, will make graves as thick as pines in the wood there before you know another month; one who is mad and who is sane, one who, if he who has set his face against humanity, and who will make war on the nations, who has money and men, who can command and be obeyed in ten cities, against whom the police might as well hope to fight as against the white wall of the of it a man, in short, who is the product great stump of a tooth which pretruded or culminating vice-him I am going to on his left lip, he turned on me-

meet in this Paris where I go without

"And you mean to run him dawn?" I logne. Roderick was asleep, and Mary's asked. "What interest have you in him?" "At the moment none; but in a month As I reclined at greater length on the the interest of money. As sure as you cushions of the stuffy compartment, I and I talk of it now, there will be fifty thought how strange a company we were thousand pounds offered for knowledge of

I looked at him as at one who dreams. dreams, but he did not flinch.

"To night I shall be with him; within legt, Cambridge, together, friends drawn three days I win all or lose all; for his the closer in affection because our condi-secret will be mine. If I fail, it is for tions in kith and kin, in possession and you to follow up the thread which I have

"Dure I risk!-poor, there can't be

"There is every danger !- but, so, the

things of which I am about to write hap- Paris. Roderick shook himself like a whose threats chilled the heart to hear, of the station twinkled in the semi-dark- of beasts, ravenous and Ill-seeking. ii. I had spent more than £40,000 in four ness. I could scarce believe, as I watched years, and my schooner, the Celsis, with his antics, that he was the man who had moment we entered. He made his way some few thousand pounds, alone remain- spoken to me of great mysteries ten min- to the top of the room and stood before utes before. Still less could I convince one who forced from me individual nomyself that he had not many days to live, tice, so strange-looking was he, and so So are the fateful things of life hidden deep did the respect which all paid him three-eighths inch iron. The end of the

CHAPTER II.

The lights of Paris were very bright as we drove down the Boulevard des Capucines, and drew up at length at the Hotel Scribe, which is by the opera house. Mary uttered a hundred exclamations of joy as we passed through the city of lights; and Roderick, who loved Paris, condescended to keep awake!

"I'll tell you what." he exclaimed, "the beauty of this place is that no one thinks here, except about cooking. Suppose we plan a nice little dinner for four?"

"For two, my dear fellow, if you please," said Hall, with mock of statehe was quite the Perfect Fool again. "Mr. Mark Strong condescends to dine with don't you, Mr. Mark?"

"The fact is, Roderick." I explained, "that I made a promise to meet one of Mr. Hall's friends to-night, so you and Mary must dine alone." Hall and I mounted the stairs of the

cozy little hotel, whose windows overlook the core of the great throbbing heart of Paris, and so until we were alone in my room, whither he had followed me. "Quick's the word," he said, as he shut the door, and took several articles from

his hat box. "One pair of spectacles, one wig, one set of curiosities to sell-do I look like a second-hand dealer in odd lots, Mr. Mark Strong?" I had never seen such an utter

in any man made with such little show. ago," he said earnestly and quickly, as The Perfect Fool was no longer before me; there was in his place a lounging, shady-looking, greed-haunted Hebrew. The haunching of the shoulders was perfect; the stoop, the walk, were triumphs. "It's five minutes from here," he said,

"and the clocks are going eight-you are right as you are, for you are a cipher in the affair yet."

He passed down the stairs and I followed him. So good was his disguise and make-pretense that the others, who were in the narrow hall drew back to let him go, not recognizing him, and spoke to me, asking what I had done with him. Then pointed to the new Perfect Fool, and without another word of explanation went on into the street.

We walked in silence for some little distance. Finally he turned, crossing a busy thoroughfare and stopped quite suddenly at last in a narrow street. He had something to say to me,

"This is the place," he said. You carry this box of metal"-he meant the case of curiosities-"and don't open your mouth. Keep a hold on your eyes, whatever you see or whatever you hear. Do I look all right?"

"Perfectly-but just a word; if we are the dangers, they are big enough, but you going into some den where we may have a difficulty in getting out again, wouldn't it be as well to go armed?"

"Armed !- pish !"-and he looked unutterable contempt, treading the passage

with long strides, and entering a house at the far end of it. Thither I followed him and found my-

teries-and of death. In one moment the self at last on the third floor, before a door of thick oak. Our first knocking upon this had no effect. Then I heard know! I forgot to ask him for any animals by means of a sponge, brush a great rolling voice which seemed to echo are not talking nonsense?" I asked. "If on the stairway, and so leapt from flight you are not playing the fool. Hall, you to flight, almost like the rattle of a cannon shot with its many reverberations. For the moment indistinct, I then became aware that the voice was that of a man singing and walking at the same

When the noise stopped at last, there know, simply as a common sightseer, have was silence, complete and unbroken. Hall stood motionless. After that we heard a great yell from the same voice, with the words, "Ahoy, Splinters, shift along the gear, will you?" A mumbled discussion seemed to tread on the heels of waited years for the work I believe that I | the hullabaloo, when, apparently having arranged the "gear" to satisfaction, the man stalked to the door.

"Hullo-the little Jew and his kick-

shaws; why, matey, so early in the morn-The exclamation came as he saw us, putting his head round the door, and showing one arm swathed all up in dirty your feet." red flannel. He was no sort of a man knew my purpose, would crush me as I to look at, for his head was a mass of crush this paper; one who has everything dirty yellow hair, and his face did not that life can give and seeks more, a man seem to have known an ablution for a week. But there was an ugly jocular look about his rabbit-like eyes, and a great mark cut clean into the side of his face. which were a fit decoration for the redburnt, pitted, and horribly repulsive countenance he betrayed. I looked at him South Sen; a man of purpose so deadly and drew back repelled. This he saw, Free Press. that the wisest in crime would not think and with a flush and a display of one

"And who may you be, matey, that you don't go for to shake hands with Rosring Dip me in brine, if you was my son I'd dress you down with a two foot bar. Why don't you teach the little Hebrew manners, old Josfos; but there," and this he said as he opened the door wider, "so long as our skipper will have to do with shiners to sell and land barnacles, what can you look for? - walk right along

The man who called himself "Rosning John" entered the apartment before us, bawling at the top of his voice, "Josfos, the Jew, and his pardner come aboard? and then I found myself in the strangest company and the strangest place I have ever set eyes on. So soon as I could mosphere of tobacco smoke and heavy vapor, I made out the forms of six or eight men, not sitting as men usually do in a place where they eat, but squatting on their haunches by a series of low narrow tables, laid round the four sides of the apartment. Each man folled back inches from the ends or piece, and are on his own pile of dirty pillows and one-half luch deep, 25 inches wide at dirtier blankets; each had before him a bottom, by 1% inches at top, thus only great metal drinking cup, a coarse knife, one bolt is needed to hold them tolong rolls of plug tobacco, and a small gether at top. The upright supports red bundle, which I doubt not was his are 2x234, and seven feet long; crossportable property. Each, too, was dressed exactly as his fellow, in a coarse red plece, 15, x25, and at one end this shirt, seaman's trousers of ample blue should be bolted on upright pieces, serge, a belt, and each had some bauble of down low enough so that bench will set in purpose, in ambition and in idleness, unravelled by three years' hard work to bracelet on his arm, and some strange over it. The lever is 31-x2 at staple, were so very like. Roderick was an or Dure you risk coming with me I meet rings upon his fingers. They were men marked by time as with long service on the sea; men scarred, burnt, some with traces of great cuts and slashes received on the open face; men flerce-looking as painted demons, with teeth, with none It was true: Mary looked up suddenly with four fingers to the hand, with three as we thundered past the fortifications of men whose laugh was a horrid growl great bear; the Perfect Fool began his whose very words seemed to poison the banter, and roared for a cab as the lights | Air, who made the great room like a cage

Martin Hall put himself at his ease the there was a pile of rich-looking skins- pig to the pole hooks, which are made bear, tiger, and white wolf-beneath him, large enough to slip back and forth and he alone of all the company were easily on upper piece. Rods one half black clothes and a white shirt. He was a short man, black-bearded and smoothskinned, with a big nose, almost an intellectual forehead, small, white-looking hands, all ablaze with diamonds, about vides a fulcrum for the lever A for must have been worth five thousand one-quarter its length. pounds. One trademark of the sea alone did he possess, in the dark, curly ringlets which fell to his shoulders, matted there as long uncombed, but typical in all of the man. This then was the fellow upon whose every word that company of ruf-Martin Hall had painted such a fantastle sued. to be wanted by every government in Eu-

Hall was the first to speak, and it was evident to me that he cloaked his own voice, putting on the nasal twang and the manner of an East end Jew dealer.

little things-beautiful things-which cost sources and manufacture says: me moosh money-

for a few little things! Look at him, boys !- the Jew with much money ! Turn out his pockets, boys!-the Jew with and pharmaceutical preparations, vinemuch money! Ho, ho!

His merriment set all the company diamond rings. Hall gathered up his trinkets and proceeded to lay them our with the well-simulated cuning of the trader. (To be continued.)

Puzzled.

"I don't know whether to be offended at Miss Smythers or not!" declared and denaturing this price can be di-Stax, seriously.

"What's the matter?" asked his friend. "About 11 o'clock last night when I

was calling on her," he continued, "she said in the sweetest kind of way, 'Mr. Stax, what in the world does that funny word "skidoo" mean? "-Detroit Free Press.

Her Forgetfulness.

ing when he left the house. Mrs. Nagget-Did he?

Mrs. Nexdore-Yes, I couldn't help wondering what was the cause Mrs. Nagget-Good gracious! I

money !-Philadelphia Ledger.

An Underhand Trick. Creditor-So you want an extension of two weeks. What would happen if you were to die before the time elapses?

Debtor-Sir, I am too much of a gentleman to do that!"-Translated for Tales from Fliegende Blatter.

A Woman's Way.

Jack-I apologize for kissing you. Will you forgive me? JIII-Never! Jack-Was the act so unpardonable?

is.—Cleveland Leader,

"Ah, darling," sighed the romantic youth, "I would gladly lay the world at

"But of course you can't," replied the practical maid, "for it's there already." -Chicago News,

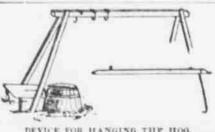
Misnomers. She-What's in a name?

He-Not much; I've often seen women that just hated each other drinking out of the same "loving cup."-Detroit

The Church of England has an income of \$75,000,000 a year.



Farm Hog-Killing Outfit. As all farmers who kill their own hogs know, the old way of butchering see things clearly through the hanging at- is very inconvenient and tiresome. The following arrangement, illustrated in the Queenslander, makes the labor comparatively easy. The top piece is 2x5 inches, and 12 feet long. The mortices for the supports to fit is are made five



DEVICE FOR HANGING THE HOG.

and shaved down to 1% at end. Staples made of five-sixteenths inch rod fron, and long enough to clinch. Clevis where chaln is fastened is made of appear to be. He sat at the head of the lever is fron, 6x2% bent, as shown for rude table, but not as the others sat, for gambrel stick to rest on, while lifting inch, bent to hold gambrel stick. A book not shown in cut made of onebalf inch Iron, attaches to B and prowhose fine quality there could not be two dipping hog in the barrel and raising opinions; and, what was even more re- carcass to the gambrel hooks. Beach, markable, there hung as a pendant to his 10x14 inches, 20 inches high, 8 feet expert, as they are very nearly allke. watch chain a great uneut ruby which long. Barrel to be set in the ground The magget is the larva of a small fly.

No Profit in Farm Alcohol.

The Department of Agriculture, through Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry, has undertaken fians appeared to hang, who obeyed him, to educate the farmers regarding the as I observed presently, when he did so manufacture of denatured alcohol. Two much as lift his hand—the man of whom bulletins on the subject have been is

picture, who was, as I had been told, soon | From Dr. Wiley's discussion of the subject the conclusion is reached that the manufacture of alcohol on a very small scale is not likely to prove prof-Itable, and because of revenue regulations it is evident that the farmer must "I have come, Mr. Black," he said, "as be content with producing the raw mayou was good enough to wish, with a few terials. The bulletin on the subject of

"The principal uses of industrial al-"Ho, ho!" sang out Captain Black, cohol are illumination, heating, motive there is a Jew who paid much money power and the manufacture of lacquers, varnishes, smokeless powder, medicinal gar and ether. When industrial alcohol is made at a price at which it can roaring to his mood. For a moment their compete with petroleum and gasoline, play was far from innocent, for one light- it doubtless will be preferred for the ed a great sheet of paper and burnt it purposes above mentioned, because of under the nose of my friend. I remem- its greater safety and more pleasant bered Hall's words, and held still, giving odor. Under the present conditions it banter for banter. In what sort of a is not probable that industrial alcohol can be offered upon the market at much less than 40 cents a gallon of 95 per cent strength."

> Dr. Wiley expresses the bellef, however, that by paying attention to unused sources of raw material and with improved methods of manufacturing minished.

To Rid Animals of Lice.

A bulletin recently issued by the Oklahoma experiment station gives the following formula for making kerosene emulsion to rid farm animals of lice. Hard soap, one-half pound; kerosene (cheap grade) two gallons; water, one gallon. Cut the soap in shavings and boll in water until the soap is dis-Mrs. Nexdore—Your husband seemed solved. Remove the soap solution from to be in a very good humor this morn- the fire and add kerosene, and churn or spray back until a thorough emulsion is made. To set emulsion add seven gallons of water, and use this for spraying or dipping. This emulsion may be applied to any of the farm or spray pump, without any injury whatever, and when thoroughly applied it will rid the stock of lice. This emulsion may also be used to free poultry from lice. Place the emulsion in a vessel of convenient size and dip the fowls, being sure to get all portions of the body wet, and hold them in the dip one minute. After treating the fowls the emulsion may be used to spray the roosts and coops, and in this way rid them of mites and lice.

Ginseng in Missouri.

According to the Missouri experiment station bulletin, the cultivation of gin-Jill-The kiss wasn't, but the apology seng for the Chinese market has become an important industry in that State, notwithstanding the fact that it takes five or six years to mature a crop. While the crop is exceptionally valuable, the cultivation of ginseng has been found to possess disadvantages the same as most other cultivated crops. It appears that several fungus diseases have broken out in the ginseng plantations, some of which are extremely serious and Infectious, large areas often being destroyed in a singie week. However, the particular organisms causing the damage have been worked out

Onton Growing.

The period between killing frosts in Montana is placed at 100 to 120 days, while the time required for onlons to mature from seeding is 135 to 150 days, and if onions are not thoroughly ripe their keeping quality is injured, according to a report prepared by R. W. Fisher, of the Montana Station. The experiments are recorded in detail for each year, and yields given by both methods of culture.

Generally speaking, the yields from transplanted onions were from 50 to 200 per cent larger than from seed sown in the field, where there was but little or no increase in cost of labor. The transplanting insures an even crop, the maturity of the crop and the keeping quality of the onions. Prize Taker gave the largest average yield of the nineteen varieties grown, and was one of the best keepers, though not usually advertised as a winter onlon. The seedling bulbs of this variety, however, kept peorly because the growing sea son was not long ensugh to properly mature them. The use of well-rotted manure increased the yield of both field sown and transplanted onlone. Suggestions are included for making hotbeds.

Mille Cover.

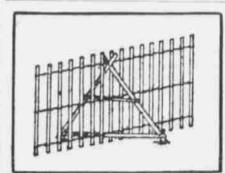
feed for milk first of all. That they succeed is proved by the large milk 1828. Siege of Sillstria raised. yields of their cows. That large milk flow, seemingly regardless of butter fat percentage, pays them is proved by their prosperity. The dairyman here thinks it necessary to pay small prices for dairy cows that annually yield from 3,000 to 4,000 pounds of milk. What the financial result to him is, the wretched records show only too plainly. He is the worst paid farmer in the land. What could be not do if, instead of breeding, buying, feeding and milk ing cheap cows, he were to breed, feed and milk cows of the 11,500 to 14,560 pound class? The Frieslanders and other Hollanders, with their gigantle cows, make money on milk produced on soil that costs from \$500 to \$2,000 an acre or rents at from \$50 to \$200.

The Onion Maggot.

The onion magget and cabbage maggot can only be distinguished by an There is no known "sure" remedy that can be applied. Sprinkling powdered sulphur around the plants is a partial remedy, but it does not always bring relief. Making a small hole near each onion and pouring into each hole half a tenspoonful of bisulphide of carbon, covering the holes with earth, is claimed to be a remedy, but such method is 1800-British torpedo boat Serpent expensive and laborious. Liquid manure applied to the plants is claimed to be a remedy. The best preventive is to grow the onlons on land that has 1802-Dynamite explosions caused by not before produced a crop, but of course such can not be done until next 1893-Thirty persons killed and injured season. This change of location of the onion patch is the only partial solution of the magget problem.

lagging Fence Supports.

For fence posts or supports that will not rot off or break off, for picket or line-wire, take two boards 2x6, cross at the top so as to leave a crotch for top wire. Fasten together with 8-penny nails. Put a crossplece in the middle for middle wires to rest on and fasten with staple and a crosspiece at bottom for bottom wires to rest on and fasten with staple. Then anchor with small stake on each side to prevent 1809-U. S. cruiser Charleston wrecked



SUPPORTS FOR PENCE.

wind from tipping over, and you have a good post for picket fence. Nail or, wire post to the stake. This makes an excellent post for repairing an old picket fence.-Farm Progress.

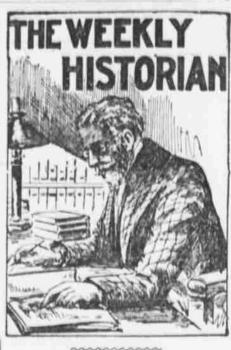
Studying Evaporated Cream. The Massachusetts board of health has been conducting extended investigations as to the composition of the soalled evaporated creams offered in the local markets, and has discovered that nost of these are misnomers. Numerous determinations show these products to be merely unsweetened condensed milk, which, while possessing the consistency and appearance of cream, have neither the taste nor physical characteristics.

Dust Bath Is Important. Do not forget the dust bath; it is a

cheap luxury, and will go far toward keeping the fowls free from lice and mites. Any ordinary box obtainable at the grocer's will answer the pur- the entire establishment. pose. It must be kept dry, filled with road dust or garden soil (which must be secured in dry weather before terpret literally the clause in the teachers' of sulphur. Some use wood ashes in place of dust.

Points in Pruning.

In pruning the trees all stems half an inch or more in diameter should be covered with some waterproof substance, like grafting wax or shellac of the consistency of cream. The bark and outer wood will thus be preserved, and the wound will in a season or so be covered with new bark. If this prerecognized and methods for keeping the caution be not taken the end of the the South African museum at Cape Town. diseases under control have now been branch may decay from exposure to He has published a series of volumes on wind, rain, heat and cold.



1714 Timothy Pickering of Massachusetta became Postmaster General of United States.

1700 Bonaparte declared first consul. 1814 Gen. Jackson, with 2,000 Tennessee militia, drove the British from

The Hollanders evidently breed and 1818 Smith Thompson of New York became Secretary of the Navy.

1837 Riot at Alton, Ill.; E. P. Lovejoy

1853 President Pierce turned first sod

of Washington squeduct. 1859 Treaty of Zurich signed.

1861-Federal naval and military forces, under Commodore Dupout and Gen. Sherman, captured forts at Port

Royal entrance. 1864 Gen. McClellan resigned his command in the army.

1867 First woman's suffrage society formed in England.

1869 Holborn Vinduct, London, opened, 1871 Apache Indiana attacked stage near Wickenburg, Arizona, and killed six passengers, among them: F. W. Loring, the author,

1873 Captain and crew of the Virginius. executed at Santiago de Cuba.

1875 Steamer City of Warn burned off Galveston har.

1876 Centennial Exposition, Philadelphia, closed, total admissions, 9,700,-1880 Sarah Hernhart made her Ameri-

can debut at Booth's theater, New

York. 1889 President proclaimed Mentana a State of the Union ... Roman Catholic centenary in America celebrated at Baltimore.

wrecked on Spanish coast; 173 lives lost ... Revolt against President

Brogan in Honduras suppressed. anarchists in Paris.

by anarchist's bomb in Barcelona theater, ... F. H. Weeks of New York, embezzler of \$1,000,000, sent to Sing Sing prison.

1895 Miss Cons Duke of Marlborough married in

New York, 1897 Attempted assassination of President Morales of Brazil.... United States, Russia and Japan signed treaty for protection of seals in Behring Sea.

1808-Theodore Roosevelt elected Governor of New York ... Turkish troops in Crete forcibly removed by Russian admirat.

on coast of Luzon, Philippine Islands .... Admiral George Dewey married to Mrs. Mildred H. Hagen at Washington, D. C.

1900 Canadian parliamentary elections carried by a Liberal majority.

1901-Li Hung Chang, Chinese statesman, died in Pekin . . . . United States and Great Britain signed Isthmian canal treaty. 1902-Reciprocity treaty between Unit-

ed States and Newfoundland signed .... Spanish cabinet resigned. 1903-President Roosevelt sent to Congress his message on Cuba .... United -States recognized Panama govern-

1905-British squadron, commanded by Prince Louis of Battenberg, visited New York.

## SCHOOLS OLLEGES

George Westinghouse, the inventor, has received the degree of doctor of engineering from the Technical university of The health officer of Cleveland, Ohio,

has forbidden the use of slates and sponges in the primary grades of the public schools on the ground that they are unsanitary. The woman's college of Baltimore has

appointed Miss Caroline Shawe as purveyor for the college, a new office, the duties of which are to have charge of the scientific and sanitary administration of Judge Carpenter of Denver has decided that the board of education may not in-

freezing), to which should be added contracts permitting dismissal at pleasfrom time to time a liberal allowance ure. Some good and sufficient reason must be given before a teacher is discharged. A new metric chart, representing geographical measures of the international metric system of weights and measures has been prepared by the bureau of stand-

ards of the Department of Commerce and

Labor and will be furnished free to any school in which the system is taught. W. L. Schlater has been appointed director of the museum of Colorado college. For four years he was deputy superintendent of the Indian museum in Calcutta and for ten years director of

the fauna of South Africa.