CHAPTER XXI - (Continued.) "Have you learned any important news since our last interview?" "Only one thing, but I think it is of

the utmost gravity for you."

"Speak, my friend." "What I have to tell you is short and gloomy, senores. The general, after a secret conversation with his man of business, ordered me to carry a letter to the Convent of the Bernardines." "To the convent?" Don Martial ex-

claimed. "Silence," said Valentine. "Do you

know the contents of this letter?" "Dona Anita gave it me to read. The general informs the abbess that he is resolved to finish the matter; that whether his ward be mad or not, he means to marry her, and that at sunrise on the day after to-morrow, a priest sent by him will present himself at the convent

to arrange the ceremony."
"What is to be done?" the Tigrero exclaimed sadly.

"Silence," Valentine repeated. "Is that all Carnero?"

"No; the general adds that he requests the abbess to prepare the young lady for this union, and that he will himself call at the convent to-morrow, in order to explain more fully his inexorable

"Very good, my friend, I thank you for this precious information; it is of the utmost importance that the general should be prevented from going to the convent before three o'clock." "Do not be uneasy, my dear Valentine

the general shall not go to the convent before the hour you indicate."

"I count on your promise, my friend; and now good-by." He offered him his hand, which the

capataz pressed forcibly. "My friends," Valentine then said, "we have now arrived at the moment for the

final struggle which we have so long been preparing. We must not let ourselves be led away by hatred, but act like judges, not as men who are avenging themselves. Blood demands blood, it is true, according to the law of the desert, but remember, however culpable the man whom we have condemned may be, his death would be an indelible spot, a brand

of infamy which would sully our honor."
"But this monster," the Tigrero ex-claimed, "is beyond the pale of human-

"He may re-enter it to repent." 'Are we priests then, to practice forgetfulness of insults?" Don Martial asked with a fiendish grin.

"No, my friend; there are men in the grand and sublime acceptance of the term; men who have often been faulty themselves, and who, rendered better by the life of struggling they have led, and the grief which has frequently bowed beneath its iron yoke, inflict a chastisement, but despise vengeance, which they leave to weak and pusillanimous minds. Who of you, my friends, would dare to say that he has suffered more than I? To him alone will I concede the right of imposing his will on me, and what he bids me do I will do."

"Forgive me, my friend," the Tigrero answered, "you are ever good, ever great. Heaven, in imposing on you a heavy task, endowed you at the same time with an energetic soul, and a heart seems to expand in your bosom under the blast of adversity, instead of withering."

"Through my own sufferings, I can understand what yours are. I, too, often feel my heart bound with wrath and indignation; for, believe me, my friend, I have a constant struggle to wage against myself, not to let myself be led away to make a vengeance of what must only be a punishment. But enough on this head; time presses, and we must arrange our plans so as not to be foiled by our enemies. I went to-day to the Palace, where I had a secret conversation with the President of the Republic, whom, as you are aware, I have known for many years, and who honors me with a friendship of which I am far from believing myself worthy. At the end of our interview he handed me a paper, a species of blank signature, by the aid of which I can do what I think advisable for the success of our plans."

"Did you obtain such a paper?" "I have it in my pocket. Now, listen to me. You will go at sunrise to-morrow to the house of Don Antonio Rallier; he will be informed of your coming, and you will follow his instructions."

"And you?" "Do not be anxious about my movements, good friend, and only think of your own business, for, I repeat, the decisive moment is approaching. The day after to-morrow begins the feast of the anniversary of Mexican independence: that is to say, on that day we shall do battle with our enemy, and meet him face to face; and the combat will be a rude one, for this man has a will of iron, and a terrible energy. We shall be able to conquer him, but not to subdue him, and if we do not take care he will elip through our hands like a serpent; hence our personal affairs must be fin to-morrow. Though apparently absent, I shall be really near you, that is to say, I will help you with all my pow I trust that you have heard and

"Yes, Don Valentine." "And you will act as I recommend?"

understood me, my friend?"

"I promise it." "Reflect that you are perhaps risking

the loss of your future happiness." "I will not forget your recommendation, I swear to you; I am risking too great a stake in this game, which must decide my future life, to let myself be

induced to commit any act of violence." "Good; I am happy to hear you speak thus; but have confidence, my friend, I feel certain that we shall succeed."

"May beaven hear you!" "It always hears those who appeal to it with a pure heart and a lively faith. Hope, I tell you; and now, my dear Don Martial, permit me to say a few words to our worthy friend, Bellumeur." "I will withdraw."

"What for? have I any secrets from you? You can hear what I am going to say to him."

"You have nothing to say to me, Valentine," the hunter said, with a shake of is head, "nothing but what I know aleady; I have no other interest in what s about to take place beyond the deep riendship that attached me to the count and now to you. You think that the recollection I have preserved of our uncappy friend cannot be sufficiently encraven on my heart for me to risk my ife at your side in avenging him; but ou are mistaken, Valentine, that's all. will not abandon you in the hour of combat; I will remain at your side even should you order me to leave you, I tell ou that I swear, and have taken an onth to that effect, to make a shield of my body to protect you, if it should be secessary. Now, give me your hand, and oppose we say no more about it?"

Valentine remained silent for a mo-

ent; a scalding tear ran down his ronzed cheek, and he took the hand of the honest, simple-minded Canadian, and nerely uttered the words:

"Thank you, I accept." They then rose and returned to their carriage, after Valentine had warned his aithful bodyguard, Curumilla, by a signal that he could leave his hiding place, as the interview was over. A quarter of an hour later the three gentlemen reached the house in the Calle de Tacuba, where Curumilla was already awaiting

CHAPTER XXII.

On the morrow Mexico awoke to a oliday; nothing extraordinary, in a country where the year is a perpetual holiday. This time the affair was serious, for the inhabitants wished to celebrate n a proper manner the anniversary of the Proclamation of Independence, which the day to which we allude was the

At sunrise a formidable bando issued rom the government palace, and went brough all the streets and squares of he city, announcing with a mighty clamour of bugles and drums, that on the next day there would be a bull fight with Jamaica" and "Monte Parnasso" for he leperos, high mass celebrated in all the churches, theaters thrown open gratis, a review of the garrison, and of all the roops quartered sixty miles round, and fireworks and illuminations at night, with pen-air balls and feria.

Don Martial, in order to throw out the spies doubtless posted round Valen-tine's house, had left his friend in the niddle of the night, and gone to his lodgngs, and a few minutes before day pro eeded to the house of M. Rallier.

"You are welcome," the Frenchman sald cordially, on perceiving Don Martial; "I was busy with our affair. My brother Edward is just off to our quina, whither my mother and my brother Auguste proceeded two days ago, so that we might find all in order on our arrival."

Although the Tigrero did not entirely inderstand what the banker said to him, he considered it unnecessary to show it, and hence bowed without answering.

"All is settled, then," M. Ralier continued, addressing his brother; "get everything ready, for we shall probably arrive before mid-day-that is to say, in time for lunch."

"Your country house is not far from the city?" the Tigrero asked, for the cake of saying something.

"Hardly five miles; it is at St. Angel; ut in an excellent position for defense n event of attack. You are aware that St. Angel is built on the side of an extinct volcano, and surrounded by lava and pongy scoria, which renders an approach very difficult."

"I must confess my ignorance of the "In a country like this, where the

rovernment is bound to think of its own lefense before troubling itself about individuals, it is well to take one's precaution, and be always perfectly guard. And now be off, my dear Edward, your weapons are all right, and two resdute peons will accompany you; besides the sun is now rising, and you will have a pleasant ride; so good-by till we meet

During this conversation the peons had put the horses in a close carriage.

"Get in," said M. Rallier. "What!" Don Martial replied, "are

we going to drive?" "Do you think I would venture to go to the convent on horseback?"

"But this carriage will betray you." "I admit it; but no one will know whom it contains when the shutters are drawn up, which I shall be careful to do before leaving the house. Come, get

The Tigrero placed himself by the Frenchman's side; the latter pulled up the shutters, and started at a gallop in a direction diametrically opposed to that which it should have followed, in order to reach the convent.

Where are we going?" the Tigrero asked presently. "To the Convent of the Bernardines.

"I fancy we are not going the right "That is possible, but, at any rate, it

is the safest.'

"I humbly confess that I cannot understand it at all." M. Rallier began laughing.

"My good fellow," he replied, "you will inderstand at the right time, so be easy. You need only know that in acting as I am now doing I am carrying out to the letter the instructions of Valentine, my friend and yours."

"I have no repugnance to obey you, Senor Don Antonio," the Tigrero answered. "The confidence our common friend places in you is a sure guarantee to me of your intentions. Hence dispose of me as you think proper, without fearing the slightest objection on my part.

"That is the way to talk," the banker said, with a laugh. "Now, to begin, my dear senor, you will do me the pleasure

of changing your dress, for the one you wear is slightly too worldly for the place

to which we are going."
"Change my dress?" the Tigrero ex-"You ought to have told me so daimed.

it your house." "Unnecessary, my dear sir. I have all ou require here.'

e drew a pair of sandals and a cord. Have you not worn this dress before?"

"Well, you are going to put it on again, and for the following reasons: At the convent people believe (or pretend to believe, which comes to the same thing) that you are a Franciscan monk. For the sake, then, of the persons who are not in the secret, it is necessary that I should be accompanied by a monk, and

more, that they may be able, if required, to take their oaths to the fact." "I obey you. But will not your coach-

howed a cabellere "My coachman? Pardon me, but I do not think you looked at him.

are alike and equally hideous." "That is true; however, look at him."

Don Martial bent forward and slightly owered the shutter, "Curumilla!" he cried, in amazement, as he drew back. "He, and so well dis-

"Do you now believe that he will be surprised?" "I was wrong."

must. Still with your permission I will keep m yweapons under it." "Caspita! My permission? On the contrary, I order you to do so. But

what are they?" "You shall see. A machete, a knife, and a pair of pistols." "That is first rate. If necessary, I shall be able to find you a rifle."

While talking thus, the Tigrero had changed his dress. "There," the Frenchman continued,

'you are a perfect menk." "No: I want something more, thing which is even indispensable." "What's that?"

"The hat." "That's true."

now how we shall obtain." "Man of little faith!" the Frenchman said with a smile, "see, and be con-

While speaking thus he raised the front cushion, opened the box it covered and pulled out the hat of a monk of St.

Francis, which he gave the Tigrero. "And now do you want anything else?"
"Indeed, no. Why, your carriage is a perfect locomotive shop.

The Frenchman opened the door, for the carriage had stopped in front of the Convent of the Bernardines. Two or three ill-looking fellows were prowling about; and, in spite of their affected indifference, it was easy to recognize them for spies. The Frenchman and his com-panion were not deceived. They got out with an indifference as well assumed as that of the spies, and approached the door slowly, which opened at their first knock, and closed again behind them with a speed that proved the slight confidence the sister porter placed in the individuals left outside.

"What do you desire, senores?" she asked, politely, after curtesying to the ners with a smile of recognition. "My dear sister," the Frenchman an-

her to favor us with an interview for a tural resources of that section. few moments. is still very early, brother," the

holy mother can receive you at this mo-

"Merely mention my name to her, sister, and I feel convinced that she will

make no difficulty about receiving us." "I doubt it, brother, for, as I said before, it is very early. Still, I am willing to tell her, in order to prove to you my readiness to serve you.

"I feel deeply grateful to you for the kindness, sister

(To be continued.)

Much Used Wedding Gift.

A Providence girl who has been married about six months had wedding cards a short time ago from an old school friend who had given her a wedding present which, of course, demanded one in return. Among her wedding presents the Providence girl had duplicates in the shape of two silver card trays, and in a spirit of economy she on its present day farming. This is decided to give one of these to her friend. It was marked with her own initials, but it would be only a matter of a few minutes to have them removed

and the proper monogram cut. She took it to the jeweler and explained what was to be done. He picked up the tray, looked at it closely

and smiled. "Madame," said he, "it will be impossible. I have already changed the of less than fifteen bushels. initials on this same tray five times and it has worn so thin that I can not valley has been farmed for fifty years do it again without cutting through the with little or no effort made to give bottom.-Providence Journal.

Horses Increasing in Number. During the last seven years the number of horses in the country has increased about 30 per cent, from 15,-000,000 to 23,000,000 but value has increased about 112 per cent. The average price on the farm in 1900 is stated at \$44.50. In 1907 it is \$94.50—the highest price of which there is any official record.

Convenient.

"So you have three pairs of glasses,

"Yes. One pair to read with, an pair to look for the other two with."-Fliegende Bisetter.

Like Attracting Like.

"Do you see any good reason why a doctor should not be also a poet?" "Certainly not; isn't poetry a drug in the market?"-Baltimore American.

CULLEGE BROADENS WORK.

Additional Agricultural Specialities Are Added at Corvallis.

Agriculture is being given more prominence this year at the Oregon Agricultural college. There has been a re-organization of the work and addi-"Well, you shall see," he said, as he tional agricultural specialists have been ook from one of the coach pockets a added to the faculty. There will now Franciscan's gown, while from the other be four men instead of two devoting their time exclusively to livestock, dairying, field crops and poultry. It is hoped to add still further to the agricultural staff at the college so that the Oregon institution may fully meet the demands of the farmers of the state for competent direction along agricultural

Dr. James Withycombe, in addition to his duties as director of the experiment station, will have charge of the animal husbandry work of the college and station. Professor F. L. Kent, man be surprised at seeing a Franciscan heretofore assistant agriculturist, has emerge from the carriage into which he been made professor of dairying and will give his full time to that subject.

Professor H. L. Scudder, of the Agricultural college of Kansas, has been se-"Indeed I did not. All these Indians lected to fill the new chair of agronomy, and his work will be along the line of field crops and farm machinery. Professor Sculder is a graduate of the Illinois college of agriculture, and after leaving college spent some time in the employ of the United States department of agriculture, his work taking him into nearly every agricultural re-gion of the West. In California he "No, bupt you did not take the trouble made an extensive study of irrigation and soil cultivation. Professor Scudder "Well, I will put on the gown, since I will be of great assistance to the farmers of the state as well as to the students

in the class room. For the new department of poultry husbard y James Dryden was selected. The poultry industry is a great wealth producer in this state, and the college proposes to aid in its development by the dissemination of information on better methods and in the investigation of problems connected with poultry keeping. Professor Dryden comes from the Utah Agricultural college where his experimental work was so successful as to bring the Utah station international recognition for its poultry work. spent some time at the Montana station in establishing a poultry department, "That part of my costume I hardly and from there went to New York state to start a poultry farm for the Cyphers Incubator company, returned to the Utab station last year upon being offered superior inducements. He believes poultry husbandry in Oregon.

THE STATE FAIR.

Exhibits, While Creditable, Did Not Do State Justice.

The Oregon State fair was a creditable showing of the products of the state. The county exhibits, though not as numerous as they should have been, showed a great profusion of products of the highest excellence. The people of the state don't half appreciate the state and its marvelous resources. It is doubtful if any other county in any other state of the Union could show such a great variety of products of such high quality as any one of the county exhibits at the Salem

fair. The Agricultural college exhibit was an educator. The exhibit from the swered, "be good enough to inform the Eastern Oregon experiment station was holy mother abbess of our visit, and ask amost striking showing of the agricullivestock exhibit on the whole was worthy of the state. The draft and nun answered, "and I do not know if coach horses made a splendid showing. A good showing was made by dairy cattle, but hardly enough of dairy ducts. Of beef animats the exhibit was not as large as it should be, but some fine animals were shown. swine exhibit was most creditable. The sheep exhibit was good, but many of the sheep were not in show condi tion. The poultry building was well patronized and the exhibit was fairly good. The almost entire absence of farm machinery was noticeable. strong exhibit of farm machinery should be a feature of every good fair.

Willamette Valley's Reputation.

The Willamette valley has a reputa tion all over our country as one of the most productive regions in the world. That reputation seems to have been based on past achievements rather than not true of all sections of the valley, but as a whole the valley is not producing one-half of what it might easily produce by the same expenditure of labor.

With a soil of great native fertility and with a climate suited to the highest production, it would look as though there were no excuse for a crop of wheat yielding less than thirty bushels an acre, and the writer has seen a yield

The trouble is that the Willamette back to the soil the fertility that years of successive cropping has taken away.

Had more clover and alfalfa been grown, the Williamette valley might still be the wonder and admiration of the world. While a crop of wheat or the fat capitalist. other grains leaves the soil poorer, a ture of the wolf. You have evidently crop of clover or alfalfa actually leaves been reading unscrupulous literature."it richer. This lesson does not seem Philadelphia Bulletin. to have been well learned in the "Famous Willamette Valley.'

PALMY SHEEP DAYS ARE OVER.

Great Flecks Near Ellensburg a Thing of the Past.

Sheep raising in the Yakima section other for nearsightedness and a third is undergoing important changes, due to conditions which have arisen in the last 10 years. While it still continues an important industry in Kittitas county and other parts of the Yakima valley, it is not carried on so extensively as a few years ago, and the number of sheep growers is materially decreasing. The ranges are being gradually dimin- Statesman.

ished by the reclamation service and by the forest reserve policy of the government, which is eliminating much of the range from public use. J. C. Lloyd, an extensive sheep grower of this county, estimates that not more than 25,000 lambs will be shipped to Eastern markets this year from the country between Ellensburg and Pasco whereas five years ago over 200,000 head were shipped yearly. This is partly due, however, he says, to the fact that more lambs are now shipped o the coast than a few years ago, al though the total shipments there this

year, he thinks, will not exceed 50,000 "The range is being so diminished." said Mr. Lleyd, "that none but these who own their land can afford to raise sheep in any quantities. Much of the former range is being converted into good farming land through irrigation, and the forest reserve policy of the government is shutting the sheep raiser out of a large part of the range. should say that the elimination of this land by the government has cut down the number of sheep on that land by as much as 25 per cent.

"The sheep in this section are being raised as much for mutton now as for wool, and there is a greater demand for good mutton than there used to be. The price, too, has advanced, which makes it a profitable business to pur-

Oregon Irrigation Congress.

The first irrigation congress of Oregon was held at Grants Pass on September 10 and 11. At the close of the session permanent organization was effected, with Dr. Withycombe, of the Oregon Agricultural college, as president; Mr. C W. Mallett, of Vale, Oregon, as vice president, and Mr. O. S. Blanchard, of Grants Pass, as secretary. It is proposed to hold annual meetings to discuss irrigation and forestry problems. A committee was appointed to confer with the committee of the Forestry association with a view to merging the two creanizations. It was felt that irrigation and forestry had interests in common. Much good should come from this organization.

Western Apples Best.

The official report of the department of Agriculture on the condition of the apple crop on September 1 fully confirms earlier estimates of a poor apple crop throughout the United States. average condition is reported as 34.7 there is room for great development of per cent. Few if any of the states have an average crop. The Pacific states show up best—California 75 per cent, Oregon 70 per cent, Washington 88 per cent. The Middle states are the poorest, the lowest of all being Kansas, which is 2 per cent, and Missouri, which is 9 per cent. The report is a good advertisement for Oregon and Washington. It will serve to direct further attention to this territory as a favorable apple country.

> The contract has been let for the construction of a college barn at the Oregon Agricultural college. This will be one of the most complete barns at any of the colleges, and will help the livestock and dairy work greatly.

Farmers might help solve the freight car shortage by ke ping more poultry, feeding the grain to the chickens and send the eggs to market by express or team.

Devotion.

"Dear," said the wife, "I really don't were to lose me.' "Oh, I'm devoted enough," replied the husband, "but there are others."

"I wasn't thinking of that," she replied sweetly, "but that I don't know another woman who would have you." -Philadelphia Ledger.

Real Philosophy.

"A real philosopher," said Uncle Eben, "kin allus find sumpin' to be glad about. I used to know a man dat found a heap o' satisfaction in his wooden leg, 'cause it lef' him dat much less room foh de rheumatism."-Wash-Ington Star.

Not Encouraging.

"I have made up my mind," said Mr. Timmid, "that I shall speak to your "Yes," replied the dear girl, "father

said he thought you would and he also

said if you truly loved me you'd take out an accident-insurance policy in my favor."-Philadelphia Press.

Goes Without Saying. Conan Doyle had just notified Sherlock

Holmes of his approaching marriage. "Of course," he said, "I need not tell rou that I have selected you as my best The position naturally belongs to

"Quite so," assented Sherlock Holmes, absent mindedly shooting a charge of dope into his left arm.

Nature Fake. A member of the proletariat was ad-

mitted. "Sir." said he. "the wolf has been at my door for months."

"Pooh, pooh, my good man," responded "Such is not the na-

The Way of It. Husband (during the spat)-I sup pose I am never to have my way about

anything? have your way when it is the same as ceived from the New York local. my way, but when our ways are differ-

An Advantage.

ent I intend to have my way.

"There is one thing to be said in favor of a boy going to a circus with his father," remarked the Observer of Events and Things; "he don't have to crawl under the tent."-Yonkers

BORAH **IMPLICATED**

Government Froduces Letters Showing His Connection.

STEUNENBERG DEEPLY INVOLVED

Correspondence Is That of William Sweet, One of the Men Indicted for Fraud.

Boise, Sept. 28 .- Half a score of leters which the government attorneys in he trial of Senator Williaam E. Borah eclare go to show the complicity of ex-Sovernor Steunenberg in the alleged timber land fraud conspiracy were introduced in evidence late yesterday and read to the jury. The letters were written by William Sweet, one of the ndicted men, who, it is reported, will ake the stand as a witness for the United States. The documents were produced by J. H. Richards, the local attorney, to whom they were written and who acted as legal adviser to

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Sweet. Most of the letters were dated from New York and Boston and several of them were replies to letters or tele-

grams urging him to return to Idaho. "I can't see why I should come back inless it is in regard to timber, and that is all in the governor's hands," wrote Sweet in one of his notes. Then he proceeded:

"As to the money coming to me, put it in the bank. I have absolute faith in the governor. He came to my assistance and helped me out of a mess I never ought to have got in. I don't know what I would have done if it had not been for the governor.' In another letter Sweet gave the

amounts he was "in" on the timber deal. The total amount was about \$29,000, including a \$7,500 note signed by himself and Steunenberg. Shortly after this Sweet wrote to his attorney that he had read in the papers of a timber inspector being sent to Idaho. Borah's name was drawn into the case for the first time just before ad-

ournment, when Henry S. Worthman,

another local attorney, took the stand

and produced more letters from Sweet. In one letter to Worthman he wrote: "Richards used his power of attorney to turn all my money, \$10,000, over to Steunenberg, and it is like pulling a cat through a stocking to get it back. I wish you would see W. E. Borah about this and get him to make a little statement of the governor's obligation to me. He is the governnor's attorney, but is a first class gentleman and knows a little statement is only fair to me. Tell him I haven't the scratch of a pen from Steunenberg to show that he has \$10,000 of my money. He said the copy of our agreement was

INDICTS HARRIMAN LINES.

Federal Grand Jury at San Francisco Finds 124 Counts.

San Francisco, Sept. 28 .- The Federal grand jury yesterday returned five indictments of 124 counts against the believe you would marry again if you Southern Pacific company and the Pacific Mail Steamship company charging violations of the interstate commerce law. These indictments, if followed by convictions, are sufficient to render the corporations liable to fines aggregating from \$124,000 to \$2,482,000, the minimum fine prescribed by law on each count being \$1,000 and the maximum

fine \$20,000. The defendant corporations are accused of secretly cutting to \$1 the pub-lished rate of \$1.25 on through shipments of matting from Kobe, Japan, to San Francisco and thence through the United States. Two indictments of eight counts each were returned against the Pacific Mail Steamship company, which transported the cargo from Kobe to San Francisco, and one indictment of eight counts and two indictments of 50 counts each were returned against the Southern Pacific company for forwarding the cargo in broken lot shipments from this city eastward.

Decisive Victory for State

Omaha, Sept. 28.—Judges T. C. Munger and W. H. Munger, in the United States court tonight denied the injunctions asked for by the railroads perating in Nebraska to prevent the state railroad commission from enforcing the laws reducing grain rates. The restraining order issued some time ago by Judge T. C. Munger was dissolved. This is regarded as a decisive victory for the state, although it is presumed the case will be appealed by the railroad companies to the Supreme court of the United States.

Oppose Breaking Contract.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Three members of the national executive board of the Telegraphers' union declared today that they would vote against calling a strike of union operators employed broker and newspaper offices, in which event, being a majority of the board, the request of the striking New York No official operators will be refused. action has been taken, for the reason Wife-Of course you are. You can that no communication has yet been re-

Cruiser Colorado Arrives.

San Francisco, Sept. 28.-A wireless nessage from the armored cruiser Colorado, of Rear Admiral Dayton's squadron, received today at the naval training station in this harbor, reports that all on board were well and that the voyage from Honolulu had been un-eventfol. The vessel will arrive here tomorrow.