

However, whether Miss Mivart was fully aware of what she was doing, nobody ever knew, unless perhaps it was Greville—and he, like Zuleika, never told. But Burton had a bad time of it, and all his beautiful score went for nothing at all.

That, though, was the end. And the beginning ought to come first. The beginning was when Miss Mivart undertook to learn to shoot a carbine.

There was a target-practice competition going on at the post; not one which was open to all the officers, but only to a few of the department at large; just a little social affair, devised to keep up the esprit de corps of the troops and to lighten the monotony of life. There were three contests, one for troops and companies, as such; one for individuals and a few of the officers. The last was to be a big hop.

They were both first lieutenants, and both cavalrymen, and both good to boot. Burton was fair and Grady was dark, but she had no fixed prejudices regarding that. She had never said so. Also, both were as much in love with her as even she could have wished, and were more than willing that all the world should see it—than which nothing is more pleasant and nothing to a right-minded woman.

The rifle contest lasted ten days, during which time the air hummed with the popping and sing of bullets over on the range, and with the calls of the marksmen from the rifle-pits. Only scores and records of the bets were thought and talked about.

Miss Mixart herself had but withal

"I can shoot a carbine, myself," she said. The adjutant, with her cleft chin boldly raised; "and my shoulder is black and blue. Mr. Burton is teaching me."

"Oh," said the adjutant, "and what does Greville think about that?" The adjutant was married, so he was out the running.

"Mr. Greville is teaching me, too," said Georgia; "and here he comes for now."

Burton was safe on the target range. It seemed, at least, to Miss Milder.

She looked about for an answer, and saw on their faces a stare of stupefaction and surprise. They had moved a little away from Burton, and the commanding officer's steely eyes were on his face. The face had turned white, even with the sunburn, and Burton's voice was just a trifle unsteady as he spoke.

If you are not eligible in having wedding with a long list of attendant to show your importance, you still have one way left, a big list of pall-bearers at your funeral.

The homes of the peons are very primitive, merely huts built of plain boards split into strips about two and a half inches in width, and fastened with vines to four posts some twenty feet apart. The ground serves for

Somehow the marriage of a grass widow with a rake seems to savor of the eternal fitness of things.

being. Of course, it followed that other youngsters 'picked upon' him a great deal. His mother paid for a course of instruction in the manly art for him. Then she told him that every time he got into a fight she would give him a quarter."

"Horrible!" shivered the other girl. "That would make a regular bully of him, I should think."

Horses Exported.
In the nine months ended March 3, 1900, 39,625 horses were exported from the United States, at an average price of \$120.

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The United States commercial agent in Vladivostok reports to the State Department that experiments have been made on the St. Petersburg and Warsaw road with an invention designed to prevent the effects of railroad collisions. Two wrecking railroads were provided; on the first the sleepers were displaced, on the second the rails were displaced. In both cases the stoppage was immediate by the aid of this device, without outside help and without injury to the train. The invention is an iron tube, of usual construction, connected with the general system of brakes and placed in front of the wheels. At the least irregularity in the movement of the train the tube, in consequence of certain cuts made at it at intervals, breaks, and thus causes the immediate stoppage of the train locomotive as well.

"Now that will be one of our grandest buildings. Don't you think it will be a beauty?"

"What building is it?" he inquired.

"That," she said, with becoming pride, "is the Gar building."

"The what?"

"Why, the Gar building, and it will be just too beautiful for—"

"What is it—a hotel?"

"No-o, not a hotel; it's just a private residence. Mr. Gar, who is immensely rich, is going to live there, I believe."

A faint suspicion of a smile hovered about the mouth of the city cousin as he glanced sideways at his intelligent guide.—Detroit Free Press.

After him came some Spanish vessels, and in 1566 Denys, a Frenchman, and Verrazanti, a Venetian, took possession of the country in the name of France. At that time, says M. Perault, the French often heard the natives use the Spanish words "Acana," which signify, "nothing here." The natives had picked up these words from the Spaniards who had searched for gold and silver, and who, because they had found nothing, had speedily departed. The French came to the conclusion that the words so often used by the natives were the original name of the country. Another explanation is that Canada means a village or a town.

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the most recent telephonic invention adopted in Paris. Hitherto, in the French capital, as elsewhere, the central exchange has been managed—*as* French telephone users alleged, *by* managed—by women. But when busy men have called up other firms and offices they have often been delayed by the conversational tendencies of the young ladies at the exchange. It is decidedly maddening to have an important telephonic interview punctuated with "He's awfully handsome," or "I'm going to see a pink flower" and so forth. The pink flower put up at it in France by superseding the telephone exchange girls by an automatic apparatus.

with stoves for heating purposes. No chimneys or fireplaces are provided, as a rule, one house recently built at a cost of \$14,000 having for its only chimney a stovepipe from the kitchen.

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