AN ARMY PORTIA.

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"Well, lad, that is something even I hadn't thought of. By gad! I'm going to write a few lines to your good mother on my own hook; she reminds me of No: no shutting yourself up in your bedroom now. Come out here on the piazza, where there's sunshine, and Mrs. Lane and Miss Marshall have gone over to the hospital with some jellies for Brent, and it's time for them to return. Come out, I say, or, as commanding officer of the post, I'll send a file of the guard to haul you out. You've lost three shades of tan in four days, and I'm not going to let you mope in here, if I have to annul your colonel's order of close arrest and give you extended limits. Come out."

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There was no resisting the major, there was no resisting the deeper long-ing in his heart. Every day since his incarceration Mrs. Lane had found means to send him some friendly little note, together with dainties of domestic manufacture; every day she and Miss Marshall had appeared at least once or twice upon the walk in front, although he could not join them; and now they were interesting themselves in Corp. Brent, said the major, and the corporal was getting well enough to be read to a little while and to see some of his chums for a few minutes and to inquire how he had been hurt. Kenyon fairly towed his prisoner out through the hall and landed him on the veranda just as the noonday drum was sounding orderly call, then rattling out "Roast Beef of Old England" in hoarse accompaniment to the piping of the fife.

Half an hour later two parasols could be distinguished above the low shrubbery f ... ther east along the row, and the ladies on Burnham's veranda, where the doctor was seated in clover, now that Wallace had ridden away, stepped forward to the hedge and accosted the bearers and strove to persuade them to stay. Hearn's heart seemed to halt in protest, then pounded gladly away again, for the delay was but momentary -phenomenally short for feminine chats. but the mail was coming, and Mrs. Lane was impatient to get her letters. Once more the parasols came floating along above the hedge. One, held some six inches higher than the other, was on the outside, farthest from the fence. That was hers, and she it must be who would first come in sight from behind the big lilac bush in Brodie's yard. If Mrs. Brodie should happen to se

them and stop them! But no; Mrs. Bro die went across the parade to the Crosse half an hour ago, thank heaven. Hearn's eager eyes were fixed upon the outer edge of that lovely lilac screen, longing for the first glance of the face he had seen in his dreams night and day now for nearly a week. If she were think ing of him, if he were anything to her. would not she be apt to look toward this veranda the instant she hove in sight around that sheltering bush? "Yonder they come now," said Kenyon, slowly lowering his boot heels from the balcony "I'm going to stop them at the gate to see how Brent is.

Another instant, and once more the floating fringes of the outer parasol came sailing slowly into sight beyond the lilacs, then the white ferrule, a daintily gloved hand, a white draped shoulder. then a proudly poised, dark haired head. thick, low arched eyebrows and long curling lashes through a flimsy web of veil that hung almost to the rosy lips. close compressed; then sudden upward sweep of lash, a quick, straight glance from two deep, dark eyes, a gleam of joy, of glad recognition, an instant parting of the curving lips and a flash of and Hearn's heart throbbed and bounded. She had seen him instantly and was glad.

Yet it was Mrs. Lane who had to do most of the talking, for Georgia Marshall was strangely silent. Every now and then her eyes seemed to take a quick note of the pallor of his face and the lines of care and trouble. Kenyon had held open the gate and quietly steered the two ladies to the veranda, where Hearn was hastily placing chairs; and though the mail orderly was approaching and Mrs. Lane knew there must be letters from her captain, she could not take Georgia instantly away, and so for few moments they sat there in their dainty summer gowns and with deep sympathy in their eyes—eyes so differ-ent in color, yet so like in expression, they would have cheered a sorer heart than Hearn's.

The orderly carrying the mail came

briskly in at the gate.
"I left Mrs. Lane's letters at the house, ma'am," be said, as he handed a package to Kenyon and proceeded to un-load half a dozen bulky newspapers on Hearn. Kenyon had opened his official etter with brief "excuse me" and then began to chuckle:

Hearn, my boy, they mean to do you all proper honor. Just look at this de-tail, will you? Four or five colonels and majors and half a dozen captains to sit in judgment, and-well, if this don't beat all! old Lawler himself for judge advocate.

Hearn's face was flushing and paling by turns.

'You don't mean that Col. Lawler himself is detailed?"

"Certainly I do; and what do you want to bet The Palladium doesn't say that this was done in deference to its suggestion that no biased associates of the ac cused officer should be allowed to officiste, as the people will tolerate no whitewashing of character in this most flagrant case, or words to that effect? Oh, I know those fellows! There's more conceit in one newspaper office in my beloved home than in all the armies in

The ladies had risen, Mrs. Lane's eves

saying plainly to her friend, "We ought

"Does the court meet here?" asked Hearn quietly. "Please don't go, Mrs. Lane-not just yet."

"Indeed we must, Mr. Hearn. I know you need to cenfer with the major now and we will only be in the way."

Hearn's eyes had sought Miss Marshall's. She was standing by the bal-

cony with half averted face, yet listening intently.

day of next week. Verily, Hearn, pub-lic wrath demands a prompt trial of your villainy. Now, with Lawler to fill them up with members of the court your villainy. Now, with Lawler to prosecute, you'll need a friend to defend Who is it to be?"

"I have not asked any one," said Hearn, slowly. "The charges have not dine the entire party at 7 every day they yet reached me. I do not know of what are here if some one will only agree to am to be accused, who are the wit- take Col. Lawler." nesses, or anything about it. Whom could I ask to oppose Lawler?"

Miss Marshall had slowly turned, and face. Her slender hands were clasping; her breath seemed to come and go almost too quickly.

There's no man here fit to advise you. Hearn, and I know of no one quite a Of such are the expedients to which garmatch in subterfuge for that 'Tombs Lawler," was the reluctant answer.

Then I'll fight it out alone as best I can," said Hearn at last.

rne mades were going: Mrs. Lake was down the steps already, and the major gallantly striving to raise her parasol. Hearn had clasped Miss Marshall's slen der hand as she turned to say adieu. and the frank, cordial pressure embold-ened him. He would have held it firmbut as firmly, yet gently, it was withdrawn.

"Only a week yet, Mr. Hearn," she spoke, her bosom rising and falling quickly. "Is there no officer you know to take up this case for you?

"I fear pot, Miss Marshall. You know I'm not even a first lieutenant yet, and

She looked up one instant in his eyes, then with sudden impulsive movement held forth the hand she had just with-

"Good-by," she said, turned quickly and was gone.

For a moment the two friends walked on in silence.

'A penny for your thoughts, Georgia?'

"I wish I were a man."
"On his account, is it? Don't you know-he would far, far rather have you fust as you are?"

CHAPTER XIV.



A general court martial was in session at Ryan, and for three days had been sitting in judgment on Lieut. Hearn. It was the first occasion in many a long year on which Col. Lawler had appeared in the role of judge advocate. that complex and contradictory position wherein the so called legal adviser of the court, having prosecuted in the name of the government to the extent of his that the exertions of the prosecution so nity. "Officers who are rash enough to exhant its representatives that the deexhaust its representatives that the de-fense is left to its own devices, and in the case of Col. Lawler, as has been said. he had always held that when an officer was under trial the moral obligation of the government was to find him guilty. if a possible thing.

No one on the court could quite understand why Lawler had been detailed for this duty. It was a most unusual thing to call upon the officers of the department of military justice itself to furnish the prosecutor; rather was it their province to remain at the office of the division or department commander, and in reviewing the records to sit in judgment on the judges. But The Palladium. true to Kenyon's prophecy, was not slow in explaining the situation. It was a case in which the whole people, with it self as their representative, had demanded the trial of the officer who dared maltreat the man. No ordinary occasion was this, but one to attract wide ntion throughout the entire nation and be daily reported by the press. Col. Lawler saw opportunity for distinction hitherto unequaled. He asked of his general the detail as judge advocate of the court, and the general, though surprised, saw no way to refuse.

So carefully had the court been chosen that of its entire array of thirteen members every man was personally a stranger to the young soldier whose fate lay in their hands. Of all his regiment not another officer was at the post when the court began to arrive, and the only soldier-heaven save the mark!-was Welsh, now assigned, much to their disgust, to Capt. Brodie's company of the infantry for rations and quarters until his evidence should be given; and Welsh was the constant center of a group of newspaper men now billeted at Central City, and resenting it not a little that they were not invited to put up at the

But as matters stood the fort was already taxed to its utmost capacity; the only quarters in which there was room arriving gentlemen were those of the absent cavalry officers. Mrs. Morris had two spare rooms, and promptly invited Cols. Grace and Maitland, old ties before them. -Boston Traveller.

Kenyon took in three of the se Mrs. Wharton happened to know Capt. Chase, who was one of the detail, and scandalized Mrs. Brodie by borrowing the Lane barouche, meeting him at the

"Mind you," said that young matron, 'every man on this court shan't go to its first session without knowing something of Frank Hearn's real character. 1 only wish I had room for more."

Georgia and I will board the whole array 'I'll set a lunch for the court at noon, and

Nobody wanted Lawler, and so he was one of the three relegated to the gloomy precincts of old Kenyon's quarnow looked full at Kenyon's troubled ters and compelled to rough it at bachelor mess. It was arranged that eight members of the court should be quarter ed among the cavalry homesteads and otherwise be entertained at the Lanes'

risons are subject.

It was not until Monday afternoon that the court began its session. Two officers had telegraphed that they could not reach the post until the arrival of the noon train; but all that morning and most of Sunday the judge advocate been bustling about the garrison, full of importance and enthusiasm. Recognizing the interest felt in the case by an entire neighborhood, and sedulously active in providing for the needs of the ress, Lawler had caused the quarrers of troop to be cleared of all the iron bunks. Arm racks and lockers were shifted away; a long table had been om, the president's chair at the head, cozy home. his own at the foot, those of the memesported to his quarters.

"You might tell Mr. Hearn that whatever he may desire to say to me about the case I can hear to-night. You have no objection to his coming to your quarters, I suppose?

'Lord, no! I like it. So does he gen-

you'll have to go yourself."
"Why?" said Lawler, reddening. "He ought to know that it is to his interest to seek the advice and assistance of the judge advocate. Of course he knows that I must do my full duty in prosecuting the case; but, outside of that, any service I can render him he has a right

"Oh, he understands; but, as he was given no opportunity to speak for himself when you were investigating the case. I fancy he will ask none now until he comes before the court. Then you

probably will hear from him."
"It might be very much better if he were to frankly consult the judge advocate," said Lawler, gazing keenly at Kenyon from under his shaggy brows.

"Very much better for the prosecution. But-how better for him? Well, those young men never gain

anything by fighting a case. He much better throw himself on the clemency of the court. But I suppose some one has undertaken to defend him?" Another shrewd glance.

'Some one! yes, I've heard that several some ones offered their services by first mail the moment it was known you were to be prosecutor. What the devil did you take it for, anyway?"
"You seem to forget, Maj. Kenyon,

ability, proceeds to demolish his own elaborately planned attack. It is the not infrequent result of such a system that the exertions of the prosecution so nity. "Officers who are rash enough to lorget, Maj. Kenyon, head, the sunlight streamed in gold shafts through them, falling alternately upon Emily as she rode her wheel so easily and gracefully, lighting her ception of the feeling aroused through. silence no longer, and riding close be out the entire north.

> emphasis. "It's one of the singular traits her to be my wife of some fellows in the army that, instead of meekly knuckling under to what they know to be an outrageous misrepresentation of themselves and their profession, they should have the consummate effrontery to resent even newspaper atit possible, Col. Lawler, but do you know there are actually officers who think Hearn a thousand times more sinned against than sinning? And, that being their conviction, they are so blind to their own interest as to be willing to fight for it. It is incomprehensible-to some people, but it's a fact.

And-will it be believed?-when Col. Lawler sent his orderly to say that he for all time, had closed around me. would receive Hearn at Maj. Kenyon's quarters in case he desired to see him, the orderly came back with the lieutenant's compliments and the singular re- pany the party on one last ride. sponse that the lieutenant knew of no reason whatever why he should want to than we were when we started the next see the colonel at any time.

Lawler had conceived it his duty then to accost Mr. Hearn on the piazza of his that I was to leave the next day and quarters, and blandly to inform him felt sad in consequence. that he was entitled, if he saw fit, to call in the services of some suitable friend then descend a mountain into another as amicus curiæ. Brodie and Cross were valley. I was the only one in the party both stting there at the moment, and glanced at each other with a grin, as so long ago I had partially forgotten it. Hearn coolly looked the judge advocate straight in the eye and remarked that he tain, I told them we had better walk was aware of the fact.

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The Negro Women Delegates.

For beauty, brains and brightness the delegates attending the first national conference of the colored women of America, which is being held in this city, have never been surpassed at any gathering of Afro-Americans. It is an object lesson to listen to their scholarly papers and witness their businesslike methods. With such leaders the colored women of America have great possibiliSTARS ARE IN THE SKY ALL DAY.

The stars are in the sky all day.
Each linked coil of Milky Way
And every planet that we know
Behind the sun is circling slow.
They sweep, they climb with stately tread,
Venus the fair, and Mars the red.
Saturn engirelled with clear light
Or Jupiter with moons of white.
Each knows his path and keeps due tryst.
Not even the smallest star is missed
Not even the shallest star is missed.

Sun blinded, have no eyes to see.

The stars are in the sky all day.
But when the sun has gone away.
And hovering shadows cool the west,
And call the sleeps birds to rest.
And heaven grows softly dim and dunlate its darkness one by one
Steal forth those starry shapes all fairWe say steal forth, but they were there.
Where all day long, unseen, unguessed,
Climbing the sky from east to west.
The angels saw them where they hid,
And so perhaps the eachs did,
For they can face the sharp sun ray
Nor wink nor heed to look away.
But we, blind mortals, gasel from far
And did not see a single star.

I wonder if the world is full

I wonder if the world is full Sweet faces that we used to know.
Dear eyes like stars that slowly glow.
Dear hands stars that slowly glow.
And deem the night more fair than day.
—Susan Coolidge in Congregationalist.

A RUNAWAY WHEEL.

"Fred, old man, you are indeed for Fronght up from the mess room under-tunate. 'said I as I leaned back in the math and set in the middle of the big

"Yes, fortunate is the very word he answered musingly. "The events of paper correspondents, and then, for the general public, the mess rooms of the cayalry had been represented in the cayalry had been represented by the cayalry had been represe cavalry had been ransacked, and benches day, I should not be the possessor of and chairs to accommodate several hun- such a home, but would be back in the dred people ranged about the room. It old buchelor quarters. They were not so was Saturday night when Lawler arrived and was met by Maj. Kenyon and whom I would give them up. At that bear the sight of the water toward time she had refused me-was, in fact, engaged to another.

"I have never before spoken of this, but what I have gained has been well ness, for there was trust, confidence and earned. I was favored by fortune in that hour, but it was seizing the opportunity erally, but if you want to see Hearn that made me successful.

"A party of us had gone away on a wheeling trip. We were young, gay and joyous, and the weeks slipped by until it came time for us to think of return-

"From being in love with Emily and the river. Brant I became madly infatuated with her. Though she treated me in the most distant manner, I still thought, with the conceit of youth, that she cared a little for me. I was helped out in this idea by little incidents and trivial circumstances which led me to hope she would accept me.

'I had a rival-a man who did not seem to consider my actions of any importance. I could not seem to make him jealous in the slightest degree. He had naturally a very self composed manner. but this alone would not account for his bearing.

"I came to the conclusion that I must propose to Emily before we returned to the city, as I would have a much betree opportunity of stating my case amid favorable surroundings than in the city with its bustle and interruptions.

"One afternoon we were riding through a beautiful valley, and it so happened Emily and myself were quite a distance to the rear of the party. The road was smooth, the trees arched overhead, the sunlight streamed in gold beauty with a soft glow. side her, as we sped on together, I told "True," said Kenyon, with sarcastic her how much I loved her and asked

'Then came the breaking of the dream I had had for so many weeks and months. In a few words I learned there was no hope for me; that though she admired and respected me she had never thought of me in any other way; that there was already an understanding between Mr. Fernow and herself. that their engagement was soon to be announced

"At first I could hardly believe my ears. We rode the rest of the way in silence. For me the glory of the day had departed. It was as if a haze, like the melancholy haze of Indian summer. through which I should see all things

"If it had been possible, I should have left that night for the city, but circumstances compelled me to accom-

"I never saw a gayer set of people day. Some of them guyed me a little about my lack of gayety, but I answered

"We were to ride down one valley, who had been over the road, and it was When we began to descend the mounas the road was very steep. They took my advice for a time, and we had gone the greater part of the way, when one of the party, in a spirit of frolic, mounted his wheel and dared the others to do

Thinking we were almost at the foot of the mountain, we all followed his example. I was riding in the lead, Earnest Fernow was close beside me. Suddenly, on turning a bend, we came upon a pitch in the road so steep as to greatly

"We had all been riding at good speed. This in itself would have mattered little had each one of us had our wheels under perfect control, but timidity, carelessness or fright might mean A GREAT INVENTION

great danger. and jam his brake down hard, while he back pedaled with all his might. Suddenly we were startled by a cry of fear -a cry for help, 'Earnest, save me.'
The next instant Emily Brant sped by us. She had lost control of her wheel.

"Fernow paid no heed. He was too frightened himself. He turned his bicycle into the bank and jumped. Even it the speed with which she was going I knew she realized he had deserted her.

"Unless you have been similarly placed, you cannot understand the ghastly feeling of horror that comes over you as you know your wheel is beyond your control on a steep mountain. There is no way to stop but by turning into and the chances of injury or death, or to keep on, while the speed increased with each revolution of the wheels, and the ed into the throat, or, as the physical chances of escape grow less.

"I realized if I started in pursuit my wheel would be in a moment more be youd my control. Still, my opportunity had come, and I did not hesitate. A other closed by the thumb during moment more, and I was close behind her. I had no idea up to this time what lungs. The thumb is removed di I should do, but as my wheel, owing to superior weight, closed up the gap be—

It will be seen that by this arms are: superior weight, closed up the gap between us my thoughts began to take

straight. I remembered that where it and the "used up" air is forced came upon the valley there was a wide, shallow river. It came down the mountain at right angles to this river, then hence it ought to be carefully kept turned to the left. There was a small open field between the road and river. I opening controlled by the thumb a to turn away from the river. In that air to escape. Therefore none but he ase she would be hurled against a mass air can enter the lungs. of rock through which the road had

"I must reach her before we came upon the river. For a time our speed was terrific. The rocks and trees seemed to be strangely blurred as they sped by. We could feel the air like a resisting wall through which we were plunging. Then we came upon a rise in the road almost a hill, which reduced our speed somewhat, and I came nearer her.

As I came close beside her wheel she turned her head as if she could not which we were plunging.

"She saw me, and in all the horror that surrounded us I felt a great happiadmiration in that look. It said, 'You will save me

'Up to that time I believe she thought she was riding to death alone.

"Then I was close beside her, and as we came toward the turn in the road I reached over and seized, for one instant, the handle bars of her wheel, keeping both wheels pointed for the open field

"There was a minute's jar as we crossed the field, then the river seemed to spring forward to meet us. There ance which is characteristic of principles of the control of the was a dull shock, and a plunge into the who are suffering from morph "I found myself, when I had recover-

ed from the force of the blow, balf standing, half floating in the shallow water holding Emily Brant, who was white and unconscious. The landscape seemed to be spinning round like a top.

and lessened the force of the impact as effect of the poison. The stomach changed. I remained, and it was Fer- ing up the breathing, he must diswho left for the city.

"From that day the haze of Indian the O'Dwyer tubes. summer that threatened to envelop my life has given place to the glory of noon- and respirations were forced into

For a moment or two as Fred ceased minute. The patient's whole com speaking we both sat looking at the improved at once. The pulse became grate fire where the coals glowed in the most normal, and the bine color of ruddy flame.

as I did, that Emily might well consider side the tube, and the stomach that hour a fortunate hour for her, washed thoroughly, after which though at the time it carried with it a medicine was administered. great dread, but all I said was, "Thanks Haydock in Once a Week.

The ordinary sized lead pencil, such as one gets when he goes into a store minutes his face and hands again and asks for "a lead pencil," is seven to grow blue and his pulse rapid inches in length and a trifle more than a quarter of an inch thick. Pencils are made in many different styles and shapes and for many uses. Special pencils very small diameter are made for mathematical instruments Another small diameter pencil is the programme pencil made for dancing orders, of which the sale in this country is estimated at 5,000 gross annually. Programme pencils are made round and hexagon in shape and finished in a variety of colors and styles. Some are wound with silk. Programme pencils are sold sharpened and with a ring and a cord and tassel attached, ready for use. Other small pencils made are those used for tablets and memorandum books. Checking pencils, with red, blue and green crayons, are now used extensively in commercial establishments and by express and railroad companies and in almost every office. Thousands of gross of checking pencils are sold annually, and the sale of them is constantly increasing. Crayon pencils for various uses are made of all solors and in many tints .-- New York

Acid In Oysters.

In a paper read before the Paris Academy of Sciences, as reported in La Nature, Messrs. Chatin and Muntz de scribed their experiments to determine the amount of phosphorus in different kinds of oysters. "A dozen oysters of the variety known as Portuguese contained four grams (62 grains) of phosphoric acid, representing one gram of the tribasic phosphate of lime found in boxes. The French oysters are less rich. They contain only two-thirds as much phosphorus as the Portuguese oysters. This determination is important from the point of view of the nutritive properties of different kinds of oysters.

eat danger.
"I saw Earnest Fernow turn white IT PUMPS AIR INTO THE LUNGS." DYING MEN CAN BREATHE

> A Bellows Worked by the Foot-Inter by Dr. O'Dwyer-An Authenticated stance of Its Complete Success In al York Hospital.

Keeping up breathing in a par who is unable to breathe for hims the latest triumph of medicine. The covery or invention of this method made by a New York physician, O'Dwyer. It has been possible its aid to maintain the respiration the case of patients who must othe have surely died

The apparatus is very simple. It sists of a foot bellows, a rubbert and a metal tube, ending in a con attachment. This attachment is in put it, into the laryngeal socket. top end of the metal tube has two ings, one receiving the air from th lows through the rubber tube and time the air is being forced in

ment the fresh air is pumped the the tube into the patient's lungs. W This used up air consists largely of quve I bonic acid gas, which is a poison, knew that instinctively she would try top of the metal tube allows the silvent

It is easy to insert the end of tune t tube into the laryux. A mouth ga used, the tongue drawn out, and the glottis (which covers the opening the windpipe) held back by the finger of the left hand. The tube is in with the right hand. When thet has been adjusted, the operator be to work the bellows with his foot. chest immediately expands, and make escapes except when the cone is small. In such a case a larger conbe put in.

This artificial breathing is kept LUNI 12 times a minute, and water is far PITE into the tube from time to time in a to keep the passages moist.

The apparatus is especially useful cases where the heart action is goin but where the patient has great dif ty in breathing. A typical conditie this sort is that resulting from the too much morphine.

At the Presbyterian hospital in I York recently an instance of this occurred. A German cook, 87 year age, had taken 12 grains of morph and was brought to the hospital at l p. m. in a condition of stuper. body had that blue or cyanose and soning. The pupils of his eyes wer small, and he breathed but fourt in each minute, and very feebly at the His pulse was very high, regis 150 a minute.

Famil He was immediately placed the charge of Dr. Walter B. Jan "I realized we had escaped serious in-jury, as the river had acted as a cushion for the purpose of counteracting and lessened the force of the impact as also washed out. It was seen that Cuts, Br man's condition was such that, III Toothac' That night the order of things was some means could be employed for kralgia, I was, therefore, resolved to use one

The tube was inserted at 10:30; man's lungs at the rate of 12 6 most normal, and the bine color of I was thinking, knowing Fred as well ach pump was once more inserted a

At 11:30 p. m. the patient was arous DII for the story, old man."—Henry E. but his pulse was not good. At BREAM B. night he became restless, and thet was removed, and he was made up. But in spite of the diligent eff made to keep him awake, in about feeble. The tube was replaced, with result that his condition imm C changed for the better.

At 2:30 a. m. the tube was ag moved, but once more the blue made its appearance on the hall face. It was put back again and in place until nearly 5:30 o'clock morning, when the patient becau restless that its removal was a sity. After this, until 7 o'clock patient was kept awake by the sla of a towel, for when left alone pirations would go down to eight ten a minute.

At 7:45 o'clock his respiration 16 a minute and his pulse 120. end of five days he was discharged co The tube had remained in 7 hour 15 minutes, during all of which its use was necessary, for during a III & BLACK that time the patient was quite a to do his own breathing .- New World.

Gold Behind Curtains of Ice. Ed Anderson and E. E. Knapp, excavating in the Ladess mine, north side of Cow mountain, Co opened up an extensive cave, conti five halls. The first three are pla with ice a foot thick. Curtains of feet long by 18 inches thick are pended from the ceiling. an abundance of white tale was for which assays \$9 gold per ton. -St Globe-Democrat.

The Paramount Question-Speaker Reed was asked the other what he considered the most imp

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problem now before the public. 'How to dodge a bicycle,' quick retort. "At least I judge s my own experience since I can Washington."—Washington Post